



“The Injustice of Intimacy” Podcast series created by the Nundah Neighbourhood Centre and Brisbane North Community Legal Service, launched by the Attorney General and Minister for Justice, Hon Yvette D’ath at Qld Parliament House

On Tuesday the 14th May 2019, The Injustice of Intimacy Podcast Project was officially launched at Qld Parliament House by the Hon Yvette D’Ath MP, Attorney-General and Minister for Justice with Hon Di Farmer, Minister for Child Safety, Youth and Women and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence and Leanne Linard, Member for Nudgee also in attendance.

These podcasts were produced by the Nundah Neighbourhood Centre and Brisbane North Community Legal Service with funding proudly provided by Legal Aid Queensland’s Community Legal Education Collaboration Fund

The Injustice of Intimacy Podcast Project is a series of 5 episodes which aims to answer the question “How do we overcome the challenges for women who seek help for Intimate Partner Sexual Violence (IPSV)?”

This project was a response to the organisation’s work with women who accessed services through the Domestic Violence and Family Support Program and shared their struggles to understand the sexual violence that occurred in their intimate relationship and their frustrations in attempting to get the right help.

Mrs D’Ath congratulated everyone involved in the project.

“This resource creates a roadmap for survivors and professionals to identify when Intimate Partner Sexual Violence is occurring,” she said.

“Domestic and sexual abuse can only be properly addressed with the help of awareness and education.

“I am so pleased that Community Legal Education Collaboration Fund is ensuring that our community legal sectors are able to educate the public about complex legal issues in an accessible and collaborative way.

“By giving a public voice to survivors, the joint collaboration between the Nundah Neighbourhood Centre and Brisbane North Community Legal Centre work will not only help raise awareness, but also help these brave survivors.

“This launch coincides with Law Week, which is highlighting the Palaszczuk Government’s new laws making it illegal for people to share intimate images without consent.

“As part of this legislation, people can face up to three years’ jail for sharing, or threatening to share, intimate images and videos, even if they are photoshopped, without consent.”

Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence Di Farmer commended the Nundah Neighbourhood Centre and Brisbane North Community Legal Service for their initiative.

“We know intimate partner sexual violence is a tool perpetrators use to control their partners through fear, threats and violence,” she said.

“Any unwanted sexual contact is completely unacceptable and this government is committed to making sure all Queenslanders, especially women can live in safety, free from sexual violence and harassment.

“That’s why the prevention of sexual violence must be a focus alongside our work to eliminate all forms of domestic and family violence in our communities.”

Ms Farmer said the government is developing a Sexual Violence Prevention Framework which will set out a clear vision to bring together current policies, strategies, programs and services to prevent and respond to sexual violence.

“Forums have been held across the state and many people with lived experience have been brave enough to share their stories,” she said.

“Their experiences are helping us set priorities for action and guide our future responses.

“I am honoured to add my voice of support to The Injustice of Intimacy Podcast Project as yet another way for those impacted to know they are not alone and help is at hand.”

IPSV sits in the crossroads of domestic violence and sexual assault and is another tactic abusers use to assert or maintain power and control over their intimate partners. It can have significant impacts on the survivor yet it is often under-recognised by workers and the community, sometimes leaving women feeling alone and ashamed about what was done to them.

In each Podcast episode a woman shares her story about recognising and getting help for Intimate Partner Sexual Violence. Listeners will also hear from a range of professionals who have worked with women who have experienced sexual violence in their intimate relationships.

“We chose to do a Podcast series as a Community Legal Education Resource in response to women telling us that accessing information anonymously and discretely was essential when dealing with the issue of Intimate Partner Sexual Violence. The aim of this project was to make an accessible resource for anyone seeking information about IPSV” said Sharon Gingell, Coordinator of the Nundah Neighbourhood Centre and Brisbane North Community Legal Service

Episodes will be released weekly during May as a part of Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Month. They can be found on all major Podcast directories including Itunes and Spotify.

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