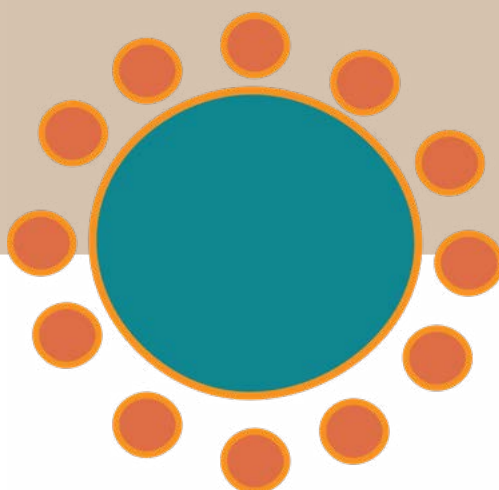




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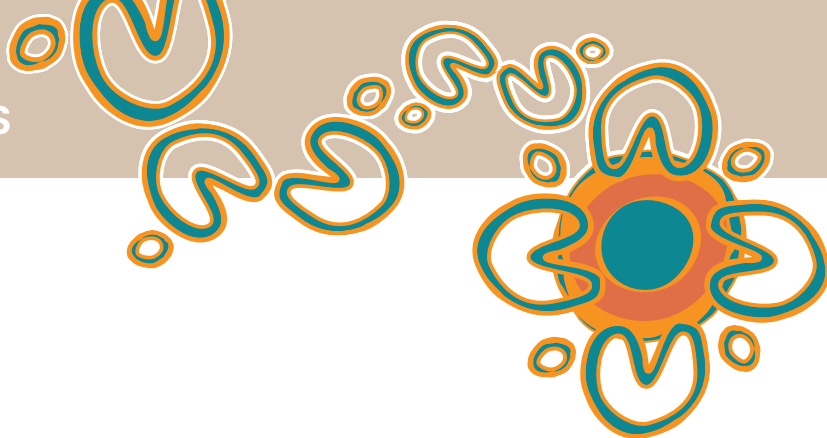
The world's largest
conference by and for
women's shelters and
those working to end
gender-based violence



Acknowledgement

We acknowledge Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the first inhabitants of the nation and the traditional custodians of the lands where we live, learn and work. We pay our respects to elders past and present.





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Introduction

Connect. Challenge. Change.

Connect.

Engage with colleagues across Australia and internationally who are dedicated to ending violence against women and other forms of gender-based violence. Foster a network of support and collaboration to enhance your efforts and share innovative solutions.

Challenge.

Collaborate with global delegates to confront and dismantle the structural drivers, systems, attitudes, beliefs, and behaviours that perpetuate violence against women and gender-based violence. Together, we will critically examine and challenge the status quo to create a safer world.

Change.

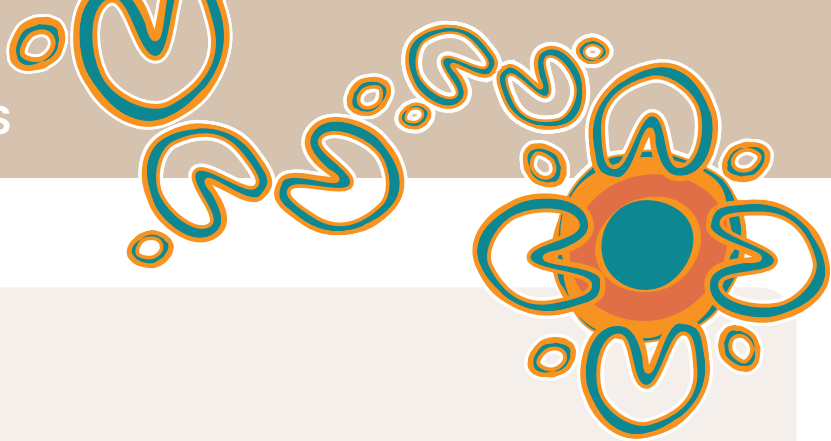
Lead the way in driving the transformational change needed to eradicate all forms of gender-based violence locally and globally. Advocate for policies, implement effective programs, and inspire communities to take action towards a violence-free future.



5WCWS will provide a rich and interwoven tapestry of presentations that will cater to a global audience.

The 5WCWS seeks presentations that cover all forms of gender-based violence and that have an intersectional approach that recognises oppressive structures and systems in people's lives.

The Conference will provide themes, topics, and areas that will interest those who are in the early stages of responding to and preventing gender-based violence, already established services, and those that are long established and now focused on systems integration, multi-disciplinary coordination, and collaboration between government and community agencies.



Topics

1.

ANTI-OPPRESSION AND
INCLUSION STRATEGIES

2.

BREAKING DOWN THE BARRIERS
AND TRANSFORMATIONAL
CHANGE

3.

JUSTICE AND RIGHTS

4.

KNOWLEDGE AND RESEARCH

5.

RECOGNISING ALL FORMS
OF GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE,
CHALLENGES AND STRATEGIES

6.

RESOURCING AND
SUSTAINABILITY

7.

SAFETY, WELLBEING,
RECOVERY AND HEALING

8.

TECHNOLOGY

9.

THE CONTINUUM
OF APPROACHES

10.

WORKING TOGETHER



Topics

We welcome abstracts that are original, unique and innovative and which address one or more of the topics below.

1.

ANTI-OPPRESSION AND INCLUSION STRATEGIES

This topic particularly relates to the concept of inclusion and of intersectionality as first defined by Kimberlé Crenshaw and now broadened to include the full range of intersecting forms of oppression and discrimination.

We invite abstracts about effective intersectional approaches that are inclusive of the following:

- First Nations, Indigenous and Aboriginal people
- Disability/ability
- Displaced people, migrants and refugee experiences
- People that identify as people of colour, Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD), non-official language speaking, Black Asian and Minority Ethnic People (BAME), ethnic minorities, ethnically subordinated people
- Sexual orientation, gender identity and or variations in sex characteristics – LGBTIQA+ – Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans, Intersex, Queer, Asexual plus
- Anti-racism and cultural safety
- Age including age of children
- Institutional violence and abuse
- The gendered nature of criminalisation

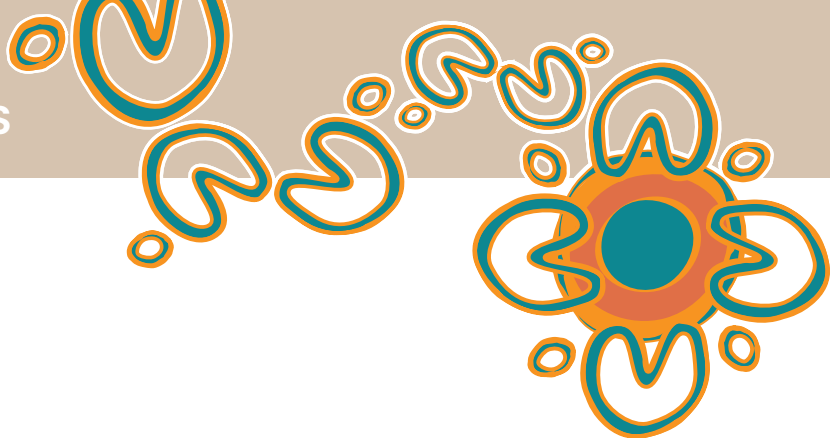
2.

BREAKING DOWN THE BARRIERS AND TRANSFORMATIONAL CHANGE

This topic aims to focus on dismantling the structural drivers of gender-based violence and how it intersects with social, racial, political and economic inequalities.

We are interested in abstracts that:

- Provide a deep review of how transformational social change can occur to prevent gender-based violence
- Explore the link between gender stereotypes and rigid gender roles, attitudes and beliefs
- Examine the importance of recognising and redressing the ongoing impacts of colonisation, colonialism and invasion
- Addressing LGBTIQA+ discrimination
- Delve into the concept of economic empowerment
- Examine how equity of access to education and resources may be achieved
- Highlight the importance of reproductive justice and what might be involved
- Explore the need for affordable social and public housing and how this might be achieved



(Topic 2 continued)

- Examine the roles of advocacy, reporting, and agents of change
- Explore the importance of sufficient resourcing for the front-line sector including the sufficient resourcing of womens and children's shelters for immediate protection



3.

JUSTICE AND RIGHTS

Justice and rights are critical elements to anti-violence work, from prevention to response and recovery.

We invite abstracts addressing this through one or more of these areas of focus:

- Policing and law enforcement
- Laws, lore and legislation
- The justice system, rights, perpetrator programs, sentencing, corrections
- Justice and accountability for victims/survivors and perpetrators
- Listening to the voices of those with lived experience
- Shelter rules
- Centering the victim/survivors
- Access and equity
- Anti-discrimination
- Essential services and basic needs of victim/survivors

4.

KNOWLEDGE AND RESEARCH

This topic seeks abstracts that focus on qualitative and quantitative ethical research both current, new or what is needed in the future.

We invite abstracts on the following topics:

- New and emerging research that informs prevention and practice
- Data collection, statistics and data sharing
- International comparisons
- Turning knowledge into practice
- The importance of terminology and language
- The importance of lived experience and voices of victims/survivors
- Murdered and missing women, and the importance of death reviews
- Suicide of perpetrators and of victims
- Mis-identification of perpetrators and primary aggressors
- Monitoring and evaluation
- Knowledge gaps
- Harnessing the practice wisdom from specialist services to inform broader action
- Research on perpetration and men's use of violence

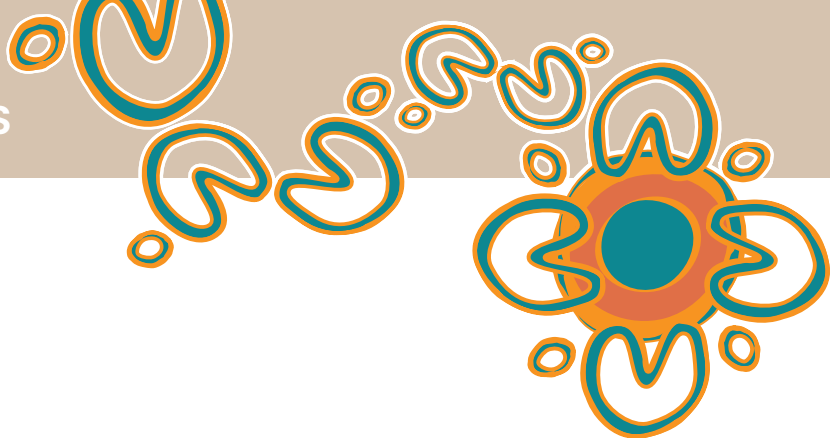
5.

RECOGNISING ALL FORMS OF GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE, CHALLENGES AND STRATEGIES

This topic focuses on the challenges, opportunities and strategies for change for all forms of gender-based violence.

We invite abstracts that address this topic including, but not limited to the following:

- Domestic violence, family violence, intimate partner violence
- Sexual violence, harassment and discrimination
- Financial and economic abuse
- Elder abuse
- Trafficking, sexual and/or labour servitude, modern day slavery
- FGM/cutting
- Burning, torture and disfigurement
- Forced marriage, dowry violence and abuse
- Affirmative consent
- Coercive control, coercion and threats
- Sexuality and gender-conversion practices



- LGBTIQ+ driven violence and discrimination (e.g. sexual violence or other forms of gender-based violence that is driven by homo/transphobia)
- War, invasion and conflict
- Natural disasters and climate impacts
- Pornography
- Institutional violence
- Reproductive coercion/justice
- Child contact/visitation and custody
- Stalking, technology-facilitated abuse, online misogyny
- Non-lethal strangulation

6.

RESOURCING AND SUSTAINABILITY

This topic focuses on the importance and diversity of resources needed to prevent and respond to gender-based violence.

We invite abstracts that explore the following:

- Responding to violence and abuse in remote, regional, poorly resourced or high violence areas
- Government support, resourcing and action
- The role of philanthropy, donors, fundraising and sponsors
- Corporate support and action
- Opportunities and constraints that accompany resourcing
- Budgeting and financing services and projects
- Sustainable models for service provision
- Pay and conditions of those who work in the gender-based violence sectors
- Resourcing of anti-gender-based violence NGOs and shelters
- Tools and activities that contribute to worker skills, interactive training, mentoring, coaching and learning

7.

SAFETY, WELLBEING, RECOVERY AND HEALING

The importance of safety, wellbeing, recovery and healing is paramount to providing a good response to victims/survivors. As is the safety and wellbeing of the workers and volunteers who provide the support services.

This topic invites abstracts that explore the following:

- Innovative and effective programs for recovery and healing
- The importance of trauma-informed practices and ending generational trauma
- Wrap-around services, co-location of services, multi-agency approaches and outreach
- Responses that address issues such as mental health needs, intellectual or physical disabilities, acquired brain injury, cognitive impacts, alcohol and other drug misuse, as well as wellbeing and the social determinants of health
- The protection of and self-care for gender-based violence workers, human rights defenders, first responders, crisis workers and researchers – including vicarious trauma, vicarious resilience and personal safety

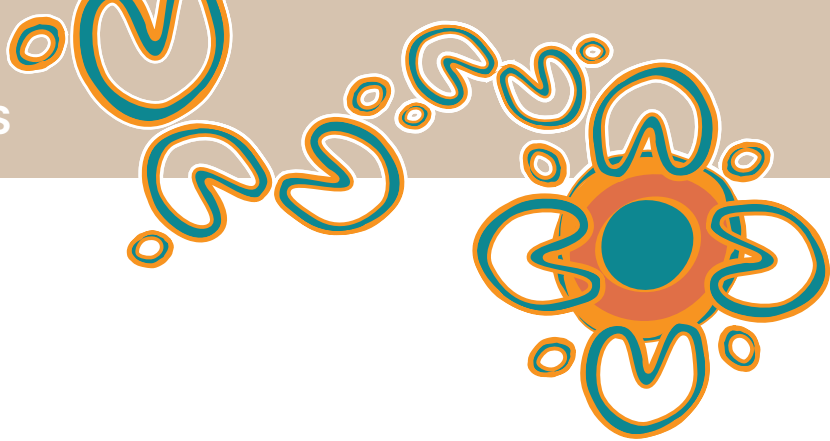
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TECHNOLOGY

We are living in the digital world, and technology-facilitated gender-based violence is now recognised as a form of violence with increasing prevalence and forms. However technology is an essential tool for full economic and social participation and also has the potential to help end violence and increase safety.

We are seeking abstracts that:

- Increase our knowledge and practice on new and emerging forms of technology-facilitated GBV
- New ways technology can be used for prevention, intervention and response
- Innovative approaches to using technology to hold perpetrators accountable, for example AI, perpetrator surveillance and monitoring
- Effective co-design and safety-by-design principles in action
- Intersectional responses to technology and online abuse
- Using technology and online spaces for empowerment, support and social change



9.

THE CONTINUUM OF APPROACHES

This topic seeks abstracts that focus on the actions needed across the continuum from prevention, early intervention, and response. This is sometimes also referred to as primary prevention, secondary intervention, and tertiary responses. Abstracts may focus on victims/survivors, perpetrators, women, men, children, or the whole community and include the use of technology or action in real life.

We invite abstracts on:

- Addressing social and cultural norms
- Breaking down barriers to gender equality
- Implementing systems and structural solutions
- Making and measuring impact
- The role of leadership in its many forms
- The role of allies such as men, non-first nations people, cis-gendered people
- Building on our conversations on masculinities and practice with people working in communities
- How to end men's use of violence as the primary offenders
- The importance of lived experience and victim/survivor voices embedded in any interventions

10.

WORKING TOGETHER

Ending gender-based violence is not the responsibility of one individual, group or sector. This topic focuses on the importance of working together across different settings with different resources and expertise.

We welcome abstracts that explore:

- Collaboration and partnerships
- Integration, coordination, planning, and referral pathways
- Allyship
- Mainstream and specialist approaches
- Multisector, multidisciplinary, local, regional, and national approaches
- Risk assessment, risk management and case management including tools and models
- Capability and capacity of services
- Standards and quality improvement
- Workforce, volunteers and systems approaches
- Short-term and long-term support
- Meeting the UN Sustainable Development Goals
- Valuing and including those with lived experience from the start in policy, and service design through to implementation and evaluation



Abstract format and content

Abstract length is up to 350 words with a working title of up to 25 words. An abstract is a window into your work. In 350 words or less, your abstract should provide abstract reviewers with a clear and concise summary of what you will present on at the Conference. Try to make your abstract enticing, using plain language. Succinctly outline why the work is important, why the reviewer should care about your work, and what the Conference delegates will gain from your presentation.

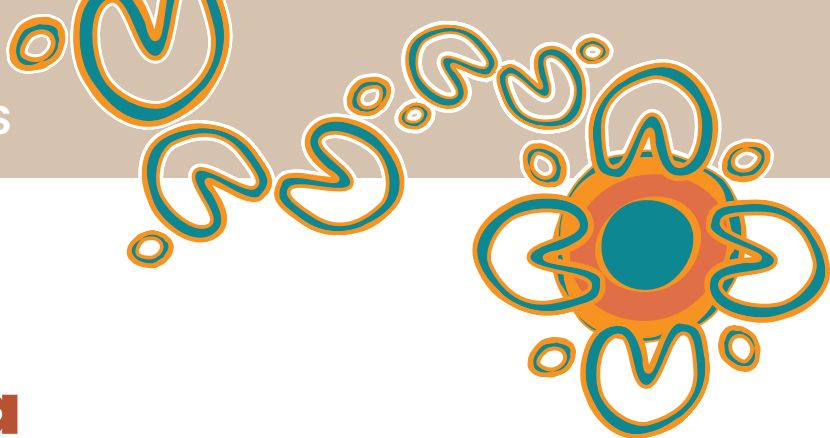
NOTE: Your submitted abstract is the only information a reviewer will have about your work so it must provide enough information to stand on its own.

Types of abstracts

Abstract submitters can submit abstracts on one of the following:

- Oral presentation: 1-3 presenters speaking to Powerpoint presentation(s) with limited audience participation other than Q&A.
- Discussion panel: up to 5 presenters.
- Interactive workshop/demonstration/storytelling: less formal presentation with a group where there is audience participation and discussion.
- Poster: a single-page poster for display in the Conference app with option to display in the exhibition space. Option to have a scheduled time to briefly pitch/present your poster. Please note that limited poster boards will be available.

To increase your chances of being included in the program we will ask you whether you are happy to consider a presentation in an alternative format or to share a session with other presenters at the time you submit your abstract/proposal.



Abstract criteria

We are looking for presentations that:

- Respond to the Conference theme of **Connect. Challenge. Change.**
- Are framed through one or more of the topics.
- Explore current issues in relation to gender-based violence and women's safety.
- Share contemporary knowledge, ideas, successes and challenges.
- Share innovative practices and responses, create connections, foster change, and improve the well-being of survivors and those who support them.
- Energise and inspire.

Reviewers will look at the following when reviewing your abstract:

- **Relevance:** Does it address a key topic of the Conference? Will it be of interest to a significant portion of the anticipated audience?
- **Clarity/purpose:** Are the objectives clear and well presented?
- **Significance:** Are the work/study/program/policy findings significant?
- **Contribution:** Does it provide recommendations for future innovation in the sector and future projects/policy making? Is it based in a Low Middle Income Country (LMIC)/resource-poor setting?



Tips on writing a good abstract

See tips on how to write a good Conference abstract [here](#).

How to submit your abstract

The 5WCWS uses EventsAir as our system to manage abstract submissions. When submitting your abstract, you will first be asked to create an account and submit your Contact Information in the submission portal. This is a simple process, and once created, you will be able to access the portal again at any time. Please note that abstracts will be editable until the submission deadline of midnight (AEDT), 31 October 2024.

Abstracts may be published in the Conference program exactly as written, so please check thoroughly before submitting.

Language

Abstracts are accepted in English only.





Other information you will need to provide

During the abstract submission process, you will also be asked for the following:

1. Contact person details, including employer or academic institution where applicable.
2. Names and bios of each speaker (maximum 50 words per speaker.)
3. An abstract of up to 350 words, outlining your presentation and how it addresses the Conference theme and one or more of the topic area/s.
4. Your preferred presentation format (and whether you will consider an alternate format or sharing a session with other presenters).
5. Letter of support from your supervisor or equivalent.



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When you submit your abstract for selection for presentation at 5WCWS, you agree to the following terms and conditions in relation to any presentation including but not limited to recordings, presentations including PowerPoint slides, you seek to present at 5WCWS. In the event you are found to have breached any of the terms and conditions, 5WCWS may reject your Work and/or remove your Work from the program.

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- You will arrange your own travel, accommodation, and associated insurances (where applicable).
- You agree to submit your material by the required deadlines, as announced by 5WCWS, upon acceptance of your Work for presentation at 5WCWS.

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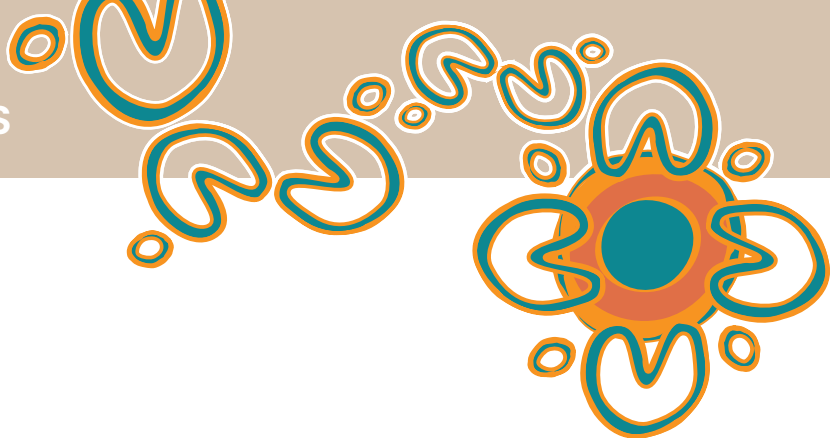
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- You agree that the presentation of your Work will be recorded and may be broadcast live during 5WCWS to registered delegates.
- You agree that your Work will be available on demand via a virtual platform, if this option is made available.
- You agree that your Work will be available after 5WCWS to non-delegates.

Do you need help?

If you need assistance or have any questions, please reach out to:

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You agree to the publication of your photo, name, session title and session description in all materials published for the promotion of 5WCWS.

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