



On the agenda:

2022 ANROWS NATIONAL RESEARCH CONFERENCE

Evidence to inform contemporary policy priorities
addressing violence against women

22 TO 25 FEBRUARY 2022 (ONLINE CONFERENCE)

Program at a glance

Speakers, session descriptions and theme information can be found on page 8.

Program is subject to change.
All times are in Australian Eastern Daylight Time (AEDT)

DAY 1 | TUESDAY 22 FEBRUARY

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| 10.00 AM – 10.30 AM (AEDT) | Official opening of ANROWS Conference |
| 10.30 AM – 12.00 PM (AEDT) | EVIDENCE PRESENTATION 1: What we know about intimate partner homicide |
| 12.00 PM – 12.10 PM (AEDT) | Short break |
| 12.10 PM – 1.10 PM (AEDT) | EVIDENCE TO ACTION WORKSHOP 1: Mobilising evidence to prevent intimate partner homicide Facilitated by: No to Violence |
| | TALK-UP ROOM 1 Hosted by: Amani Haydar, Lived Experience Advocate |
| | TALK-UP ROOM 2 Hosted by: Renee Hamilton, National Women's Safety Alliance |
| 1.10 PM – 1.40 PM (AEDT) | Break |
| 1.40 PM – 3.10 PM (AEDT) | EVIDENCE PRESENTATION 2: Putting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander healing at the heart of trauma-informed policy and practice |
| 3.10 PM – 3.20 PM (AEDT) | Short break |
| 3.20 PM – 4.20 PM (AEDT) | EVIDENCE TO ACTION WORKSHOP 2: What does it mean to put Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander healing at the heart of trauma-informed policy and practice? Facilitated by: The Healing Foundation |
| | TALK-UP ROOM 3 Hosted by: Angela Ryder, Relationships Australia, WA |
| | TALK-UP ROOM 4 Hosted by: Professor Dawn Bessarab, University of Western Australia and ANROWS Board |

DAY 2 | WEDNESDAY 23 FEBRUARY

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| 11.00 AM – 11.10 AM (AEDT) | Open Day 2 |
| 11.10 AM – 12.40 PM (AEDT) | EVIDENCE PRESENTATION 3: Believe all women |
| 12.40 PM – 12.50 PM (AEDT) | Short break |
| 12.50 PM – 1.50 PM (AEDT) | EVIDENCE TO ACTION WORKSHOP 3: Preventing sexual violence against migrant and culturally and linguistically diverse women Facilitated by: Multicultural Centre for Women's Health |
| | TALK-UP ROOM 1 Hosted by: Billie Stimpson and Gillian O'Brien, WWILD Sexual Violence Prevention Association |
| | TALK-UP ROOM 2 Hosted by: Teddy Cook and Eloise Layard, ACON |

DAY 3 | THURSDAY 24 FEBRUARY

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| 9.00 AM – 9.10 AM (AEDT) | Open Day 3 |
| 9.10 AM – 10.40 AM (AEDT) | EVIDENCE PRESENTATION 4: Gendering the implementation of the law |
| 10.40 AM – 10.50 AM (AEDT) | Short break |
| 10.50 AM – 11.50 PM (AEDT) | EVIDENCE TO ACTION WORKSHOP 4: Working with imperfect legislation Facilitated by: Women's Legal Service NSW |
| | TALK-UP ROOM 1 Hosted by: Nicole Lee, Survivor Activist |
| | TALK-UP ROOM 2 Hosted by: Yasmin Khan, The Bangle Foundation |
| 11.50 PM – 12.20 PM (AEDT) | Break |
| 12.20 PM – 1.50 PM (AEDT) | EVIDENCE PRESENTATION 5: How do we enhance the use of data to improve women's safety? |
| 1.50 PM – 2.00 PM (AEDT) | Short break |
| 2.00 PM – 3.00 PM (AEDT) | EVIDENCE TO ACTION WORKSHOP 5: Improving the use of data in policy and practice Facilitated by: NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research |
| | TALK-UP ROOM 3 Hosted by: Hayley Foster, Full Stop Australia |
| | TALK-UP ROOM 4 Hosted by: Cecilia Hemana, Respect Victoria |

DAY 4 | FRIDAY 25 FEBRUARY

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| 11.00 AM – 11.10 AM (AEDT) | Open Day 4 |
| 11.10 AM – 12.40 PM (AEDT) | EVIDENCE PRESENTATION 6: Investing in the future: Children and young people who experience domestic and family violence |
| 12.40 PM – 12.50 PM (AEDT) | Short break |
| 12.50 PM – 1.50 PM (AEDT) | EVIDENCE TO ACTION WORKSHOP 6: Centring children and young people in policy and practice Facilitated by: Queensland Family and Child Commission Youth Advisory Council |
| | TALK-UP ROOM 1 Hosted by: Nikita Shewandas, Cube Group |
| | TALK-UP ROOM 2 Hosted by: Professor Cathy Humphreys, Safer Families Centre of Research Excellence |
| | TALK-UP ROOM 3 Hosted by: Renata Field, Domestic Violence NSW |
| | TALK-UP ROOM 4 Hosted by: Glenda Kickett, Australian Childhood Foundation |
| 1.50 PM – 2.10 PM (AEDT) | Conference close and thank you |



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On the agenda:

ANROWS NATIONAL RESEARCH CONFERENCE Evidence to inform contemporary policy priorities addressing violence against women

The theme for the ANROWS National Research Conference is “On the agenda”. This year’s conference explores evidence to inform contemporary policy priorities addressing violence against women and their children. It will enhance understanding of how evidence is and should be used to address policy priorities, as well as acknowledging and fostering the importance of partnerships in producing and disseminating the evidence.

You will join ANROWS, national and international researchers and other leading experts who will share what we are learning from the evidence base. There will also be opportunities for policymakers, practice designers, peak bodies, practitioners and researchers to connect and collaborate with each other while unpacking the evidence and reflecting on how it does or could inform policy and practice.

Spread over four days, this online conference will be structured around research and policy priority topics. The conference allows for flexible attendance and provides accessible features and new ways to engage both with the content and peers. With a forward-looking focus, this conference will provide a fresh perspective on how to harness the expansive global VAW knowledge base and move ever closer to ending violence against women and children.

Format

Following on from the success of the 2021 ANROWS National Research Conference, we are creating a fully virtual event in partnership with Delegate Connect, a virtual event platform and production team. This will facilitate regional and remote access, and negate any uncertainty stemming from border closures. The online conference platform provides a central space to access the program and different forums as well as other resources, information about the event, speaker biographies and a live help desk. The program incorporates plenty of breaks to re-energise and opportunities to network, and encourages information sharing and connections. Registration also includes access to on-demand session recordings to provide flexibility to delegates.

Partnerships

The 2022 conference is centred on partnerships and collaboration, bringing together a diverse range of stakeholders who are working to prevent and respond to violence against women and listening to – and amplifying – their voices.

To support this goal, this conference has been planned with support from [The Social Deck](#), a for-purpose social business whose expertise include communications and community engagement.

In developing the Evidence to Action Workshops, we have partnered with organisations including [No To Violence](#), [The Healing Foundation](#), [Multicultural Centre for Women's Health](#), [Queensland Family & Child Commission](#) and the [NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research](#).

Together the work and experience of these individuals and organisations provides a range of rich, nuanced and intersectional perspectives on the priority policy and research topics explored throughout the conference.

Under the guidance of a diverse and dynamic advisory group we have also ensured the event is accessible, inclusive and culturally and emotionally safe. We would like to thank the advisory group members: Anna Davis (Office of Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence Reduction, NT), Cara Jacobs (Community Services, YWCA Canberra), Billie Stimpson (WWILD Sexual Violence Program), Dr Dawn Bessarab (ANROWS Board), Dr Kylie Stephen (ANROWS Board), Jasmin Chen (Multicultural Centre for Women's Health), Jodie Sloane (Women's Safety SA), Louise Villanova (The Healing Foundation), Nicola Gotovac (The Healing Foundation), Rana Ebrahimi (Multicultural Youth Advocacy Network), Renata Field (Domestic Violence NSW), Renee Hamilton (National Women's Safety Alliance), Rosalie O'Neale (eSafety Women) and Tess Moodie (Women with Disabilities Australia).

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Wellbeing and safety

The cultural safety and wellbeing of delegates is a key priority at the ANROWS Conference.

ANROWS is working to make this event a respectful, inclusive, anti-discriminatory and anti-racist space. We ask all participants to help us achieve this by:

- interacting respectfully
- being mindful of diverse experiences and the ongoing impacts of trauma
- staying safe, positive, kind and constructive online, including on Twitter at #ANROWSConf2022.

We encourage delegates to consider their own wellbeing and safety before, during and after the conference.

You can find resources to manage this on our [“Wellbeing and safety” page](#).

Confidential counselling services have been made available for all delegates via [AccessEAP Counselling Services](#): call 1800 818 728. Specialist support for those impacted by sexual assault, domestic or family violence and abuse is available from 1800RESPECT on 1800 737 732.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander delegates can access a dedicated hotline offering culturally safe support on 1800 861 085.

Accessibility

The ANROWS National Research Conference will include AI captions and Auslan interpreters for all six Evidence Presentations.

If you require an Auslan interpreter for an Evidence to Action Workshop or Talk-up Room, please contact conference@anrows.org.au and we will arrange this for you. You can also include your accessibility requirements when you register for the conference.



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Talk up and connect

This year the conference is focused on bringing delegates together in a range of formats with opportunities to unpack the research collaboratively as well as share informal conversations about the conference themes.

You can also connect and engage with speakers and other delegates on Twitter with the hashtag #ANROWSConf2022.

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Session types

EVIDENCE PRESENTATION

Researchers and experts will present contemporary evidence related to a priority research and policy topic addressing violence against women and children.

EVIDENCE TO ACTION WORKSHOP

An interactive session where up to 60 participants will unpack and reflect on how the evidence does, or could, impact and influence their policy and practice work. The workshops require an additional ticket and are optional.

TALK UP ROOM

An opportunity for up to 16 participants to connect with peers, and talk about and understand a conference topic from a range of different perspectives. The video rooms are an informal alternative to the workshops and will be hosted by individuals from partner organisations, services and peak bodies. Check out our [online Interactive Schedule](#) to see who will be hosting the Talk-up Rooms as they are confirmed.

Theme and session descriptions

Intimate partner homicide (IPH)

DAY 1 | TUESDAY 22 FEBRUARY

This theme aligns with contemporary research and policy priorities, drawn from the current National Plan and the next National Plan.

The Evidence Presentation will explore intimate partner (IP) homicide through a discussion of what we know and still don't know about IP homicide in Australia, and how Australian death review processes compare to those used internationally. The presentation will be followed by an Evidence to Action Workshop led by No to Violence, which will continue the discussion through exploration of a relevant case study. Alternatively you can participate in the Talk-up Rooms, which will run concurrently to the workshop and are an opportunity for to connect and engage with peers.

These sessions will enhance your understanding of prevention of IP violence and potential intervention points along the pathway to IP homicide.

EVIDENCE PRESENTATION 1:

What we know about intimate partner homicide

PRESENTERS:

- Anna Butler, Manager, Australian Domestic and Family Violence Death Review Network, Department of Justice and Attorney General
- Dr Hayley Boxall, Research Manager, Violence against Women and Children Research Program, Australian Institute of Criminology
- Professor Myrna Dawson, Professor of Sociology and Research Leadership Chair, College of Social and Applied Human Sciences, University of Guelph
- Dr Kyllie Cripps, Scientia Associate Professor, Faculty of Law and Justice and Co-Convenor of the Gendered Violence Research Network, University of New South Wales

FACILITATOR:

- Padma Raman, CEO, ANROWS

What we know about intimate partner homicide in Australia is, overwhelmingly, what we know about intimate partner homicide *offenders*. Insight into victims is crucially lacking, and there is in addition an overreliance on sentencing remarks in understanding the circumstances surrounding these lethal incidents, due to the lack of quality and consistent data that can be extracted from the results of coronial inquests. In the opening session of the ANROWS National Research Conference, a panel of researchers from Australia and Canada will lay out the available data on intimate partner homicide, address the gaps in our knowledge of these homicides, discuss the need for institutional and professional accountability when it comes to preventing the intimate partner homicide deaths of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander victims, and situate Australia's response to intimate partner homicides in a larger, global context.

EVIDENCE TO ACTION WORKSHOP 1:

Mobilising evidence to prevent intimate partner homicide

Facilitated by: No to Violence

Following an outline of the available data on intimate partner homicide in Australia in the companion Evidence Presentation, representatives from No to Violence will draw on their sector knowledge and experience to further unpack the significance and limitations of these data, and explore the findings of the two newly launched ANROWS reports on intimate partner homicide. Using a case study approach, they will focus on the circumstances surrounding intimate partner homicide and take a close look at potential sites for intervention.

TALK-UP ROOM 1

Hosted by: Amani Haydar, Lived Experience Advocate and Author of *The Mother Wound*

TALK-UP ROOM 2

Hosted by: Renee Hamilton, CEO, National Women's Safety Alliance

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander healing

DAY 1 | TUESDAY 22 FEBRUARY

This theme aligns with research and policy priorities drawn from the current and next National Plan. A commitment has been made to recognise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander leadership through a dedicated Action Plan in the draft National Plan to End Violence against Women and Children 2022–2032.

The Evidence Presentation will explore the importance of placing healing at the heart of trauma-informed policy and practice. This will be followed by an Evidence to Action Workshop led by the Healing Foundation, where you will be able to unpack the evidence in small working groups and consider how they might use it to inform policy and practice. Alternatively you can participate in the Talk-up Rooms, which will run concurrently to the workshop and are an opportunity to engage with peers in an unstructured video conversation to reflect on the evidence and theme from a range of perspectives.

These sessions will enhance your understanding of the intersection of healing and trauma-informed practice.

EVIDENCE PRESENTATION 2:

Putting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander healing at the heart of trauma-informed policy and practice

PRESENTERS:

- Professor Sandra Creamer, CEO, National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Women's Alliance
- Fiona Cornforth, CEO, The Healing Foundation
- Dr Marlene Longbottom, Research Fellow, Ngarruwan Ngadju First Peoples Health and Wellbeing Research Centre, University of Wollongong
- Professor Bronwyn Carlson, Professor and Head of the Department of Indigenous Studies, Director, Centre for Global Indigenous Futures, Macquarie University

FACILITATOR:

- Edward Mosby, Principal Psychologist and Director, Wakai Waian Healing and ANROWS Board

The four presenters will examine what putting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Healing at the heart of trauma-informed practice means, and aims to disrupt the audience's understanding of "trauma-informed" practice. From the individual, family and community perspectives through to the workforce and systemic lenses, they will present evidence and findings from their work that speak to why healing is important, how it intersects with trauma-informed approaches, and what it means for people who have experienced or perpetrated violence against women and their children.

EVIDENCE TO ACTION WORKSHOP 2:

What does it mean to put Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander healing at the heart of trauma-informed policy and practice?

Facilitated by: The Healing Foundation

Building on the evidence and examples provided by the Evidence Presentation speakers, our colleagues from the Healing Foundation will encourage participants to consider how healing and trauma are addressed in their own practice through examples and storytelling. Workshop participants will be asked to consider who needs to be included in future opportunities, and what that should look like. This workshop is for all delegates seeking to deepen their understanding about what it means to be trauma aware and healing informed and how that knowledge can be used to improve policy and practice decisions.

TALK-UP ROOM 3

Hosted by: Angela Ryder, Senior Manager Aboriginal Services, Relationships Australia, WA

TALK-UP ROOM 4

Hosted by: Professor Dawn Bessarab, Centre for Aboriginal Medical and Dental Health, University of Western Australia and Independent Director, ANROWS Board

Sexual violence

DAY 2 | WEDNESDAY 23 FEBRUARY

This theme aligns with contemporary research and policy priorities, drawn from the current and next National Plan. Outcome 1 of the current National Plan aims to ensure communities are safe and free from violence, and Outcome 2 aims to change and shape attitudes and behaviours of young people in order to prevent sexual assault, as well as supporting individuals in developing healthy and respectful relationships. In the draft of the next National Plan this theme is reflected in the foundation principles of addressing gender inequality and drawing on the lived experiences of victims and survivors to inform policy development and implementation.

The Evidence Presentation will discuss the impacts of the mistrust of women reporting sexual violence as they access support to recover from trauma and seek justice. By drawing together research and lived expertise, we will take a multifaceted look at disbelief and its impacts. The presentation will be followed by an Evidence to Action Workshop led by the Multicultural Centre for Women's Health, where participants will join a case study discussion to illustrate how they work to prevent sexual violence against CALD and migrant women. Alternatively you can participate in the Talk-up Rooms, which will run concurrently to the workshop.

These sessions will enhance your understanding of women's reports and experiences of sexual violence, the impacts of mistrust, and systemic and institution responses to reports of sexual violence.

EVIDENCE PRESENTATION 3:

Believe all women

PRESENTERS:

- Kate Minter, Senior Research Officer, ANROWS
- Professor Kelsey Hegarty, Centre for Family Violence Prevention, Royal Women's Hospital and the University of Melbourne
- Fiona, WEAVERS lived experience group, University of Melbourne
- Assoc Professor Michael Salter, Associate Professor and Scientia Fellow, University of New South Wales
- Scarlett Franks, Survivor and Researcher, Faculty of Medicine and Health & School of Education and Social Work, University of Sydney
- Emeritus Professor Andrea Durbach, Emeritus Professor of Law, University of New South Wales
- Angela Griffin, EDI and Projects Coordinator, ARC @ UNSW Student Life

FACILITATOR:

- Professor Jenny Morgan, Professor of Law, University of Melbourne and ANROWS Board

Recent ANROWS research has highlighted that as many as four in 10 Australians mistrust women's reports of sexual violence. This discussion, facilitated by Professor Jenny Morgan, will see a panel of experts examine the impacts of this climate of mistrust upon women reporting violence as they access support to recover from trauma and seek justice. The presenters will tease out necessary changes across all levels, from primary prevention initiatives to address problematic Australian attitudes to sexual violence to the systemic and institutional changes we need to better respond to women's reports of violence. By drawing together research and lived expertise, this discussion will take a multi-faceted look at disbelief and its impacts, including disassociation, to address why sexual violence is currently underreported, and what we can do to change that.

EVIDENCE TO ACTION WORKSHOP 3:

Preventing sexual violence against migrant and culturally and linguistically diverse women

Facilitated by: Multicultural Centre for Women's Health

ANROWS research used in the companion Evidence Presentation, "Believe all women", points out that the climate of mistrust in Australia is a barrier to women reporting sexual violence. For some groups of women, including culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) women and migrant women, the effect of community mistrust of women's reports of sexual violence is magnified because disbelief intersects racism and other forms of marginalisation. With the national focus shifting towards women living free from violence, this Evidence to Action Workshop will see the Multicultural Centre for Women's Health take a case study approach to illustrate how they work to prevent sexual violence being perpetrated against CALD and migrant women. Workshop participants will discuss how to mobilise research on sexual violence and disbelief to prevent and respond to sexual violence in their own policy or practice area.

TALK-UP ROOM 1

Hosted by: Billie Stimpson, Intake, Referrals and Group Worker, WWILD Sexual Violence Prevention Association, and Gillian O'Brien, Manager, WWILD Sexual Violence Prevention Association

TALK-UP ROOM 2

Hosted by: Teddy Cook, Acting Director Community Health & Wellbeing, ACON and Eloise Layard, Program Coordinator, Sexual Domestic and Family Violence, ACON

Justice and the law

DAY 3 | THURSDAY 24 FEBRUARY

This theme responds Outcome 5 of the current National Plan, namely justice responses are effective. Justice continues to be a focus of the next National Plan, being woven through the early intervention and response pillars.

The Evidence Presentation, will examine the big policy shift toward the introduction of a criminal offence of coercive control that is currently being considered in a number of Australian jurisdictions. The presentation will be followed by an Evidence to Action Workshop led by Women's Legal Service NSW. This workshop will involve identifying key issues emerging in discussions about criminalising coercive control, and create a plan of action on how to address them. Or you can participate in the Talk-up Rooms, which will run concurrently to the workshop. Yasmin Khan from The Bangle Foundation will lead a Talk-up Room chat on how the legislative choices we make around criminalising coercive control might impact South-East Asian women.

These sessions will enhance your understanding of coercive control, justice, policing, implementation of the law, and intersectionality.

EVIDENCE PRESENTATION 4:

Gendering the implementation of the law

PRESENTERS:

- Dr Marsha Scott, Chief Executive, Scottish Women's Aid
- Dr Heather Nancarrow, Adjunct Professor of Practice, Monash University and Adjunct Research Fellow, Griffith University
- Thelma Schwartz, Principle Legal Officer, Queensland Indigenous Family Violence Legal Service
- Diana Sayed, CEO, Australian Muslim Women's Centre for Human Rights

FACILITATOR:

- Lois Boswell, CEO South Australian Department of Human Services and ANROWS Board

Across a number of Australian jurisdictions, a big policy shift currently under consideration is the introduction of a criminal offence of coercive control. The New South Wales Government has recently committed to a new, standalone offence for coercive control as well as amendments to existing laws. In Queensland, the Women's Safety and Justice Taskforce has submitted a four-phase plan that recommends a coercive control offence be implemented in 2024 following a swathe of other critical reforms. This panel of experts will draw upon Australian and international evidence to examine the importance of gendering the implementation of both existing and future domestic and family violence law. As the key access point to the justice system, police will also be a focus of this session. The panel will draw out systemic changes required for the intersectional implementation of domestic and family violence law in different Australian jurisdictions, and examine how domestic and family violence law can better meet the needs of children.

EVIDENCE TO ACTION WORKSHOP 4:

Working with imperfect legislation

Facilitated by: Women's Legal Service NSW

The presenters in the companion Evidence Presentation, "Gendering the implementation of the law", identify a variety of issues with legislation and the implementation of legislation, which can cause problems for women experiencing sexual, domestic and family violence, including being misidentified and charged as the primary/predominant aggressor. In this Evidence to Action Workshop, Women's Legal Service NSW will lead participants through how they currently work to get the best outcomes for women with experiences of sexual, domestic and family violence. Participants will collaborate to identify key issues emerging in discussions to further criminalise coercive control in New South Wales and other jurisdictions, and a plan of action on how to address them.

TALK-UP ROOM 1

Hosted by: Nicole Lee, Survivor Activist

TALK-UP ROOM 2

Hosted by: Yasmin Khan, Chair, The Bangle Foundation

Data and measurement

DAY 3 | THURSDAY 24 FEBRUARY

This theme has been designed to align with contemporary research and policy priorities, focusing on the critical role of data and evaluation to understand how we can use evidence to improve women's safety.

The Evidence Presentation will explore a critical question: How can we enhance the use of data to improve women's safety? This will include examining the work done to develop measures and targets, what "counts" as evidence, the current policy environment, lessons from the pandemic and where improvements can be made. The presentation will be followed by an Evidence to Action Workshop led by the NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research, where a mix of policymakers, practitioners, statisticians and researchers will reflect on the Evidence Presentation to share their learnings and experience around how data and evaluation can be better used in their work.

These sessions will enhance your understanding of using data and research in your work to measure success and for future planning and delivery.

EVIDENCE PRESENTATION 5:

How do we enhance the use of data to improve women's safety?

PRESENTERS:

- Anthony Morgan, Australian Institute of Criminology
- Dr Christine Coumarelos, Director, Research Program, NCAS, ANROWS
- Representative, Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
- Will Milne, Australian Bureau of Statistics

FACILITATOR:

- Barry Sandison, Research Fellow, Australian National University, Paul Ramsay Foundation, and ANROWS Board

SUPPORTED BY:

- Lula Dembele, Survivor-Advocate and Founder - Accountability Matters Project

In this discussion, presenters from some of Australia's most prominent national institutes responsible for understanding the lives of Australians will share contemporary thinking about using data to enhance women's safety. Presenters will talk about current policy issues and policy frameworks as well as methods and targets for measurement; lessons from the pandemic; and the utility of the Personal Safety Survey, the National Community Attitudes Survey, and other data sources for measuring the success of the *National Plan to End Violence against Women and their Children 2010-2022*. Exploring how qualitative data and lived experience can be understood as an evidence source, and what that can mean for decision-making will also be broached before turning to the future and what we might see in the space going forward. The discussion will be supported and enhanced by contributions and reflections from survivor-advocate Lula Dembele.

EVIDENCE TO ACTION WORKSHOP 5:

Improving the use of data in policy and practice

Facilitated by: NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research

In this workshop participants will critically consider whether current approaches to domestic violence policy development are adequately informed by evidence – and if not, why not? Emphasis will be given to evidentiary and policy gaps for vulnerable populations including Aboriginal women, people living with disability, LGTBQ people, people from CALD backgrounds and those from regional communities. Participants are invited to share examples of good practice, where evidence-based policies were developed and implemented, and delivered positive outcomes. Participants will also discuss improvements necessary to make domestic violence policy better informed by research and data. Are changes most needed to research, the policy process or both? And what are these changes? Tangible next steps will be identified including identifying critical data and research gaps and what is needed to achieve and measure the success of the new National Plan.

TALK-UP ROOM 3

Hosted by: Hayley Foster, CEO, Full Stop Australia

TALK-UP ROOM 4

Hosted by: Cecilia Hemana, Director Research and Evaluation, Respect Victoria

Children and young people

DAY 4 | FRIDAY 25 FEBRUARY

This conference theme has been designed to align with the number one research priority under *Australia's National Research Agenda to Reduce Violence against Women and their Children (ANRA) 2020–2022*: children and young people.

The impact of domestic and family violence on children and young people is increasingly recognised as an issue of great concern with long-term negative impacts. The Evidence Presentation will explore the key issues impacting children and young people experiencing domestic and family violence and how policies and services can be delivered to meet their needs. The presentation will be followed by an Evidence to Action Workshop led by the Queensland Family and Child Commission, which will explore how to engage with young people in future policy and practice design.

These sessions will enhance your understanding of the impact of domestic and family violence on children and young people, and how to deliver tailored policy and practice responses that are age-appropriate.

EVIDENCE PRESENTATION 6:

Investing in the future: Children and young people who experience domestic and family violence

PRESENTERS:

- Professor Cathy Humphreys, Professor, Social Work, University of Melbourne
- Elena Campbell, Associate Director Centre for Innovative Justice, RMIT University
- Professor Amy Conley Wright, Director, Research Centre for Children and Families, The University of Sydney
- Candice Butler, Director, Innovation and Practice Development, Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Child Protection Peak

FACILITATOR:

- Dr Kylie Stephen, Acting Assistant Director-General of the Office for Women and Violence Prevention, Queensland Department of Justice and Attorney-General and ANROWS Board

The importance of investing in children and young people is recognised as the number one priority under *Australia's National Research Agenda to Reduce Violence against Women and their Children (ANRA) 2020–2022*. This session will unpack children's and young people's experiences of domestic and family violence and their interaction with systems including child protection. The panel will explore how policies and services can be delivered to meet the needs of children and young people, including what structures need to be established to implement policy; what early intervention looks like; how administrative datasets can be utilised; and how to design effective services, including a wraparound approach and culturally appropriate practice for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities. The discussion will be facilitated by Kylie Stephen, Acting Assistant Director-General of the Office for Women and Violence Prevention, Queensland Department of Justice and Attorney-General.

EVIDENCE TO ACTION WORKSHOP 6:

Centring children and young people in policy and practice

Facilitated by: Queensland Family and Child Commission Youth Advisory Council

The impact of domestic and family violence on children and young people is increasingly recognised as an important issue, and hearing the voices of children and young people is essential in policy and practice design. This Evidence to Action Workshop will be hosted by Queensland Family and Child Commission Youth Advocates. Delegates will participate in small group discussions to reflect on the evidence shared in the Evidence Presentation and to discuss how they can better centre children and young people in their work. The workshop will also explore ways to hear directly from children and young people in delegates' work, including identifying and addressing barriers to direct engagement.

TALK-UP ROOM 1

Hosted by: Nikita Shewandas, Associate, Cube Group

TALK-UP ROOM 2

Hosted by: Professor Cathy Humphreys, Safer Families Centre of Research Excellence

TALK-UP ROOM 3

Hosted by: Renata Field, Team Manager, Policy, Advocacy & Research Manager, Domestic Violence NSW

TALK-UP ROOM 4

Hosted by: Glenda Kickett, Manager, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Engagement and Partnership Therapeutic Services, Aboriginal Children and Families, Australian Childhood Foundation



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