

Invitation

Taking Play Seriously

Featuring keynote speaker Tim Gill, one of the UK's leading thinkers on childhood and advocate for change

Date Wednesday 19 October 2011

Time 2:00pm to 4:30pm (refreshments will be served following formalities)

Venue State Library, Village Roadshow Theatrette, Entry 3, 179 La Trobe Street, Melbourne

RSVP By Wednesday 12 October to rsvp@vichealth.vic.gov.au or call **0408 147 914**

Book early—places are strictly limited.

You are invited to attend a forum encouraging debate on risk and active recreation and to assist in identifying the next steps for strategy and policy.

Parental fears of traffic and strangers, governments' risk regulation strategies, and a desire to protect children from potential danger, have contributed to a rise in the numbers of children leading sedentary, indoor lives.

VicHealth's Physical Activity Unit in partnership with Sport & Recreation Victoria and Playgroup Victoria

is delighted to present Tim Gill, author on 'No Fear; Growing up in a risk-averse society' and publisher of www.rethinkingchildhood.com. For over 15 years, his writing, research, consultancy projects and other work has focused on children's play and free time.

This forum provides an opportunity to raise awareness on the need for a balanced approach to risk, one that provides crucial opportunities for expanding children's physical, emotional, cognitive and social skills.

Speakers include:

Tim Gill
Rethinking Childhood

Toby Travanner
MC

Mary Jeavons
Jeavons Landscape Architects

David Petherick
CEO Australian Camps Association

