

From the Director

The Brisbane-based Women's Legal Service (WLS) will celebrate its 20th anniversary with a 3-day international conference on women, feminism and the law at the Hilton Hotel, Brisbane from 26 October 2004 (see page 11 for further details). CDFVR congratulates the many women associated with WLS over the past 20 years on achieving this significant milestone and advancing the status of women.

On 17 October 1984, a group of 46 women met at Women's House Shelta in Brisbane to discuss ways of dealing with Queensland women's disadvantaged status in accessing legal advice and assistance. Issues discussed at the meeting included lack of access to information about, and understanding of the law and its functioning; the specific needs of women, who are financially, socially, racially and culturally disadvantaged in relation to the law and legal processes; the inadequacy of legal aid; the need for rape, abortion, family law and domestic violence law reform; and the need for research into areas of particular relevance to women and the law.

Within a mere two months, on the 19 December 1984, and still without any government funding, WLS started providing legal advice and social work services with a totally voluntary staff and in 1985 began advocacy work related to justice for women who kill their partners after suffering years of domestic violence. WLS continued in this voluntary capacity until 1986, when the first government funding was received, including recurrent Commonwealth and State government funding, channelled through the then Queensland Legal Aid Commission, which enabled the appointment of a part-time Co-ordinator.

The commitment to providing both legal and social services recognised the complexity of women's needs and demonstrated WLS' resolve to assist women regardless of their specific needs. This commitment to combining legal and social work services continues in 2004.

Over the years WLS has also supported the development and operation of other organisations acting in the interests of women, including *Sisters-Inside*, working for women in prison; *Self-health for Queensland Women in the Sex Industry* (SQWISI); and the *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Women's Legal and Advocacy Service*.

Throughout its 20-year history, WLS has undertaken a substantial amount of work in researching and preparing policy and law reform submissions in a range of areas. These have included the publication of "Rougher Than Usual Handling", a gender analysis of Queensland's *Criminal Code Act 1899*; submissions to the Australian Law Reform Commission's inquiry into women's access to justice, and the Joint Select Committee on Certain Aspects of the Operation and Interpretation of the Family Law Act; and the publication of the report "An Unacceptable Risk", highlighting the way in which family law contact orders are complicit in and perpetuate violence against women and children.

WLS has certainly met its many challenges, contributed enormously to positive change and now it is to time to cha, cha, cha! The 20th anniversary celebration will conclude with a dance party on 29 October 2004 at the Riverside Ballroom, New Farm.



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Farewell...

Administration Officer, **Aithne Archibald**, was recently farewelled by CDFVR and Central Queensland University staff. Aithne had worked at the



Centre since its opening in 2002 and decided to pursue a new adventure of travel and work in Western Australia. Aithne's skills, hard work, positivity, warmth and great humour will long be remembered and Centre staff wish her every success for the future.

Third year social work student, **Pam Viti**, completed her field placement with the Centre in August. Pam brought a wealth of knowledge and experience in community development and Aboriginal Health service

delivery to her placement; her skills, dedication and commitment to learning contributed greatly to the work of the Centre and staff wish her the very best for her continued studies.

Welcome...

The Centre welcomes fourth year Social Work student, **Kay Gray**, on field placement until November 2004. Kay is in the final stages of her Social Work degree and brings a broad range of life and work experiences to her development as a Social Worker. In her placement with the Centre, Kay is exploring the concept of intersectionality as it relates to women's experiences of domestic and family violence.

In this context, intersectionality refers to the complexity of mechanisms of oppression, domination and marginalisation that intersect through social, economic, cultural, political and legal factors to influence and compound women's experiences of domestic and family violence. Kay is particularly interested in how the theoretical framework of intersectionality may be applied to policy and practice. We look forward to Kay sharing some of her work in the Centre's December newsletter.

Revealing the Truth about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Men's Groups

By Lyndon Reilly, Indigenous Research Worker

The months following the Indigenous Family Violence Forum, hosted by the Centre in March 2004, have been exciting. You may recall in the last CDFVR newsletter I argued that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men need to step up to the mark to address family violence. Forum participants raised the question: "*Where are the male advocacy and men's groups?*" This question highlights the importance and value of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men's input in developing a true and accurate analysis of family violence.

As the Centre's Indigenous Research Worker, I am involved in a research project that has been designed to explore the nature and functioning of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men's groups in Queensland. The project is presently in its preliminary stages, however, I am pleased to note strong evidence of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men's concerns about the prevalence of family violence, alcohol, and substance abuse within their communities. Additionally, men are acting to address a range of social issues, and men's groups are prevalent as a form of social support and change. There is strong support for the Men's Groups project, and the number of collaborative relationships with men's groups across Queensland is growing.

Family violence in Indigenous Australian communities is well documented and it is evident that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women have been at the forefront of addressing violence in Indigenous communities. It is clear that despite being the perpetrators of violence, and having disadvantaged social, physical and mental health status, there is less emphasis on Indigenous men and their own experiences in the Indigenous wellbeing and family violence discourse.

It is pertinent to consider the underlying factors that have contributed to dysfunction in some of our communities. The domination of Aboriginal and Torres Strait peoples by the British colonial system resulted in the breakdown of traditional ways. The act of colonisation not only destroyed many elements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture, it imposed institutional systems that were designed to exterminate our people and our culture. This having failed, a more pernicious system evolved whereby cultural imperialism emerged in the form of policies of assimilation and multiculturalism designed to erode even further those elements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture that were struggling to adapt to the rapidly changing circumstances.

Traditionally the construction of identity by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people was based on kinship and Totem. On invasion, traditional methods of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people were ignored and instead identity was determined by the invader, which brings me to my argument. These factors have been destructive to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men's cultural capital (their status, role, meaning and identity) and need to be acknowledged in relation to evidence of identity confusion, low self-esteem and a disheartened role modelling standard for our young men and women. Contemporary disadvantages including racism and unemployment are interrelated factors. My research is revealing the significance of maintaining identity and culture through men's groups, and of men working together to progress avenues for strengthened and resilient communities.

The research into Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men's groups is revealing a place where cultural capital is being rejuvenated. Furthermore, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men's groups could possibly be part of the solution to reducing or preventing family violence.

Family Violence Prevention Forum – progress to date

At their meeting on 5 and 6 August 2004, members of the Centre's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Reference Group worked on the Centre's action plan for implementing recommendations from the Indigenous Family Violence Prevention Forum held on 4 May. Key areas for action raised at the Forum, and the Centre's response to date are listed in the table below.

Action required	Response to date
Identifying, documenting and profiling Murri men's work on violence prevention initiatives around the State	Since the Forum in May, the Centre has appointed Mr Lyndon Reilly, Indigenous Research Worker, who is undertaking a research project to explore the disposition, functioning and meaning of Murri men's groups across the State.
Sharing information and distributing knowledge nationally about good practice in addressing Indigenous family violence	Discussions with and correspondence to the Director, Australian Domestic and Family Violence Clearinghouse on strategies to increase Indigenous involvement in Clearinghouse activities.
Co-ordinating violence prevention initiatives across all levels of Government	Correspondence to Ministers for Child Safety, Communities and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Policy advocating for increased collaboration at policy and program implementation levels; and correspondence to Director-General, DATSIP, seeking response to the Centre's submission on the Safe and Strong Families Agreement and progress with its implementation and evaluation.
Accessing and independently analysing government data used for evaluating violence prevention strategies, such as the Alcohol Management Plans	Correspondence to Director-General, DATSIP, seeking access to data used for evaluating strategies comprising the Safe and Strong Families Agreement and Alcohol Management Plans.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Reference Group members also participated in a seminar presented by Associate Professor Kalei Kanuha on 6 August (see page 8 for further details), followed by discussions with Kalei about her work and responses to violence amongst native Hawaiians, generally.

Innovations in Mt Isa

By Heather Nancarrow, Director and Lyndon Reilly, Indigenous Research Worker.

Centre for Domestic and Family Violence Research (CDFVR) Director, Heather Nancarrow and Indigenous Research Worker, Lyndon Reilly spent two days in August visiting services and attending Murri Court in Mt Isa. They were accompanied by visiting scholar Associate Professor Kalei Kanuha, from University of Hawaii. A CDFVR Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Reference Group member, Shirley Slann, who manages the North Queensland Domestic Violence Resource Service's Mt Isa base, hosted the visit. Shirley's work in the Far West and Gulf Country will feature in the next edition of the Centre's Newsletter.

The many highlights of the visit to the Isa were attendance at the Murri Court; visits to Nawamba House Women's Shelter and the Birlla Birlla Day Care Centre; and a visit to Kalkadoon Aboriginal Sobriety House (KASH) Aboriginal Corporation.

Indigenous Magistrate Bevan Manthey convenes the Murri Court with the assistance of community Elders Uncle Ron Paige and Aunty Betty O'Lachlan. The Murri Court, which commenced in February 2004, deals with adult offenders who plead guilty to the offence and where there is a reasonable possibility of imprisonment for the offender. The role of the Elders is to advise on cultural issues throughout the proceedings and on sentencing options, as well as making sure the defendant understands all of the proceedings. Similar Murri Courts operate in Brisbane and Rockhampton, as well as other parts of Australia.

Two of the three cases witnessed by the Centre staff concerned criminal offences related to domestic violence, including breaches of protection orders and one case also involved significant child protection concerns.

Also present at the Murri Court were the Chief Magistrate, Judge Marshall Irwin and the Director-General of the Department of Justice and Attorney-General, Ms Rachel Hunter. During a meeting with the Chief Magistrate and CDFVR Director, Magistrate Manthey discussed the development of a proposal to trial a family violence court in Mt Isa. He stated that the vast majority of cases coming to the Magistrate's Court were domestic and family violence related and that the current response was failing to have a positive impact on domestic and family violence in Mt Isa. The Chief Magistrate supported the development of a proposal for his consideration and the CDFVR Director agreed to contribute to developing a proposal while attending a domestic and family violence conference to be held in Mt Isa on 25 and 26 October. Family Violence Courts have been developed in South Australia, Western Australia and, most recently, in Victoria.

Heather and Kalei also visited Birlla Birlla Child Care Centre, which caters for children and their families living at Yallabee on the outskirts of Mt Isa. The Centre aims to build positive life skills through educational programs, including knowledge of and pride in traditional cultural practice. The Centre Co-ordinator, Viv Edwards, is an acclaimed singer and song writer whose many teaching and musical talents are put to good use in the Centre's program. Also contributing to the work of the Child Care Centre is acclaimed painter, Shirley Dawson, whose beautiful illustrations on the Centre's walls support the children's education about bush medicine and bush food.

Lyndon visited Kalkadoon Aboriginal Sobriety House (KASH) Aboriginal Corporation primarily to discuss Murri men's groups with KASH Manager, Lloyd Kyle. Lyndon also received a brief overview of the organisation and was overwhelmed with its structure. At the time of Lyndon's visit, the ages of those accommodated at KASH ranged from a baby of 5 months to a man aged 73 years. Services are provided to both male and female clients, 90% of whom are there on a voluntary basis. KASH provides accommodation for families and single members and has the capacity to accommodate 55 - 65 people at any given time.

The visit to Mt Isa was a deeply enriching experience. CDFVR staff travelling out there at the end of October for the domestic and family violence conference (see page 10 for details) are very much looking forward to hearing more about innovations in the Isa.

Pictured with Heather and Lyndon are; Shirley Slann (standing), Judge Marshall Irwin, (seated on Shirley's left) and Murri Court staff— including Magistrate Manthey, Uncle Ron Paige and Aunty Betty O'Lachlan.



Queensland Support for Elder Abuse Prevention in the Australian Capital Territory

By Cheryl Hastie, Seniors Interests Unit, Queensland Department of Communities - Guest contributor.

Until this year Queensland's Elder Abuse Prevention Unit funded by the Department of Communities was the only service dedicated to responding to the abuse of older people in Australia. However, a number of State and Territory Governments have recently initiated responses to this issue; one of which is the Australian Capital Territory.

The ACT Office for Ageing recently seconded Cheryl Hastie of the Department of Communities, Seniors Interests Unit to manage the implementation of its Legislative Assembly's recommendations on elder abuse. Cheryl's expertise in this field was built during 20 years specialising in the domestic and family violence field. Since joining the Seniors Interests Unit in 2001, she has played a key role in reviewing and building Queensland's responses to elder abuse.

Cheryl's work for the ACT government involved designing and establishing a service delivery model, developing and delivering training to all professionals working with older people experiencing or at risk of elder abuse, initiating its integrated response model and providing strategic policy advice to the Chief Ministers Department and whole of government taskforce.

As a result, the ACT now provides a telephone helpline and information resources for older people, their families and others concerned about elder abuse. Ongoing community and professional education is also provided and many organisations have implemented agency protocols that guide their interventions with these clients.

The Department of Communities and the Elder Abuse Prevention Unit have supported the development of the ACT's sister service and responses in a number of ways. These include making resources available for modification and the Elder Abuse Prevention Unit training its helpline and community education staff.

It is anticipated that a strong working relationship and comparisons of data and responses between these departments and services will have a number of benefits. One of which will be the development of future preventative strategies.

The Queensland Centre for Domestic and Family Violence Research welcomes articles from guest contributors. Publication of the articles will be at the discretion of the Director of the Centre. Views expressed in published guest contributions are not necessarily the views of the Centre.

Violence against women: Australia says "NO" campaign

By Dayle Marino – Brisbane Domestic Violence Advocacy Service (BDVAS) - Guest contributor.

BDVAS is the regional domestic violence service for the Brisbane Metropolitan area. BDVAS is a community-based organisation that provides a free and confidential advocacy and support service for women, children, family members and individuals affected by domestic and family violence.

Initially, when the national ad campaign, *Violence Against Women: Australia Says No* was launched, we were hearing quite a bit of discussion and feedback in relation to the campaign including a number of concerns raised by the sector, community and indeed women who had or were experiencing domestic and/or family violence. These concerns and the feedback were specifically in relation to the advertisements themselves along with the setting up and efficacy of the National Hotline.

After discussions with the Office for the Status of Women, it seemed the only feedback being sought would be collected by hotline staff and be limited to numbers of callers and referral destinations. As a service we agreed that there would be great value in documenting feedback we were receiving about the campaign and experiences of individuals who had accessed the hotline. As a result, we developed a very simple survey, which we sent out to women with whom we had worked in the past as well as women we were currently supporting. We also requested individuals who contacted the service to participate in the survey over the phone.

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The survey was conducted over a two-week period; responses received outside of this time frame were not included in the final results. The survey aimed to give women an opportunity to make comment and to better inform how BDVAS advocates on behalf of women and children. This survey and its results are in no way associated with the government's formal evaluation of the campaign.

Twenty-six participants, all of whom identified as female, completed the survey. Participants were asked to identify a category that described their experience. Some participants elected multiple categories, resulting in 23 identifications as a "person who has experienced violence"; three (3) identifications as a "family member"; and two (2) identifications as a "friend or neighbour".

To the question: *"Have you seen the national ad campaign that is currently being run on television, Violence Against Women: Australia Says No?"* twenty-three (23) responded in the affirmative.

The question: *"What did you like about the ad?"* elicited a wide range of positive responses such as:

- It raised awareness of the issue in the community – good that it's being made public;
- Gave broad examples of what is domestic violence and believe it would have made a difference if I had seen the ad whilst in DV relationship;
- Was impressed that the ads highlighted how ignorant men are of their abusive behaviour and making clear that those behaviours are unacceptable;
- That whilst professional and fairly subtle it sends a direct message for men to think about;
- You hear men talking – for once it's being said to him. I like the ads. Also the parents and sisters talking, so even for them it's hard to know what to do;
- It's letting me know that it can happen to any family. It is also telling my story.

When asked to identify *"What didn't you like about the ads?"* some participants referred to feeling distressed and confronted as a result of being reminded of their own experiences. Other participants indicated some confusion over the same national number being advertised for both people affected by violence and people using violence; others referred to the limited depiction of cultural and age diversity; and other participants thought the advertisements fell short in highlighting the manipulation and loss of control inherent in domestic violence and the long term effects such as low self-esteem, stress, depression and anxiety. One participant expressed confusion regarding the campaign's emphasis on sexual assault: "[It] still leaves one thinking that if you're not abused sexually in domestic violence it's not abuse".

Of these 23 participants, six (6) indicated that they had accessed the national hotline; only one (1) participant indicated that she found the contact useful, another (1) expressed ambivalence about the usefulness of the contact whilst the remaining four (4) participants indicated dissatisfaction.

Exploration of these participants' experiences with the national hotline revealed the following:

- The sole satisfied participant called the hotline to congratulate them for showing the advertisements.
- Two (2) participants expressed some confusion and a mismatch of expectations:
 - Not very helpful. Expected more. Was very distressed - talked for 1 hour then was told time was up.
 - Thought it was more for people directly involved with the violence, not people supporting the victim.
- The remaining three (3) participants indicated some disappointment, with comments including:
 - Useful to talk to someone about my experience. Not useful in terms of being linked to local resources as the telephone counsellor is in Sydney;
 - I could never get through it's always busy;
 - Too many issues for them to handle.

In conclusion, the survey responses indicate general appreciation of the campaign and recognition of the campaign's positive contribution to raising awareness and challenging the values and beliefs that support abusive behaviour. Some participants found the advertisements triggered distressing memories whilst others were satisfied with the direct and confronting nature of the messages. This general satisfaction with the advertising campaign contrasts participants' general disappointment in their experiences of the national hotline. Participants' expectations of the hotline's services were not met. These reports support existing concern within the sector regarding the extra layer the hotline brings to the service system and the potential barriers this creates for callers who are expecting direct access to support and local resources.

International Visiting Scholars

By Michelle Bradford, Education Officer

Professor Frank Ascione, Utah State University, USA.

Children and Animals: Kindness and Cruelty: Exploring the reunion of animal and human welfare in the 21st Century.

The Centre, in conjunction with School of Psychology and Sociology and with support from the Central Queensland University's Faculty of Arts, Health and Science's Distinguished Visitors Program was delighted to host Professor Frank Ascione on 27 July 2004. Professor Ascione's presentation titled *Children and Animals: Kindness and Cruelty: Exploring the reunion of animal and human welfare in the 21st Century* was video-linked to nine sites in Queensland and one site in Adelaide.

Professor Ascione is from the Department of Psychology, Utah State University, and a leader in the field of research that explores animal abuse as a predictor or indicator of domestic violence and child abuse. Professor Ascione's work examines the retrospective and prospective links between cruelty to animals, child abuse and domestic violence, particularly in the area of the potential that humane education has to prevent violence by early intervention into the violent cycle. More recently, he has focused his attention on child and adolescent animal abuse. This research examines the common roots of violence toward people and animals and is directed at identifying an early indicator of at-risk status in children.

Professor Ascione's paper titled: "Animal Abuse and Youth Violence" is available online at: <http://www.ncjrs.org/pdffiles1/ojdp/188677.pdf> .

This and other websites and publications referred to in Professor Ascione's seminar are listed on the Centre's website. The Centre is seeking access to a copyright clear version of Professor Ascione's PowerPoint presentation to post on its website.



*Professor Ascione
being introduced by
Centre Director
Heather Nancarrow
at the Mackay venue.*

Children and Animals: Kindness and Cruelty: Exploring the reunion of animal and human welfare in the 21st Century

Associate Professor Kalei Kanuha, School of Social Work, University of Hawaii.

Ke Ala Lōkahi (The Pathway to Harmony): Using Native Hawaiian Cultural Values and Practices to Address Domestic Violence Among Hawaiian Men and Women

On 6 August 2004, the Centre hosted a presentation from Associate Professor Kalei Kanuha, from the School of Social Work, University of Hawaii. Professor Kanuha's presentation, titled *Ke Ala Lōkahi (The Pathway to Harmony): Using Native Hawaiian Cultural Values and Practices to Address Domestic Violence Among Hawaiian Men and Women*, was video-linked to seven sites in Queensland and two sites in Adelaide.

Ke Ala Lōkahi (The Pathway to Harmony), is a pilot project that uses a group model and supportive counselling to connect Native Hawaiian cultural practices with Western analyses of intimate partner violence. Professor Kanuha's presentation gave an overview of the project's key philosophical and program elements and reported on the preliminary research generated by the project.

Professor Kanuha spent two weeks at the Centre where she shared stories with and learned from members of the Centre's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Reference Group, as well as with various members from Mackay's Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander and Australian South Sea Islander communities. The Mackay and District Australian South Sea Islander Association (MADASSIA) also hosted a meeting with Professor Kanuha and the Centre extends its gratitude to Rowena Trieve and Pam Viti for co-ordinating this event.

The Centre's Director, Heather Nancarrow, and Indigenous Research Worker, Lyndon Reilly, accompanied Professor Kanuha to Mount Isa where they met with a number of domestic and family violence service providers and attended the Murri Court.

Professor Kanuha's paper about *Ke Ala Lōkahi* (The Pathway to Harmony), will soon be available for downloading from the Centre's website at www.noviolence.com.au

Left to right Kalei Kanuha, Winnie Boah, Pam Viti, Julie Manaway, Rowena Trieve, Rikki Kemp and Heather Nancarrow.



Ke Ala Lōkahi
The Pathway to Harmony

ATSIWLAS Celebrates Independence

By Heather Nancarrow, Director

Congratulations to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Women's Legal and Advocacy Service (ATSIWLAS), which celebrated its independence as an incorporated body and its relocation to new premises in Woolloongabba with a morning tea on 22 June 2004. Ironically, ATSIWLAS was located on the grounds of the old Boggo Road Jail for six years.

The celebrations included the presentation of plaques to Aunty Monica O'Callaghan and Aunty Eunice Watson for their work to establish ATSIWLAS and their continued commitment to its effective functioning. Testimonials from a range of prominent ATSIWLAS supporters, such as Jackie Huggins AM, Co-Chair of Reconciliation Australia; Deputy Chief Magistrate Brian Hine; and Magistrate Jackie Payne highlighted the valuable work and vital role that ATSIWLAS has in supporting Indigenous women at times of crisis in their lives.

ATSIWLAS states its vision as being:

...to respect and strengthen traditional women's law, to empower Indigenous women to confidently and competently assert their rights, and to strive to ensure that they have effective and equitable access to culturally appropriate justice services.

*Aunty Monica O'Callaghan (standing)
and Aunty Eunice Watson with their plaques.
Picture courtesy of the Koori-Mail. Photographer: Solua Middleton*

ATSIWLAS was established in 1996-1997 in recognition of the specific needs of Indigenous women and the inherent gender bias in existing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Services. These services give primacy to criminal law matters, mainly benefiting men, rather than civil and family law matters and they do not take on matters where both parties are Indigenous. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women are assisted by ATSIWLAS by way of information, referrals and legal advice in all areas of law, including: family law, criminal law, domestic and family violence law, child protection, and avenues for conflict resolution.



ATSIWLAS can be contacted by phone on (07) 3392 3177 for appointments, information and referral.

16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence

By Michelle Bradford, Education Officer

The theme for this year's *16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence* was recently announced as: **For the Health of Women, For the Health of the World: No More Violence**. This theme emphasises the intersection of violence against women and women's health, particularly in light of the world's HIV/AIDS pandemic.

Launched through the Women's Global Leadership Institute and sponsored by the Center for Women's Global Leadership, the international 16 Days Campaign of Activism Against Gender Violence began in 1991.

The 2004 sixteen day campaign aims to symbolically link violence against women and human rights and emphasise the human rights violation inherent in such violence. Commencing on November 25th, International Day Against Violence Against Women, and ending on December 10th, International Human Rights Day, the 16 Days of Activism campaign incorporates other significant dates such as December 1st, World AIDS Day, and December 6th, which marks the Anniversary of the Montreal Massacre.

Attracting participation from over 1,700 organisations in approximately 130 countries, the 16 Days campaign has been used as an organising strategy to call for the elimination of all forms of violence against women by:

- raising awareness about gender-based violence as a human rights issue
- demonstrating women's world-wide solidarity against gender-based violence
- providing a forum for strategy development and sharing
- linking anti-violence work at local and international levels
- developing methods to pressure governments into implementing their promises about eliminating violence against women

For more information or a **2004 Take Action Kit**, which includes information about the 16 Days Campaign's history and mission, participating organisations, resources and suggested actions, visit the Center for Women's Global Leadership at <http://www.cwgl.rutgers.edu/>. The Center for Women's Global Leadership is constructing an International Calendar of Activities for the 2004 campaign (to be posted on this website) and is calling on campaign participants to contribute information about their activities.

Workshops, Conferences and Date Claimers

1 - 2 October

The Critical Early Childhood Years - Rethinking Current Interventions and Strategies

Melbourne, VIC

Contact : Gini Solutions, PO Box 123, East Kew, Vic 3102

Phone: 03 9859 5508

Mobile: 0419 178 138

Fax: 03 9859 0519

Email: ginisolutions@bigpond.com

Web: www.gec.org.au

2 - 5 October

Global Social Work Conference: Reclaiming Civil Society

Adelaide, SA

Contact: c/- [ICMS Pty Ltd](http://www.icms.com.au), 84 Queensbridge Street, Southbank, Victoria 3006

Phone: 03 9682 0244

Email: ifsw@icms.com.au

Web: <http://www.icms.com.au/ifsw>

8 - 10 October

Symposium on Child Research in Southern Africa: Children living in circumstances of poverty and marginalization

Lusaka, Zambia

Contact: Pernille Skotte

Phone: 47 22 85 43 50

Email: p.s.skotte@childwatch.uio.no

Web: <http://www.childwatch.uio.no>

13 - 15 October

Diverse voices in evaluation—Australian Evaluation Society International Conference

Adelaide, SA

Contact: Secretariat, **SAPMEA** Conventions, 68 Greenhill Road, WAYVILLE SA 5034

Phone: 8 8274 6060

Email: aes2004@sapmea.asn.au

Web: <http://www.sapmea.asn.au/conventions/aes2004/index.html>

19 - 20 October

Addressing the needs of Urban Indigenous Communities - Improving Access to Programs and Services through Policy Reform

Sydney, NSW

Web: <http://www.iqpc.com.au/cgi-bin/templates/genevent.html?topic=225&event=5508>

19 - 20 October

Men and Family Relationships: Valuing Men Valuing Relationships

Sydney, NSW

Contact : Eric Hudson, Relationships Australia

Phone: 0423 553 601

Email: ehudson@matra.com.au

20 - 22 October

NRGize Mentor Coordinator Training Workshop - Youth Mentoring

Adelaide, SA

Web: <http://www.decs.sa.gov.au/futuresconnect>

20 - 22 October

Pursuing Excellence in Family Services: FSA 10th Annual National Conference

Sydney, NSW

Contact: Conference Organiser, Family Services Australia, PO Box 326, Deakin West, ACT 2600

Phone: 02 6281 1788

Fax: 02 6281 1794

Email: fsa@fsa.org.au

24 - 26 October

Communities in Transition—Anglicare Australia National Conference

Newcastle, NSW

Contact: Conference Convenor

Sue Williams, Samaritans Foundation

Email: swilliams@samaritans.org.au

Anglicare Australia, 43 Constitution Avenue, Reid ACT 2601

Phone: 02 4969 0011

Facsimile 02 4962 2572

Email: anglicare@anglicare.asn.au

Web: <http://www.anglicare.asn.au/aboutus/conference/conference.shtm>

25 - 26 October

Silence Won't Stop the Violence - learning what we need: Domestic and Family Violence in Rural and Remote Communities

Mt Isa, QLD

Contact: Shirley or Claire, NQDVRs

Phone: 07 4743 0946

Fax: 07 4743 7999

Email: nqdvr@austarnet.com.au

26 October Sydney, NSW
27 October Melbourne, VIC
The Challenge of Sustainability - creating revenue models to ensure longevity for not for profit social enterprises
Web: <http://www.socialventures.com.au/home.asp>

26 - 29 October
**Challenge, Change & Cha Cha Cha-
A conference on Women, Feminism and the Law**
Brisbane, QLD
Contact: Women's Legal Service
Phone: 07 3392 0644
Email: admin@wlsq.org.au
Web: [www.wlsq.org.au
aboutus/conference/conference.shtml](http://www.wlsq.org.au/aboutus/conference/conference.shtml)

28 - 29 October
From the Margins to the Centre - ACOSS Annual Congress
Alice Springs, NT
Contact: ACOSS Congress, Locked Bag 4777, Strawberry Hills, NSW 2012
Email: gill@acoss.org.au
Web: [http://www.coss.net.au/events/acoss/
1086306490_401_20040604.jsp](http://www.coss.net.au/events/acoss/1086306490_401_20040604.jsp)

11 - 14 November
Pushing the boundaries for change - Honouring the child, honouring equity 4th International Conference
Melbourne, VIC
Contact: Janet Treweek
Email: janetat@unimelb.edu.au
Web: [http://www.edfac.unimelb.edu.au/LED/CEIEC/news/
conf04.shtml](http://www.edfac.unimelb.edu.au/LED/CEIEC/news/conf04.shtml)

17 - 19 November
Creating Connections - Siblings Australia
Adelaide, SA
Email: info@siblingsaustralia.org.au
Web: <http://www.siblingsaustralia.org.au>

17 - 19 November
Inequalities and Families - National Council on Family Relations Conference
Orlando, Florida
Contact: Cindy Winter,
Conference Coordinator
Phone: 888-781-9331, ext. 15
Email: cindy@ncfr.org
Web: http://www.ncfr.org/conference_info/index.asp

25 November
International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women
Contact: Office of the Status of Women
Phone: 02 6271 5722
Email: women@pmc.gov.au
Web: www.whiteribbonday.gov.au

26 November
The vulnerable self: working with abuse-related trauma in children
Adelaide, SA
Contact: Australian Childhood Foundation, PO Box 525, Ringwood, Vic 3134
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29 November - 1 December
Bringing men in: how to engage with men for the benefit of everyone in the family
Callaghan, NSW
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1-3 December
International Conference: Child abuse and neglect, the facts: meeting the experts
Leuven, Belgium
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Engels/ThemeConference.htm](http://www.kindermishandelingleuven.be/congres/Engels/ThemeConference.htm)

7 December
Social Capital: Past, Present and Future
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