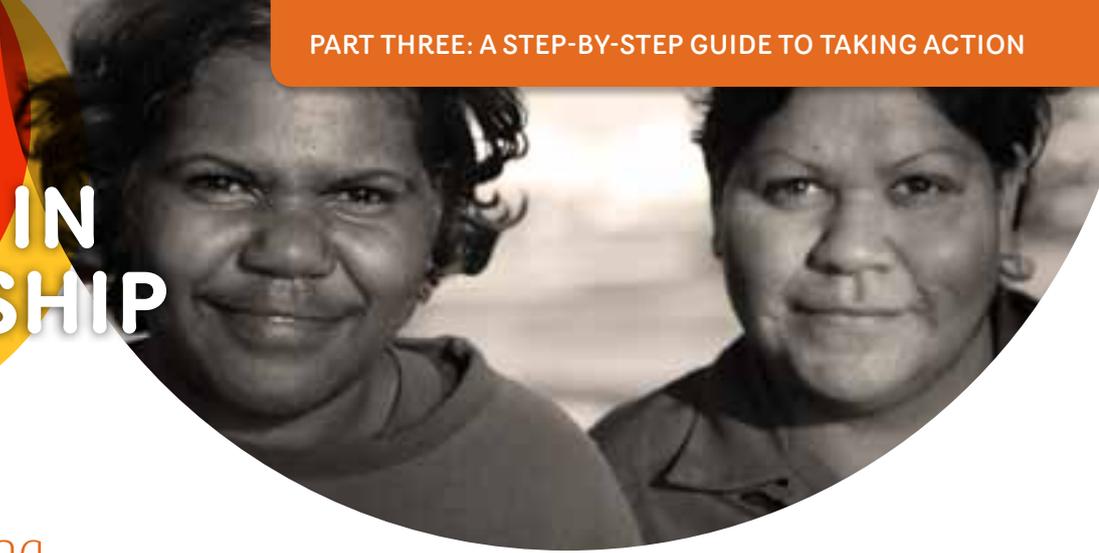


# fact sheet #11. WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP



Effectively preventing violence against women requires collaboration, teamwork and a long-term approach. The best way to get started is to bring together a range of different stakeholders who have a shared interest in the primary prevention of violence against women.

## BRINGING A DIVERSE RANGE OF PEOPLE TOGETHER TO WORK ON AN ISSUE CAN BE MORE EFFECTIVE BECAUSE:

- People can share their different opinions and perspectives, which could lead to new ideas and solutions that were not previously considered.
- Everyone is kept 'in the loop' – this avoids duplication and helps people learn from previous successes and mistakes.
- Everyone can contribute something, so it makes better use of limited funding and resources.

## WHO SHOULD YOU BE WORKING WITH TO PREVENT VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN?

- Domestic Violence Services
- Rape Crisis Centres
- Sexual Assault Services
- Local Government
- Sexual Health Services
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Organisations
- Refugee and Immigrant Support Services
- Youth Groups
- LGBTI Support Services
- Nurses
- Social Workers
- Counsellors
- State Government
- Sporting Clubs
- Police
- Teachers and Schools
- Businesses
- Universities and TAFEs
- Legal services
- Women's Health Services
- Local Radio Stations
- Newspapers



### 1800 RESPECT (1800 737 732)

A free 24 hour national domestic and family violence and sexual assault counselling service for people who have experienced violence, and for workers supporting them.

## ONCE YOU HAVE FORMED YOUR PARTNERSHIP, THINK ABOUT TAKING THE FOLLOWING FIRST STEPS:

- 1 Make sure group members have a thorough and accurate understanding of gender analysis, violence against women and primary prevention. Make plans to conduct any training required by the group.
- 2 Develop the group's Terms of Reference. This document includes things like: who can be a member, the roles and responsibilities of members, the frequency of meetings and the main focus of the group.
- 3 Work towards developing a shared vision for preventing violence against women in your community. If the group is all working towards the same thing, it is less likely that there will be conflict between members.

## RECOMMENDED READING



**Title** Listening to the Stars: The Constellation Model of Collaborative Social Change  
**Author** Lien Center for Social Innovation Singapore  
**Link** [www.lcsi.smu.edu.sg/downloads/MarkSurmanFinalAug-2.pdf](http://www.lcsi.smu.edu.sg/downloads/MarkSurmanFinalAug-2.pdf)



**Title** Collaboration Fact Sheets  
**Author** Australian Research Alliance for Children and Youth  
**Link** Go to the Publications and Resources section of [www.aracy.org.au](http://www.aracy.org.au)



**Title** Online Community Organising Toolkit  
**Author** Kansas Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence (USA)  
**Link** [www.kcsdv.org/toolkit/commorgtoolkit.html](http://www.kcsdv.org/toolkit/commorgtoolkit.html)



**Title** Bridging Gaps – From Good Intentions to Good Collaboration  
**Author** Women Against Violence Europe (WAVE)  
**Link** Go to [www.wave-network.org](http://www.wave-network.org) and follow the 'Publications' link

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