

SAME SEX DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CONFERENCE 11 September 2009

Perspectives and Progress

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

WELCOME

In 2007, the Same Sex Domestic Violence Interagency hosted the second conference on same sex domestic violence (SSDV) in NSW. The 2009 Conference will build on this foundation to consider emerging issues, as well as look at how we can move forward to ensure a better response to SSDV.

Research has shown that domestic violence is as prevalent among gay and lesbian communities as it is in the wider community. However, there remain significant gaps in data collection and issues with service provision and accessibility for people experiencing same sex domestic violence (SSDV). The need to address SSDV remains a real and formidable challenge. Within and beyond the gay and lesbian communities are individuals with the knowledge, experience and skills needed to make significant headway in addressing the incidence and impact of SSDV.

This conference presents an opportunity to share our knowledge, skills and experience with one another. This will enhance the standards of clinical care, research and service provision in the field. It is anticipated that the conference will assist us in defining more precisely areas of needed research and identifying gaps in service provision. Through networking and sharing of ideas we will be more able to identify and address the needs of the gay and lesbian communities and the individuals affected by SSDV.

This conference is an excellent and rare opportunity for all interested stakeholders to benefit from, and contribute to, the shared pool of expertise in this field.

We warmly welcome your attendance.

ORGANISING COMMITTEE

The Conference is organised by the Same Sex Domestic Violence Interagency.

The Interagency is comprised of representatives from a number of government and community organisations. Member organisations are involved in the management of SSDV or the provision of services to affected individuals. Health, police, legal and a wide range of community-based organisations are represented.

PROVISIONAL PROGRAM

09:30 – 10:00	REGISTRATION		
10:00 – 11:00	WELCOME ADDRESSES		
	Research	Clinical	Service Provision & Access
11:10 – 11:50	Podium Session	Podium Session	Podium Session
11:50 – 12:15	MORNING TEA		
12:15 – 13:15	Workshop	Workshop	Workshop
13:15 – 14:30	LUNCH (resource and poster presentation)		
14:30 – 15:30	Podium Session	Podium Session	Podium Session
15:30 – 16:15	Workshop	Workshop	Workshop
16:15 – 16:45	Closing Address & Evaluation		

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The organising committee invite the submission of:

- Abstracts for 20 minute podium presentations. These should allow for 15 minutes of presentation and 5 minutes of questions / discussion.
- Proposals for workshops. This should allow for 45-minutes of workshop content.

Abstracts and Proposals are to be submitted electronically to ssdv@acon.org.au by 29 May. Please note that if accepted, abstracts will appear on the www.ssdv.org.au website.

INFORMATION

Full - \$50
Students - \$25 Registration will open in July 2009.

Deadline for submission of abstracts - **29 May 2009**

Notification of acceptance of abstracts - **26 June 2009**

Conference Date - **11 September 2009**

The Conference will be held at the Rex Centre,
58A Macleay Street, Kings Cross Sydney.

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

To assist us with planning, please send us an email to indicate your intention to register to ssdv@acon.org.au.

SUGGESTIONS

Please email us your suggestions for speakers, presentations, or issues you would like to see addressed to ssdv@acon.org.au.

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