A Celebration with a Difference - Share the 20 Year Journey of



Immigrant Women's Support Service in



"Moving Beyond Rhetoric to Diversity in Practice:

A Human Rights Framework to Address

Violence Against Women"







DATE: Thursday 9th and Friday 10 November 2006 VENUE: Bardon Conference Centre 390 Simpsons Road, Bardon

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Forum "Moving Beyond Rhetoric to Diversity in Practice: a Human Rights Framework to Address Violence Against Women"

Who should attend?

- Domestic violence and sexual assault workers.
- Workers in the multicultural field managers, settlement workers, counsellors, support workers, interpreters, bilingual / bicultural workers and volunteers.
- Workers across the women's sector.
- Government and community organisation representatives working with people from CaLD and NESB in: housing, child safety, Legal Aid, child care, health, Police, education, immigration, and other key services.
- Academics, researchers and policy makers.
- Hospital emergency services and social workers.
- Individuals committed to improving women's safety and the status of women in the community.
- Survivors of domestic and/or sexual violence.

Topics to be covered

- IWSS 'her-story' service delivery and shared stories from survivors and/or workers
- Human Rights Due Diligence and accountability
- Diversity / Multicultural / Cross-cultural Access and Equity
- Violence against women intergenerational, state sanctioned oppression, domestic and family violence, serial sponsorship, pawns of war, sexual assault, sexual slavery, mail order brides, rape in marriage.
- Migration experience and violence refugee, displacement and settlement
- Systemic issues barriers, structures, advocacy, policies and lobbying
- Implications for legislation policy, research and practice

If you are a former staff member / project worker of IWSS / MWESS or have been involved in the Management Committee at any time in the last 20 years please email us with your contact details. We would like to hear from you.

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Forum Processes

- Shared journey IWSS 'her-story'
- * Key Note Speakers government, community organisations, academics and others
- Snap-shot of issues / Open Discussions
- Hypothetical / Panel Discussions

Broad Timeframe

Day One Registration – Thursday 9th of November

Registration: 8.30am **Forum Open:** 9.00am **Forum Close:** 5.00pm

Day Two Registration - Friday 10th of November

Registration: 8.30am **Forum Open:** 9.00am **Forum Close:** 1.45pm

After Forum Conclusion

Join us for light refreshments to celebrate the 20 year journey of IWSS.

If enough interest shown, Laughter Therapy (1 hour) with Susan Welch will be available from 2.30 pm

Multicultural music / dancing on both days



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