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The Voices of Children: A Documentary Screening and Dialogue on Children's Rights

Facilitated by John Nimmo

Friday, Dec 8th – 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Registration \$25.00 – 2 STARS HRS Included

Children have the right to be heard. Through language, drawings, movement, and play, children strive to communicate their beliefs, understandings, and needs. But often children's experiences are discounted, their contributions to society minimized, and their voices silenced. If we listen to children's ideas and closely observe their actions, what can we learn of their views about their world?



John Nimmo

Please join us for the Seattle premier of the groundbreaking short documentary film, *Voices of Children*, and engage in discussion with one of the film's creators, John Nimmo. This documentary aims to expand on the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child by advocating for a more inclusive view of children's rights, from the perspective of the children themselves. An international team of educators and filmmakers journeyed to sites in five countries, sparking conversations about "rights," and then stepped back and invited the children to speak for themselves.

Following the screening, participants will hear insights into the process and vision of this project, and join a dialogue about "listening" to children across cultural contexts. Professionals from all fields – including educators, civic leaders, religious leaders, activists, and parents – are invited to come together for this discussion. Together we can explore our image of children, and how we can better listen to and represent children, to support human rights and sustain a more just society.

Event to be held at Rainier Arts Center – 3515 South Alaska St, Seattle WA 98118

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