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OPPORTUNITY TO HEAR...

# **ALFIE KOHN**

ONE OF THE WORLD'S TRUE  
THOUGHT LEADERS ON  
EDUCATION!



**Monday 14 NOV 16**  
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**Bookings essential**

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*Kohn has been described in Time magazine as “perhaps the world’s most outspoken critic of education’s fixation on grades and test scores.” His criticisms of competition and rewards have helped to shape the thinking of educators — as well as parents and managers — across the world.*

Alfie Kohn writes and speaks widely on human behavior, education, and parenting. The most recent of his 14 books are - SCHOOLING BEYOND MEASURE (2015) and THE MYTH OF THE SPOILED CHILD: Challenging the Conventional Wisdom About Children and Parenting (2014). Of his earlier titles, the best known are - PUNISHED BY REWARDS (1993), - NO CONTEST: The Case Against Competition (1986), - UNCONDITIONAL PARENTING (2005), and THE SCHOOLS OUR CHILDREN DESERVE (1999).

## **CHOICES FOR CHILDREN: From Coercion to Community, 4.30pm**

If we want students to take responsibility for their behaviour and learning, it is up to us to give them responsibilities. Children learn to make good decisions by having the chance to decide about what happens to them every day — not by following someone else’s directions. Research shows unequivocally that students learn more effectively and care more about what they are learning when they have some say about what is going on. (By contrast, students, like adults, suffer from burnout when they feel powerless.) Alfie Kohn describes the whys and the hows of bringing students into the process of making decisions about everything from how their classroom will be decorated to how their learning will be assessed. Also included is a discussion of limits on children’s right to choose and teachers’ use of “pseudochoice” to perpetuate their own control. <https://www.trybooking.com/228057>

## **THE SCHOOLS OUR CHILDREN DESERVE, 7pm**

Our knowledge of how children learn – and how schools can help — has come a long way in the last few decades. Unfortunately, most schools have not: They’re still more about memorising facts and practicing isolated skills than understanding ideas from the inside out; they still exclude students from any meaningful decision-making role; and they still rely on grades, tests, homework, lectures, worksheets, competition, punishments, and rewards. Alfie Kohn explores the alternatives to each of these conventional practices, explaining why progressive education isn’t just a realistic alternative but one that’s far more likely to help kids become critical thinkers and lifelong learners. <https://www.trybooking.com/230128>

**Venue:** Performing Arts Centre, TemplesC, Cypress Avenue, Templestowe Lower

**Booking Essential: Session 1** 4.30pm <https://www.trybooking.com/228057>

**Session 2** 7pm <https://www.trybooking.com/230128>

**Cost:** \$50 per session