



Global to Local

Preventing men's violence against women.
Research, policy and practice in one space.

White Ribbon International Conference
Sydney, Australia, May 13 - 15 2013

Call for Papers

Australia's campaign to
stop violence against women

White Ribbon



CALL FOR PAPERS

White Ribbon Australia is holding an international conference featuring key researchers, practitioners, policy makers, and activists from both national and international settings. The three-day international conference is titled: ***Global to Local: Preventing Men's Violence Against Women. Research, Policy and Practice in One Space.***

The conference is designed to engage a variety of stakeholders, including governments, international organisations, and community agencies in Australia, the Asia-Pacific region and further afield.

White Ribbon is an organisation that works to prevent male violence against women. It is a male-led campaign that believes that most men are good and that good men abhor such violence. White Ribbon also believes in the capacity of the individual to change and to encourage change in others. Through primary prevention initiatives and an annual campaign, White Ribbon seeks to change the attitudes and behaviours that lead to and perpetuate violence against women.

The focus of the conference is on male led primary prevention of violence against women, in particular the activities of the White Ribbon Campaign across the globe.

White Ribbon is working with the Centre for Research on Men and Masculinities, University of Wollongong, as a collaborative partner.

Aim

The conference will encourage dialogue between policy makers, government advisers, practitioners, academics and interested others on primary prevention strategies to eliminate violence against women.

The event will showcase local and international research, policies and programs that work to change men's attitudes and behaviours. The conference will include assessments and evaluations of such efforts, discussions of the politics and problems of these fields, and strategies for advocates, educators, and practitioners.

Conference Objectives

To achieve its aim, the conference has the following objectives:

1. Highlight the **importance of using new social policy initiatives and campaigns for normative change in order to prevent men's violence against women**;
2. Provide an opportunity to **'join the dots' in gender based research, education and prevention**;
3. Give a **forum for Australians to learn from other national and regional initiatives** and for others to learn from the experiences of Australia's White Ribbon Campaign; and
4. **Extend the White Ribbon Campaign's reach** to new and existing audiences.

Participants

Participants will include local and international educators, policy advisers, policy makers, practitioners, domestic violence support services, academics, government representatives, defence force representatives, White Ribbon Ambassadors, campaign supporters, the media and interested others.

Keynote Speakers

White Ribbon has engaged two international practitioners in the field and a leading Australian academic to speak at the conference:

- Dr Michael Kaufman is an educator, writer, and consultant, renowned for his innovative approaches to engaging men and boys in promoting gender equality and transforming their lives. He has worked extensively with the United Nations and with governments, non-governmental organisations, corporations, professional firms, trade unions, universities and colleges. He is the co-founder of the White Ribbon Campaign.
- Dr Jackson Katz is one of America's leading anti-sexist male activists and an educator, author, filmmaker, and cultural theorist. He is recognised for his ground-breaking work in the field of gender violence prevention education and critical media literacy. He is the co-founder of the Mentors in Violence Prevention Program, a gender violence prevention initiative in professional and college athletics and is also Director of the Sexual Violence Prevention Program in the USA Marine Corps.
- Dr Michael Flood is a researcher, educator, and activist. He is a Senior Lecturer in Sociology at the University of Wollongong, Australia, and his research addresses men's violence against women and its prevention, heterosexual men's sexualities, fathering, and pornography. Dr Flood made a significant contribution to both scholarship on and community understanding of violence against women. He has published a wide variety of papers on violence against women, men's roles in prevention, and a range of other topics. Dr Flood also is a trainer, community educator and activist. He has worked with sporting organizations, community services, and governments, participated in international expert meetings, and contributed to social change campaigns.

Call for Papers, Presentations, and Workshops

Papers should focus on the following key areas:

- Engaging men in building gender equality with a focus on advancing efforts to reduce violence against women and children.
- Illustrate and assess local and international research, programs and policies that work to change men's behaviours, identities and relations, to reduce violence against women and their children.
- Scholarly presentation of research on men's roles in violence prevention, including assessments and evaluations of such efforts.
- Discussion of the politics and problems of these fields.
- Workshops to share and expand the skills, knowledge and practice of advocates, educators, researchers and practitioners.

Your presentation may take a variety of forms: a formal talk, a participatory workshop, a theoretical discussion or a training exercise.

We welcome your suggestions regarding other content or processes for the event, including entertainment (performance, music, film, and so on).

If you are interested in applying to give a paper or presentation, please submit a title, abstract and biographical note (see below) in an email to events@whiteribbon.org.au, by **5 February 2013**.

Please note that an abstract (summary) is required whether your presentation is a formal talk or an interactive workshop.

Please provide the following:

Title: No more than 15 words.

Abstract: Up to 200 words.

Bio: A one-sentence biography of the presenter(s).

Publications (optional): A list of up to five recent publications, articles, policy papers in the field.

We will review abstracts and inform you if your proposal has been accepted by 20 February 2013.

A conference website will be posted with further information including registration details and costs.