



The Centre for Research on Men and Masculinities

CALL FOR PAPERS

Engaging Men in Building Gender Equality

Outline

The Centre for Research on Men and Masculinities is planning a two-day conference titled *Engaging Men in Building Gender Equality*. The conference focuses on and seeks to advance efforts to address men's roles in building gender equality.

The conference will encourage dialogue between critical and feminist scholarship on men and masculinities on the one hand, and programming and practice addressing men on the other, to explore how each may extend the other. The event addresses local and international programs and policies that work to change men's behaviours, identities and relations, with regard to such fields as men's violence against women, parenting, sexual and reproductive health, and HIV/AIDS. The conference will include scholarly assessments and evaluations of such efforts, discussions of the politics and problems of these fields, and direct training for advocates and educators.

The conference will be held on November 29-30 2012, on the campus of the University of Wollongong.

The conference is designed to engage a variety of stakeholders, including governments, international organisations, and community agencies in both Australia and around the Asia-Pacific region working to involve men in building gender equality. The event will include a mix of presentations and workshops by researchers, advocates, educators, and others. One intended outcome of the event will be a special issue of a scholarly journal.

Conference approach and objectives

The conference takes a broad approach to efforts to involve men in building gender equality. First, it addresses efforts to involve men in building gender equality in relation to such diverse fields as men's violence against women, parenting, sexual and reproductive health, and HIV/AIDS. Second, the conference addresses a wide range of strategies, from community education and mobilisation to policies and planning. Third, the conference has a regional focus, with attention both to efforts in Australia and those elsewhere in the Asia-Pacific region.

To achieve its aim, the conference has the following objectives:

- Assess existing efforts to involve men in building gender equality;
- Explore the strategic and political challenges and dilemmas of such work;
- Link programs and policies regarding men and gender to critical scholarship on men and masculinities, examining how each may extend the other;
- Provide direct training for advocates and educators;
- Generate media attention and community awareness.

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Participants

Participants will include researchers, advocates, educators, professionals, and others from universities, governments, local and international organisations, and community agencies.

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Your presentation may:

- Focus on:
 - Particular *areas or domains or practices* for which there are efforts to engage men in building gender equality (such as men's violence against women, parenting and domestic work, sexual and reproductive health, HIV/AIDS, development, pornography, sex work, and so on);
 - Particular *strategies* related to engaging men in building gender equality (such as community education, social marketing, mobilisation, activism, policy and law, and so on);
 - Particular *groups or communities* of males (boys and young men, fathers, gay men, and so on);
 - Particular *contexts* in which such work takes place, such as particular countries, communities, institutions, or other contexts;
- Examine and assess particular *theoretical or conceptual* areas or issues or frameworks, including critical assessments of the field or of particular aspects of it;
- Discuss the *politics and problems* of these fields;
- Focus on particular *issues* related to this work;
- Involve *training* in particular strategies or approaches.

Your presentation may take a variety of forms: a formal talk, a participatory workshop, a theoretical discussion or a training exercise.

We welcome your suggestions regarding other content or processes for the event, including entertainment (performance, music, film, and so on).

If you are interested in giving a paper or presentation, please submit a title, abstract, and biographical note (see below), in an email to mflood@uow.edu.au, by September 1st 2012. Please note that an abstract (summary) is required whether your presentation is a formal talk or an interactive workshop. Please provide the following:

Title: No more than 15 words.

Abstract: Up to 200 words.

Bio: A one-sentence biography of the presenter(s).

We aim to review abstracts and confirm participation by September 24th. A conference web-site will be posted during September with further information including registration details and costs.

Deadline for abstracts: September 1st 2012