

**Protection and Prevention:  
WA Inaugural Forced Marriage Conference  
Tuesday 12 March 2019 8.30am – 4.00pm  
Newman Siena Centre, 33 Williamstown Road, Doubleview WA**

**Conference Program**

**Conference Purpose**

An opportunity for sharing information and understanding, for identifying WA support services who may be able to assist those in, or at risk of, forced marriage, and for strategically planning a way to work collaboratively to address the needs of those who are vulnerable to this practice within our communities

**Intended Outcomes**

- Raise awareness about forced marriage
- Build the capacity of organisations and individuals to respond to those in, or at risk of, forced marriage in the broader sector
- Identify risk factors
- Recognise indicators
- Establish common Referral Pathways and ways to work collaboratively
- Inaugurate WA forced marriage network

**Facilitator** Kedy Kristal  
Policy Officer – Women’s Council for Domestic and Family Violence Services

- 8.30am **Registration and Morning Coffee**
- 9.00am **Welcome to Country** by Oriah Green & **Conference Welcome**
- 9.10am **Conference Opening: *Protection and Prevention***
- 9.30am **Keynote Speaker** Dr Carol Kaplanian  
***Understanding and Responding to Forced marriage***  
Carol is a Research Project Officer (Education and Training) for Women’s Health Strategy and Programs. Carol has expertise in the areas of FGM and FDV (CaLD) and extensive experience in culturally sensitive clinical counselling. Carol is employed by the Women and Newborn Health Service
- 10.15am **Roundtable Guided Discussion & Reflection**  
*Reflecting on what we have heard, understand, have experienced*
- 10.55am **‘Brides for Sale’**  
*Video by Sonita Alizadeh, Afghan rapper and forced marriage activist*
- 11.00am Morning Tea
- 11.20am **The Voice of a Survivor**  
Carol Kaplanian to introduce Roia Atmar who will share her lived experience
- 12.00pm Carol to facilitate questions to Roia

- 12.10pm      **Keynote Speaker**      Professor Jennifer Burn  
***The Australian Context: Forced Marriage***  
 Jen is Director of Anti-Slavery Australia and Professor of Law at the University of Technology in Sydney. Jen is an Immigration and Administration Law specialist, lawyer and migration agent.
- 12.45pm      Lunch
- 1.30pm      **Panel**  
***Current government responses to the contemporary practice of forced marriage***  
 Australian Federal Police (Federal Agents Josh O'Connor and Joshua Gilmour), WA Police, WA Department for Child Protection, Australian Border Force, Office of Multicultural Interests, Australian Red Cross (Alenka Jeram)
- 2.15pm      **Shaping WA Responses**  
*World Café*      *Carol Mitchel, JEDO and Shamin Ebrahim, Red Cross*  
 Groups led by community organisations to respond to focus questions relating to Referral Pathways, Prevention Strategies, Support for those in or at risk of forced marriage, Recommendations to take to WA Minister/s
- 3.00pm      **World Café Findings**      *Alenka Jeram, Red Cross*  
*Exploring the outcomes, issues and recommendations*
- 3.50pm      **Moving Forward in WA**      *Kathy Fagan, ACRATH WA Coordinator*  
*Gaining the support of the wider group for the establishment of a WA Forced Marriage Network*
- 4.00pm      **Conference Conclusion**

**Registration by 8<sup>th</sup> February 2019 – limited places!**

Go to - <https://www.trybooking.com/ZUBL>

Registration is just \$35.00 per participant

Enquiries please contact Liz Payne – [fm@acrath.org.au](mailto:fm@acrath.org.au)

### **Recommended**

Prior to the Conference we recommend that participants complete the Anti-Slavery Australia free online eLearning Forced Marriage module – [www.antislavery.org.au](http://www.antislavery.org.au)

***This Conference has been planned by members of the WA Inter-Agency Group, Women's Council for Domestic and Family Violence Services, JEDO and the AFP, together with Professor Jennifer Burn of Anti-Slavery Australia and Dr Carol Kaplanian of the Women and Newborn Health Service***