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Domestic and Family Violence Innovation Fund Round 2

Arab Council Australia

Domestic and family violence occurs with the same prevalence across all cultural, religious and socio-economic groups in Australia.

From the Ground Up to Equality

As part of the Domestic and Family Violence Innovation Fund Arab Council Australia will develop and implement the *From the Ground Up to Equality* project. This three year project is a whole of community prevention program for the Arabic speaking community aimed at challenging the specific drivers of violence in the Arabic community.

By co-designing the program with the Arab community it will increase the Arabic community leaders' understanding of issues relating to gender inequality and domestic and family violence. It will also help domestic and family violence services have a better understanding of how to effectively support Arabic speaking clients.

What is the project?

The program will run in the Bankstown and Liverpool areas and involve interactive workshops and activities to:

- Identify parts of Arab culture and gender roles that support gender equality
- Challenge strict and stereotypical gender roles and perceptions of masculinity and femininity through activities such as putting men in the shoes of women
- Explore the decision making process and challenging the notion of men being better decision makers
- Explore the benefits of sharing responsibility and improving communication within relationships.

From the Ground Up to Equality will support the NSW Domestic and Family Violence Blueprint for Reform 2016-2021 by preventing domestic and family violence across all communities across NSW.

Further information

For further information regarding *From the Ground Up to Equality*, please contact Women NSW at DFVInnovation@facs.nsw.gov.au or (02) 9248 0800.