

Women's Advocacy Professional Development Day



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Women's Advocacy is an essential component of men's domestic and family violence intervention programs. It is a distinct and specialised role within the DFV sector, and presents unique challenges and rewards.

This first ever full day professional development event for Women's Advocates has been designed and developed by advocates for advocates, to meet the diverse professional development needs of workers in this specialist role. **It will be** a day of connection, support, reflection, practice development and sharing of information and practice wisdom.

THE PROGRAM

- **Group connection:** a variety of energising activities for connection and getting to know each other.
- **Increasing practice knowledge:** a sharing of practice wisdom using real situations faced by advocates.
- **Advocacy, influence, resourcing and power:** considering theory, practice and our own experience of the work, a step back to reflect on our work and re-centre our efforts, consider our boundaries and reconnect with our values.
- **Responding to women at high risk of injury or death:** Assessing and responding to risk in a trauma-informed way, effective safety planning, overcoming obstacles, working with women experiencing compounded risk factors.
- **Holding and Sharing Risk: Complications, Learnings, Strategies:** Integrating information from the day by considering a case study in depth.
- **Closing and Next Steps:** self-care, reflections and plans to continue the connection and interaction from this historic gathering.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

Women's Advocates (partner/family contact workers) working in connection with men's DFV behaviour change intervention programs.

WHAT'S INCLUDED?

Morning and afternoon teas, Lunch and great company.
Go to speak.org.au/adv-pd for more info.



Your facilitator and fellow advocate:

Susan Swain

Susan Swain has worked in Australia and overseas at local, state and national levels for over a decade in DV specific roles working to end men's violence against women, including a couple of stints as women's advocate. Some of her interests include intersectional and allied social justice activism, de-stigmatising mental ill health and technology-facilitated abuse. Susan is currently working as a technology safety trainer for WESNET.

DATE & TIME
25th October 2019
9:00 am to 4:30 pm

VENUE
Mercy Place
371 Simpsons Rd, Bardon

INVESTMENT
SPEAQ MEMBERS: \$200 inc GST
NON-MEMBERS: \$220 inc GST

REGISTRATION
Go to speak.org.au/adv-pd
Closes 17th October.

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