

Supporting Fathers and Respectful Relationships Forum and Workshop as part of the 16 days of Activism 2020.

Supporting Fathers and Respectful Relationships Events:

The supporting fathers and respectful relationships forum and workshop were a series of online events hosted during the 16 days of activism 2020 for professionals and practitioners who work with families, to improve their engagement with fathers and male caregivers and promote positive respectful relationships.

Both of these events were seeded through the promoting healthier masculinities in the east for the prevention of violence against women steering group.

Supporting Fathers & Respectful Relationships Forum

This online forum was one of two father and male caregiver focused events delivered as part of the 16 days of activism 2020. Aimed at supporting practitioners and professionals better engage with fathers the forum included presentations from three expert guest speakers from Queensland University of Technology and Deakin University, followed by a Q&A panel session. The evaluation results of the forum were:

- 60** Professionals and practitioners from across the Eastern Region attended the forum.
- 100%** of attendees noted that they had learnt something new about supporting fathers and promoting respectful relationships.
- 100%** of attendees noted that the content presented increased their awareness of the importance of supporting fathers and promoting respectful relationships.

Supporting Fathers & Respectful Relationships Workshop

The online workshop was the second of the two father and male caregiver focused events delivered as part of the 16 days of activism 2020. The workshop began by showcasing 4 local, exciting case studies of positive work being undertaken across the Eastern Region that engaged and supported fathers. This was followed by a breakout room workshop activity which helped attendees reflect on how they could better support and engage with fathers and male caregivers in their respective communities.

- 30** Practitioners and professionals across the Eastern Region attended the workshop.



Guest Speakers: Dr Karen Wynters (Deakin Uni), Assoc. Prof. Michael Flood (QUT) & Dr Jacqui Macdonald (Deakin Uni)