

Seminar 1

25 Feb 10

9.00am-2.00pm

venue: multicultural centre for women's health
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'Points of Departure': Building Advocacy for Immigrant and Refugee Women.

What will participants learn by attending this Seminar?

The first MCWH Seminar for 2010 will focus on the settlement and health-related challenges faced by immigrant and refugee women from both established and newly arrived communities. How our knowledge of these issues influences advocacy will also be explored. The seminar will also underscore that for effective advocacy to be achieved, the voices of immigrant and refugee women must be heard.

Who will benefit from participating in this Seminar?

Health and allied professionals, welfare and community development workers, social workers, teachers, students and those with an interest in the health and wellbeing of immigrant and refugee women.

★ Guest Speakers

Dr Pauline Gwatorisa is a Health Promotion and Research Project Officer at MCWH. Pauline has worked extensively with marginalized African communities, advocating and lobbying for their inclusion in mainstream development. Dr Gwatorisa holds a BSc (Honours) degree in Sociology and Masters in Medical Anthropology. She has completed a PhD (Public Health) from The University of Melbourne.

Pauline's presentation will focus on the settlement and health-related challenges faced by immigrant and refugee women, and how our knowledge of these issues influence our advocacy work. She will draw on her experience working on the MCWH 'Points of Departure' advocacy project.

Hatice ('Hutch') Hussein is the Manager of the Advocacy, Innovation & Marketing (AIM) Unit at Spectrum Migrant Resource Centre. Hutch's background is in social work. Thus far in her career she has worked with at risk young people, domestic violence victims, adults with mental health issues, refugees and migrants, and, whilst in London, in foster care. She was a Ministerial Adviser to Mary Delahunty, the then Victorian Minister for Education. In her 'spare time', Hutch volunteers at a range of organisations which aim to empower women to make a difference in public life. She is also the Honorary National Co-Convenor of EMILY's List. Hutch is a recipient of the Vincent Fairfax Ethics in Leadership Fellowship and was also a Founding Board Member for the Women's Rights Action Network Australia (WRANA).

Hutch will discuss the settlement and health-related challenges faced by immigrant and refugee women in Australia. Her presentation will draw on Spectrum MRC's thirty-year's experience in this area. This will include reflecting on projects which Spectrum MRC has undertaken to empower women to overcome their challenges and develop opportunities for self-advocacy. How NGOs can advocate with and for these women will also feature in her presentation.

★ Register!

To enrol in the MCWH 'Points of Departure': Building Advocacy for Immigrant and Refugee Women Seminar, please fill in the form below and mail or fax to MCWH.
Please note: registrations due by Friday 19 February 2010.

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