The 4th Annual

Domestic and Family Violence Conference

RESEARCH TO ACTION

8.00am - 4.00pm
27th November 2019
Fairfield RSL
14 Anzac Avenue
Fairfield New South Wales 2165

The South West Sydney Domestic Violence Committee (SWSDVC) acknowledges that Domestic Violence is a human rights issue and does not discriminate regardless of a person’s gender, culture, religion, education, and socio-economic status.
**Conference Convenor**

**Tina Dixson**  
Tina is a feminist academic and a policy and advocacy professional, who has worked in the areas of LGBTIQ, refugee and women's rights both in Australia and overseas. Tina has strong experience engaging with the international human rights bodies such as CEDAW (Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination against Women). Currently, Tina is Policy Officer at the Australian Women Against Violence Alliance, one of the six national women's alliances to bring together women's organisations and individuals across Australia to share information, identity issues and contribute to solutions.

**Lived Experience**

**Amani Haydar**  
**On Recovery and Advocacy After Lived Experience of Violence**  
Amani is a lawyer, artist, mum and advocate for women's health and safety on the board at Bankstown Women's Health Centre. After her mum, Salwa Haydar, was murdered in March 2015, Amani gave evidence and victim impact statement at her father's trial. She has since gone on to use her legal knowledge and creative skills to tackle violence against women and advocate for victims of crime.

**Conference Topics**

**Dr Michael Flood**  
**Engaging Men in Preventing Domestic Violence**  
Efforts to engage men in ending domestic violence are springing up around Australia and across the world. These are vital, and if well-designed, they can make a real contribution to violence prevention. But there are important challenges in this work too. What are the most effective ways to foster men's support and involvement? How do we deal with resistance and backlash? How can we inspire, educate, and mobilise men, in partnership with women, to build gender justice?

**Dr Maria Nittis**  
The domestic violence injury documentation service, at WSLHD, has been in operation for over 10 years. The service has been provided to nearly 680 people in that time. How does it work? Why does it work? What would stop it working outside of WSLHD? What is the future of clinical forensic medicine in NSW?
Dr Alissar El-Murr

Not just a Buzz Word: Breaking down Intersectionality
Policy-makers and practitioners sometimes struggle to meet the needs of individuals from diverse backgrounds and circumstances who have experienced family and domestic violence. A particular challenge facing frontline services (such as crisis support and/or health workers and police) is how to reconcile understandings of culture, ethnicity and other markers of 'difference' with routine good practice. In addressing the complex challenge, concepts such as intersectionality are commonly applied in tools and guides. Drawing on recent qualitative research projects, I use that key concept to discuss the interface of diversity and practice in the context of family and domestic violence in Australia.

Dr Susan Heward-Belle

This presentation will examine cross-sector relationships that facilitated or impeded effective responses to women and children experiencing domestic violence. It will draw on the findings of the recent STACY Project (Safe and Together Addressing Complexity) and a number of other research projects, which were designed to establish communities of practice to work as part of a research team with academics and the Safe & Together Institute. The research findings point to the crucial role that practitioners play in developing 'practice-led knowledge', which validates practitioner experience and their knowledge of the legislation, policies, and procedures which configure practice.

Melinda Norton & Carolyn Thompson

Holding Perpetrators to Account
A Case Study in Collaboration
This presentation provides a background on the policy settings and how they have changed in regards to perpetrator interventions. Information is provided on the men's behaviour change standards and the compliance framework and how they will contribute to developing the quality of services provided to men who are seeking to change their behaviour. It highlights the range of organisations involved in addressing change in this sector - community based organisations and government agencies.
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