



# MAEVe Melbourne Research Alliance to End Violence against women and their children

## Housing, Homelessness, domestic abuse and Violence against Women and Girls: an international perspective

### Guest speaker: Gudrun Burnett

This event features guest speaker Gudrun Burnett, from the Peabody Association, London and current Winston Churchill Fellow. The Peabody Association is one of the largest London-based housing providers (with over 28,000 properties and 80,000 residents). Burnett has worked in the field of domestic abuse for over ten years and was involved in the establishment of the award-winning national alliance, the Domestic Abuse Housing Alliance (DAHA), which aims to improve housing sector response to domestic abuse through a national accreditation process. As part of her Churchill fellowship, she will be travelling to three continents (USA, Canada and Australia) to learn about best practice in housing and domestic abuse.

Her talk is entitled 'The vital role housing plays in responding and tackling domestic abuse and the Domestic Abuse Housing Alliance (DAHA)'.



**Tuesday 15 November**  
**2-4pm (followed by afternoon tea and networking)**

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## MAEVe OBJECTIVES

Enhance interdisciplinary, intra-institutional, and consumer co-design of research

Strengthen and extend our external collaborative partnerships

Capacity build the field through support and strong mentorship to students and early to mid-career researchers

Develop, test and implement practical models of intervention

Facilitate the open exchange of ideas and resources

Become a research and innovation hub for the prevention and response to violence against women and their children.

## WHY RESEARCH VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND THEIR CHILDREN?

Violence against women is a global problem that is serious, pervasive and preventable. In Australia, one woman is killed by her current or former partner almost every week. 1 in 3 women have experienced violence, and 1 in 5 women have experienced sexual violence since the age of 15 (ABS 2013).

The patterns, dynamics and circumstances in which violence occurs are gendered. Women are three times more likely than men to experience violence at the hands of a partner or ex-partner. Gender-based violence not only affects women, but their children as well. No one should have to experience such violence.

Research has a unique role to play in finding solutions to this problem. MAEVe seeks to harness the University's research capacity towards ameliorating this global problem.

### MAEVe overview

MAEVe is an interdisciplinary research alliance that draws together research and evaluation capacity from across the University, in partnership with community, industry and

government agencies. Our aims are:

- to reduce harm and improve the safety and wellbeing of women, families and communities;
- increase accountability and improve responses to men; and
- prevent violence before it starts.

The work of preventing and responding to gender-based violence is not the domain or responsibility of any one discipline. Only by working together can we create a violence free future.

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