

Seminar 1

23 Feb 12

9.00am-2.00pm

venue: multicultural centre for women's health
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Getting to Know Your Rights: Human Rights Education for Immigrant and Refugee Women

What will participants learn by attending this Seminar?

The first seminar of 2012 will focus on sharing experiences for developing human rights education programs tailored to immigrant and refugee women. It will explore effective strategies for human rights education including the use of story sharing as a method for enabling women to make sense of human rights issues and problems in relation to their day-to-day lives. The challenges of MCWH's Sharing Our Stories (SOS) Project will be covered; stories by immigrant and refugee women will be featured.

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

Farida Sultana QSM holds a MBA from the Auckland Institute of Studies (AIS), St Helens. Originally from Bangladesh, she founded *Shakti* the first ethnic women's refuge in New Zealand. For over 15 years Farida has been working with immigrant and refugee women advocating for their human rights and for positive social change. She is the co-author with Shila Nair, of *Purple Dandelion*, an account of her struggle against violence and oppression. Her work includes conducting cross-cultural training internationally for various organisations including governments and NGOs.

Her presentation will cover cultural and human rights from an immigrant women's perspective; oppression including the barriers immigrant and refugee women encounter will also be discussed.

Megan Wong holds a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology and Chinese Language (Monash University) and is completing a Postgraduate Diploma in International Development (LaTrobe University). Since starting work at MCWH in August 2011 she has been responsible for the Sharing Our Stories Project which highlights the importance of raising human rights awareness for immigrant and refugee women to increase their capacity to take action if faced with a violation of their rights.

Megan will present on the key themes and concerns from the project's education sessions, including domestic violence, sexual and reproductive health, racial discrimination, and gender-based power imbalance. The difficulties immigrant and refugee women face when adjusting to Australian laws will also be covered.

★ Register!

To enrol in the MCWH 'Getting to Know Your Human Rights: Human Rights Education for Immigrant and Refugee Women' Seminar, please fill in the form below and mail or fax to MCWH.

Please note: Places are limited. Registration is due by Wednesday 15 February 2012. Payment is due by Wednesday 22 February 2012 (upon receipt of invoice).

★ your contact details

name:

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\$88.00 per person (includes lunch and GST)

number of attendees: total:

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Thank you, we look forward to meeting you at the seminar!