

“Connecting to Culture” Webinar 27 November 2018

Foster Care Association of Victoria (FCAV) in partnership with Victorian Aboriginal Child Care Agency (VACCA) hosted a webinar ‘Connecting to culture’.

Aunty Eva Jo Edwards, a proud Boonwurrung, Mutti Mutti and Yorta Yorta woman and a survivor of the Stolen Generation, shared her story with us about the impact of being removed from her family when she was just 5 years old. Eva Jo’s story demonstrates both the strength and power of culture and her determination to break the cycle of trauma and disconnection.

Emma Bamblett, a proud Wemba Wemba woman from Echuca, is an artist and the State wide Coordinator of Aboriginal Culture at VACCA. Emma showcased the Cultural information portal – Deadly Story and other resources to support the connection of children and young people to their culture.

Deb Collard, CISS Coordinator from FCAV asked how carers of Aboriginal children and young people can support their connection to culture, community and identity.



The Facebook video had 36 live viewers, 64 questions & comments and later reached 569 unique viewers and 88 reactions (likes).

28 carers requested a certificate of attendance and several viewers provided feedback...

“Thank you so much for sharing your story Aunty Eva Jo. And to Emma for explaining all the resources out there. Very helpful!”

“I watched your very informative webinar last night on connecting to culture. Thank you for this, it would be great to do more of these.”

“The webinar was amazing. The stories shared were inspirational and heart felt.”

“Thanks for sharing your story, I feel encouraged and less scared.”

“This was very interesting and worthwhile watching.”

“Thank you so much for the webinar shared with us today. I am an Aboriginal women whose family lost connection to their country and mob many decades ago due to stolen generations. I have just started out in my journey at trying to connect with culture and family and really appreciated listening to Aunty Eva Jo Edwards. Her story really touched me.”

Watch the recorded Webinar here; www.fcav.org.au/news/webinars

Visit the Deadly Story Portal here; www.deadlystory.com