

Women's Refuge CONFERENCE 2012



You are invited

To attend the first **International Women's Refuge Conference 2012, Whānau of tomorrow – Building safer futures** to be held in Blenheim on the 26th and 27th of October.

This two day conference brings together some of the most respected international and national academics and practitioners in the fields of intimate partner violence, gender violence in marginalised communities and men, masculinity and law. Of particular note is Prof Michael P. Johnson, Emeritus Professor of Sociology, Women's Studies and African and American Studies at Penn State, USA. His research and expertise has helped shape America's response to domestic violence and intimate partner violence at a State and National level.

Be prepared to meet other key community, government and social sector leaders and discuss with them in 'on the couch' panel sessions the challenges and possibilities for a safe, violence-free country.

Workshops and presentations will highlight new ideas and different perspectives on how to stop domestic violence and work towards creating safer futures for families in Aotearoa.

Distinguished keynote speakers include:

- Marai Larasi MBE – Executive Director, Imkaan
Recognising diversity – Cultural & Ethical considerations
 - Prof Bob Pease – Chair of Social Work at Deakin University Geelong, Australia
Regulating violence against women in Australia: Limitations & Possibilities of Interventions in a Patriarchal State
 - Julia Tolmie – Associate Professor Faculty of Law, Auckland University
Defending battered women against murder or manslaughter charges for killing their violent partners: New Zealand's punitive stance
 - Judge Peter Boshier – Principle Family Court Judge
 - Dr Michael Roguski & Hon Robyn Kippenberger – Pets as Pawns in domestic violence
 - Prof Michael P. Johnson – Distinguishing among Types of Domestic Violence: Research Evidence
 - Inspector Brigitte Nimmo, NZ Police, Situational Response Model
- And many more stimulating workshop presenters and panel contributors.

Full registration includes two days of high level presentations and for a small additional cost a Conference Gala Dinner on Friday night. A full conference programme and links to our on-line registration form is attached. Please visit www.womensrefuge.org.nz for updated information and to register for this conference. We look forward to seeing you there!

Sincerely,

Heather Denise

Heather Henare and Denise Reynolds
National Collective of Independent Women's Refuges



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Speakers



Professor Michael P Johnson

Michael P. Johnson (Ph.D., University of Michigan) is Emeritus Professor of Sociology, Women's Studies, and African and African American Studies at Penn State, where he taught sociology and women's

studies for over thirty years and was designated an Alumni Teaching Fellow, Penn State's highest teaching award. He is an internationally recognized expert on domestic violence, invited to speak at conferences and universities throughout the United States and around the world.

His current research focuses on the implications of differentiating among types of violence in intimate relationships, and he consults regularly with community organizations and government agencies regarding domestic violence policy. He is widely published in scholarly journals, and his work on domestic violence is summarized in *A Typology of Intimate Partner Violence: Intimate Terrorism, Violent Resistance, and Situational Couple Violence* (Northeastern University Press, 2008). Recent papers are available at his web site at www.personal.psu.edu/mpj



Professor Bob Pease

Bob Pease is Chair of Social Work at Deakin University in Geelong. His main research interests are: men's violence against women, global perspectives on men and masculinities, interrogating privilege and profeminist approaches to working with men in the human services

His most recent books are *Critical Social Work Practice: Theories and Practices for a Socially Just World* (co-editor, Allen and Unwin 2009); *Migrant Men: Critical Studies of Masculinities and the Migration Experience* co-editor, Routledge 2009), *Undoing Privilege: Unearned Advantage in a Divided World* (Zed 2010) and *Men and Masculinities Around the World: Transforming Men's Practices* (co-editor, Palgrave 2011). He was also a co-founding member of Men Against Sexual Assault (MASA) in Melbourne and has been involved in campaigns against men's violence against women for many years.



Marai Larasi, MBE

Marai Larasi is the Executive Director of Imkaan, a UK-based national organisation dedicated to challenging violence against Black, Minority Ethnic and Refugee women and girls. She has worked in the Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) field for nearly two decades, at

both operational and strategic levels, and has developed and led cutting edge services and programmes which address gender-based violence within marginalised groups.

Marai's activism, public policy work and overall practice are underpinned by a strong commitment to equality and social justice. She is described as a 'thought-provoking' and 'inspirational' public speaker and has addressed numerous and varied audiences in the UK and internationally, covering a range of themes including VAWG, women's homelessness, and equality.

Marai is the co-chair of EAW (the End Violence Against Women Coalition) and the co-chair of Women's Aid, England. She also contributes to a number of working groups at regional, national and international level.



Professor Julia Tolmie

Julia Tolmie is an Associate Professor at the Faculty of Law, University of Auckland. Prior to taking up her position in Auckland in 1999, she was an academic at the Faculty of Law, University of Sydney for ten years.

Julia has published extensively on a range of issues that affect women in the legal system. She has defended battered women who have been charged with homicide because of killing their violent partners and can speak about women's experiences of negotiating child care and contact through the family court against a background of domestic violence. Julia is currently the Chair of the New Zealand Family Violence Death Review Committee.