

# Whatever it takes.



**WWILD SVP Association** invites you to participate in the **WWILD Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Month Roundtable 2019.**

This Roundtable is designed to bring stakeholders in Brisbane and surrounding regions together to explore the creation of accessible paths to safety for Queenslanders with disabilities experiencing domestic and family violence.

We will also examine how we can work differently to increase accessibility of prevention programs namely, respectful relationships and sexuality education for people with cognitive and intellectual disabilities.

This is an opportunity to meet with people with a disability, representatives from services responding to violence and those working in prevention and education areas to **discuss and plan** what is needed to create real and accessible paths to safety for all Queenslanders with a disability experiencing violence and abuse.

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## Guest speakers include

**People with lived experiences** of seeking safety and support and their views on what would improve access to safety

**Associate Professor Patsie Frawley** will present the findings of *Whatever it takes: Access for women with disabilities to domestic and family violence services*. This research report aims to help tertiary response services to respond effectively to the needs of women with disabilities. It draws on the experiences of women with disabilities who have experienced violence and abuse and have used tertiary response services.

<https://www.anrows.org.au/publication/whatever-it-takes-access-for-women-with-disabilities-to-domestic-and-family-violence-services-final-report/>

**Linda Stokoe** Peer Facilitator and educator and **Dr Amie O'Shea**, National co-ordinator of the *Sexual Lives and Respectful Relationships* program at Deakin University will talk about their work with people with intellectual disability, LGBTIQ people and people with acquired brain injury.



Representative from **Queensland State Government** will provide updates on DFV reform in relation to women with disabilities.



**Date:**

Wednesday May  
15th

**Where:**

**The Edge  
Auditorium  
(ground level)  
State Library of  
Queensland**

**Time:**

10am—2.30pm  
**Registration from  
9.30am**

**RSVP:**

**Friday 10th of  
May**

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## What does it take? - Background

On 28 February 2015, the Premier received the report of the [Special Taskforce on Domestic and Family Violence in Queensland](#), *Not Now, Not Ever: Putting an end to domestic and family violence in Queensland*.

The report made 140 recommendations based on the insights gathered from 5 months of engagement with communities and individuals.

While the vast majority of these recommendations have been brought to life, it is overdue that we focus our attention to what practical measures can be put into place that increase access to safety for women with disabilities experiencing domestic and family violence.

## Bios

**Patsie Frawley is an Associate Professor of Disability and Inclusion at Deakin University.** She is the course director of Deakin's post graduate program in Disability and Inclusion and leads the Sexual Lives & Respectful Relationships program. Her research focusses on sexuality and intellectual disability, abuse prevention and developing accessible abuse response services.

**Linda Stokoe also works at Deakin University in the SL&RR team.** She has 10 years of experience in sexuality peer education, advocacy and rights for people, particularly women, with intellectual disability.

**Amie O'Shea is a Research fellow at Deakin University and the National Co-coordinator of SL&RR.** Following her thesis 'Just a rare girl': Gender and disability in life stories produced with young women with intellectual disability, Amie is a leading researcher in the Australian context of sexuality for women and LGBTIQ people. with intellectual disabilities.

Linda has worked with Patsie and Amie to share her experiences of the SL&RR program. Together they have presented at conferences in Australia and New Zealand on the program and also on a number of research projects looking at access to domestic and family violence services for women with disability.

**WWILD SVP Association** is an organisation based in Woolloowin, Brisbane focused on the needs of people with an intellectual disability who have experienced violence, abuse and exploitation. We are funded by the Queensland State Government Department of Child Safety, Youth and Women to provide sexual assault services and by the Department of Justice and Attorney General to provide Victim of Crime Support Services to people with an intellectual disability. Through both programs WWILD supports people who have experienced violence within intimate relationships, family relationships and other relationships in their domestic environments.

## About The Venue

### Address

The State Library is at Stanley Place, Cultural Centre, Southbank, Brisbane City QLD 4101. The Edge Auditorium is on the Ground Level.

### Is The Edge an accessible building?

Yes, The Edge has external lift access from the ground floor and parking area to Level 1 entrance. There is an internal lift at The Edge for access to all levels and disabled bathrooms are located on both Level 0 and Level 1.

### Parking

The State library has flat fee all day parking for \$17. Closest parking options can be found here <https://www.slq.qld.gov.au/plan-my-visit/hours-transport-access/parking>.

### Public Transport

The state library is a short walk from both the Cultural Precinct Busway Station in Melbourne Street and the South Brisbane train station at the corner of Melbourne and Grey Streets.