

## **LEADERSHIP, EVALUATION AND SUSTAINABILITY (LEAS) NETWORK UPDATE FEBRUARY 2011**

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A summary of your Council / Organisation's recent engagement with preventing violence against women. **9<sup>th</sup> December – 9<sup>th</sup> March 2011**

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- Submitted an expression of interest along with Brimbank & Wyndham City Council as a cluster for PVAW model development funding
  - White Ribbon Working Group developed an action plan for 2011
  - Updated the Maribyrnong PVAW Web-page and resources
  - Participate in the Gender Equity in Local Government working group
  - Met with the family Services Team to discuss trialling Baby Makes 3 – a Whitehorse Community Health primary prevention, healthy relationships 3 part seminar for first time parents
  - Participate in an academic research study exploring the construction and experiences of Women's sexual consent throughout the life stages
  - Participate in the Preventing Violence Together: Western Region Action Plan to Prevent Violence Against Women Network
  - Contribute to the LGPro Marketplace annual conference PVAW information
  - Meet with the sports and leisure department to discuss their respect & equity initiatives
  - Provide support to the family services team to apply a gender lens to their policy and program development
  - Conduct an organisational staff survey (survey monkey) to measure a change in attitudes and behaviours in relation to PVAW

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### **Next Steps / Plans for 2011**

- Develop business case for a fulltime ongoing PVAW position funded through Council
  - Council Communications staff (1 day per week) and Senior Health and Social Planner are developing a public statement to recognise, reflect and promote Councils commitment to PVAW. This will involve 2 leaders lunch style community consultations and an internal focus group.
  - Support Western region Organisations in hosting 'I Am Strong, We Are Strong' International Women's Day Event 1 March at Footscray community Arts Centre – for more information contact Nicola Harte @ Women's Health West 9689 9588
  - Support the diversity team on the Local Indigenous Network steering committee to deliver a 'Respect for your mob and family' project – funded through the Victorian Indigenous Family Violence Strategy Community Initiative Fund
  - Present the Respect & Equity work across council to the new Executive Management Team
  - Support the White Ribbon Working Group to present their work to the new Executive Management Team
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- Apply for sustainability funding through Vic Health for the Respect and Equity project
  - Review the gendered site facilities audit
  - Evaluate and write the Respect & Equity project report

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