



2019 ANZALS Conference Themed Session

Sport for Development: Building a Diverse Body of Evidence

While the United Nations Office on Sport for Development and Peace ceased in 2017, the use of sport as a social development tool has continued to grow across the globe, with various programs and initiatives being implemented. Research and evaluation of sport for development programs has also continued to grow. However due to the very nature of the field, evidence concerning the impact and effectiveness of sport for development programs is located across many literature silos (for example some is within sport management while other evidence resides in health promotion).

The focus of this session theme is to continue the discussion from both the 2015 and 2017 ANZALS conferences regarding the ways in which sport is used as a social development tool. We are seeking papers that show the diverse body of evidence that has been developed between various actors involved in sport as a social development tool.

We are seeking to further develop the research knowledge and understanding from both an international as well as an inter-disciplinary perspective concerning sport as a social development tool. The session is interested in presentations from a multiplicity of perspectives, be they innovative applied research projects through to theoretical propositions.

Topics addressed in this theme may cover areas such as:

- Models of effective and/or efficient sport for development practices/models that ensure community level participation continues or expands.
- Evaluation frameworks being used to assess outcomes from sport for development programs.
- Case studies of sport for development initiatives/programs.
- Innovative research methods and techniques focusing on sport for development initiatives.
- Social/community outcomes of sport for development initiatives.

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