

Building Bridges

Forum Program

5 June 2024



Acknowledgement of Country

The Northern Integrated Family Violence Services partnership acknowledges Victorian Aboriginal people as the Traditional Owners of the land on which we provide our services — the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung People of the Kulin nation — and pay our respect to their Elders past and present. We acknowledge that Aboriginal sovereignty was never given up and that we stand on stolen land. We are committed to Aboriginal self-determination and to supporting Treaty and truth-telling processes.

We recognise the ongoing leadership role of the Aboriginal community on gender equality and the health, safety and wellbeing of women and gender-diverse people. As First Peoples, Aboriginal Victorians are best placed to determine a culturally appropriate path to these in their communities.

Acknowledgement of Victim Survivors of Family Violence

NIFVS recognises all victim survivors of family violence, sexual assault, and all forms of gender-based violence.

NIFVS recognises the lived experience, advocacy and courage of victim survivors that shapes the family violence service sector and provides us with the evidence-base for our work. We express thanks and commitment to uphold their stories to inform our work.

NIFVS pays respect to those who have lost their lives due to family violence and the families, friends and communities who have been impacted.



Acknowledgment of Workforces

The Northern Integrated Family Violence Services partnership would like to acknowledge our practitioners both current and those who have pioneered the sector who have work with both victim/survivors of family violence and with people who use violence in the home. These practitioners have supported people in difficult periods of their lives, and we wish to acknowledge that vicarious trauma has an impact not only on the work force but on their family members. Without practitioners we wouldn't have a service system and we thank these workers every day.



Morning Session – Building Bridges Forum

9.30 – 9.35 am

Welcome

Helen Riseborough (she/her), *Chair of the Family Violence Regional Integration Committee in the Northern Metro Region and CEO of Women's Health in the North*

9.35 – 9.40am

Acknowledgment of Country, Victim Survivors and Workforces

9.40 – 9.50am

Opening Address – Helen Riseborough

9.50 – 10.05am

Keynote Speak

Lizette Twisleton (she/her), Head of Engagement at *No To Violence* (Peak Body): 'Setting the Scene': Sector Development for services working with people who use violence.

10.05 – 12 pm

Panel – Service Mapping with Adults Using Violence Services

Moderator – **Pauline Wright** (she/her), Senior Manager, Northern Specialist Family Services at *Berry Street*.

Panellists:

- **Melisa Monea** (she/her), Program Manager, Family Violence at *DPV Health*.
- **Julie Gasparini** (she/her), Acting Senior Sergeant at *Victoria Police*.
- **Gail Kilmister** (she/her), Advanced Family Violence Practice Lead at *The Orange Door NEMA*.
- **Manjula Karunathilaka** (she/her), Motivation for Change Coordinator at *inTouch*.
- **Paula Fernandez Arias** (she/her), General Manager Queerspace at *Drummond Street Services*.
- **Gulhan Ustunol** (she/her), Sector Development Advisor at *No To Violence*.

12 – 12.45 pm

Lunch Break



Afternoon Session – Building Bridges Forum

12.45 – 1 pm

Introductions & Overview: Rotating Case Study Workshops

- Deep dive: Information Sharing Schemes – FVISS and CISS
Led by **3whitehorses**.
- Cultural Safety: Working with Aboriginal communities
Led by **Djirra**.
- Cultural Safety: Working with migrant and refugee communities
Led by **InTouch**.

1 – 2 pm

Rotation #1

Case Study Workshops presented simultaneously in breakout rooms

2 – 2.10 pm

Break

2.10 – 3.10 pm

Rotation #2

Case Study Workshops presented simultaneously in breakout rooms

3.10 – 3.20 pm

Break

3.20 – 4.20 pm

Rotation #3

Case Study Workshops presented simultaneously in breakout rooms

4.20 – 4.30 pm

Wrap Up & Close

