



# SPEAQ FORUM

10<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL NETWORKING AND  
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT EVENT  
FRIDAY 7 DECEMBER

# 2018

RIVERSIDE RECEPTIONS, 50 OXLADE DR., NEW FARM  
9AM TO 4:30PM (REGISTRATION FROM 8:30)



## REGISTRATION

**CLOSING DATE FOR REGISTRATIONS: Monday 26th NOVEMBER**

Register at <https://events.humanitix.com.au/speaq-forum-2018>  
or search 'SPEAQ' on the Humanitix home page.

**SPEAQ MEMBERS / NON-MEMBERS:** \$120 / \$135 inc GST

**Half Day (morning and lunch):** \$80 / \$95 inc GST

Full-day registrations include all sessions, lunch and morning and afternoon teas.  
Half-day registrations include the morning sessions, morning tea and lunch.

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Services and Practitioners for the Elimination of Abuse Queensland (SPEAQ), is the state-wide network of organisations and individuals involved in intervention work with men who have used domestic and family violence. For over 25 years we have supported each other to strengthen our work in ending men's domestic and family violence and increasing the safety and wellbeing of women and children.



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## SESSION DETAILS

### 1 PERSPECTIVES ON ACCOUNTABILITY Short presentations; Small and large group discussion

Accountability is a much used but rarely defined term - sometimes confused with punishment, particularly in 'law and order' discourse. Yet we know that punitive approaches are counter-productive in face to face intervention work with men who have used domestic and family violence. What is accountability really, in the running of a men's behaviour change group, or in an individual conversation?

What does it mean to 'hold someone accountable'? Does that actually make them accountable? Who are you as a worker accountable to, and for what? What does systems accountability mean?

These questions and more will be explored in this session with perspectives from long-term workers in men's behaviour change facilitation, women's advocacy, and working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men who have used violence in their families.

### 2 ACCOUNTABILITY IN PRACTICE Panel discussion; small group and large group discussion

In this session, we will examine a hypothetical case scenario informed by case studies from recent research and government reports. Mark Walters (CQU, Qld Domestic Violence Death Review and Advisory Board member) will lead a multi-agency panel in considering responses to this scenario, with a particular focus on how the man perpetrating the violence could be held accountable and how each of the agencies involved in the response can remain accountable to each other and accountable and to the woman and children who have experienced the violence.

Following the panel discussion, Forum participants will have the opportunity to work in small groups to consider what the development of a safety and accountability plan with the man in this scenario might look like.

### 3 PRACTICE FRAMEWORKS AND 'WHAT WORKS' Short presentations; Q&A; interest group discussion and large group discussion

The purpose of this session is to support dialogue within the sector and improve our practice by: strengthening the commonalities; providing a clearer understanding of the differences; more appreciation of the strengths of our respective approaches; and providing stimulus for reflection and ongoing development.

Following a brief presentation by Annabel Taylor (CQU) providing a broad overview of practice frameworks for men's DFV interventions, there will be 4 presentations from services around the state, covering the major frameworks currently in use.

The opportunity to explore questions about practice will be provided through Q&A time and 'open space' format small group discussion, with space for identifying key learnings from the session and how to continue the conversation.

### 4 SPEAQ NETWORK DEVELOPMENT Sector updates followed by small group discussions on key questions.

The network has been around for over 25 years and has grown and changed considerably over that time. We're entering another significant period of change with the imminent launch of the SPEAQ website, the possibility of funding support for the secretariat, and key issues of governance and sustainability to be addressed.

We'll be using this gathering to form working groups to discuss questions such as: how best to enhance our networking through use of the SPEAQ website; developing a user policy for the social networking functions of the website; options for governance for the network, and more!

Simon O'Neil from the Department of Child Safety, Youth and Women, will also present a brief update on the Quality Framework for Perpetrator Intervention Programs in this session.

## What's it about?

The SPEAQ Forum is all about intervention practice with men who've perpetrated domestic and family violence. This year's Forum, with a major theme of Accountability, doesn't shy away from challenging topics and is a day packed with interaction around the nuts and bolts of direct practice and systems responses. As our annual face to face gathering, it's also an opportunity to connect with colleagues who understand the issues in this specialist field; to share practice wisdom, enthusiasm and support; and to continue to build a network that supports us to do good work.

## Who Should Attend?

This Forum is open to all practitioners, co-ordinators, managers and other professionals with an interest or involvement in intervention work with men who perpetrate abuse and violence in their relationships.

*Supporting Family Safety – Working with Men to End Domestic and Family Violence*