



NETWORK TO  
ELIMINATE  
VIOLENCE IN  
RELATIONSHIPS

## 13th Annual NEVR Conference

May 18<sup>th</sup>, May 25<sup>th</sup>, June 1<sup>st</sup>, June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023

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## About Network to Eliminate Violence in Relationships (NEVR)

### NEVR's Statement:

- The Network to Eliminate Violence in Relationships (NEVR) campaign's purpose is to work towards elimination and eradication of relationship violence within our community
- Community needs and focus are driven by strong research and evidence– based evidence from family violence courts, delineating the incidences of domestic violence, the Ministry of Child and Family Development, and other research– based initiatives
- See resources on website for people suffering from abuse

### NEVR's Mission:

- To lead initiatives to intervene, reduce and ultimately eliminate the incidence of violence in relationships and shift societal norms that condone its prevalence by
  - Creating awareness of and preventing relationship violence through education and leadership
  - Having a community where public/private violence in all forms is not tolerated nor accepted
  - Having a system that provides coordinated support to victims/ offenders in a timely manner to mitigate the impacts of violence

### NEVR's Purpose:

- The purpose of NEVR is to work toward reducing and eliminating violence in relationships in Surrey, British Columbia through coordinated, open, and seamless service delivery, collaboration, sharing of resources among service providers, community leaders, educators and government bodies.

### NEVR's Scope:

- This organization focuses on relationship violence (physical, sexual, emotional, spiritual, and financial) and its effects on all members of the family as well as the cost to society in the Surrey area.

**Thank you for getting together to learn and reflect about the epidemic of relationship violence in the communities we serve.**

NEVR Conference Committee Members:

- Dr. Balbir Gurm, Nursing Faculty, KPU, Founder/Facilitator NEVR
- Dr. Jen Marchbank, Professor, GSWS, SFU
- Belinda Karsen, Education Specialist, SFU, Conference Chair
- Carol Ateah, Registered Clinical Counsellor
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- Kulpreet Singh, Founder of South Asian Mental Health Alliance
- Monika Verma, Executive Director, Dixon Transition Society

Keynote Speakers:

- Linda Crockett & Karen Estabrooks
- Len Pierre
- Dr. John Devaney and Dr. Claire Houghton
- Dr. Balbir Gurm, Deshpal Grewal & Sheila Early



Presenters:

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| • Dr. Jen Marchbank   | • Harsha Walia & Melody Wise                           | • Amanda McCormick, Kim Riddell & Zina Lee |
| • CJ Rowe & Belinda Karsen                                      | • Simran Sidhu   | • Chelsey Lee & Jennifer Wong              |
| • Cadence Almasi & Meredith Crough                              | • Hajar Masoud, Annmarie Griffiths-Senior & Lori Weeks | • Asli Ozer                                |
| • Chelsea Spence, Samantha Grey, & Carmun Mukkar                | • Baltej Dhillon, Gira Batt, & Roger Tweed             | • Jake Stika                               |
| • Alex Sangha, Vinay Giridhar, Jaspal Kaur Sangha & Carol Ateah | • Cori Kleisinger & Tina Miller                        | • Rosy Datt                                |
| • Alana Abramson  |  | • Cecile H. Afable                         |
|   |  | • Larena Dodd                              |
|   |  | • Monika Verma, Shamsa Jessa & Zoe Strazza |



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## Keynote Speakers

### **May 18: Domestic Violence and Workplace Bullying: Prevention, Intervention, Repair and Recovery; Linda Crockett and Karen Estabrooks**

*Learn the definitions, early warning signs, risk factors, similarities between domestic violence and workplace psychological harassment or psychological violence, become empowered with knowledge of your rights and the resources available to you or someone you know.*

**Linda Crockett** MSW, RSW, SEP, CCPA is the founder of the Canadian Institute of Workplace Bullying Resources (CIWBR). A one stop resource available to leaders, staff, and helping professionals for over 12 years. Linda has been in her profession for over 34 years supporting individuals and families through all forms of abuse. Today she promotes psychological safety in the workplace.

**Karen Estabrooks** is a Domestic Violence advocate, consultant, and facilitator and a survivor and thriver of domestic violence. Karen has over 25 years of experience working with diverse groups, solving problems, finding resources, and troubleshooting for prevention of further concerns. She has been a domestic violence podcaster for over 18 months. Karen has become the Canadian Institute of Workplace Bullying Resources, Domestic Violence in the Workplace Specialist. She offers confidential consultations, advocacy, and training sessions for resources involving prevention, intervention, and repair or recovery options for those experiencing domestic violence at home and/or at the workplace.

### **May 25: Indigenous Trauma and Equity Informed Practice; Len Pierre**

*This presentation aims at expanding social perception on the missing context not usually covered in ‘trauma-informed care’ workshops. This session will focus on centering Indigenous perspectives on the change needed and required to go beyond being “informed”.*

**Len Pierre** is Coast Salish from Katzie (kate-zee) First Nation. Len is an educator, consultant, TEDx Speaker, social activist, change agent, & traditional knowledge keeper. He has a Masters degree in Education from Simon Fraser University focusing on Indigenous curriculum and instructional design. His experience includes Indigenous education and program leadership from various organizations across colonial Canada. He specializes in the development of educational programs and services with decolonization and reconciliation as its core values. He comes to us with an open heart and open mind, and hopes to be received in the same way.

## **June 1: Children's Experiences of Coercive Control in the Context of Parental Intimate Partner Homicide; John Devaney and Claire Houghton**

*When a parent is killed by their partner, their children experience multiple losses. One parent is deceased, the other is detained, on the run or has died by suicide, and the home has often become a crime scene. Post-homicide, key decisions have to be made regarding: where children will live; whether they will have contact with the perpetrator; and how to support children in the longer-term. Decisions on these and other issues have far reaching consequences while professionals often have little training/experience, and are often unclear about their role. Caregivers are central support figures, often with little assistance. Extended families often become spaces of contestation. This lecture will explore what we know about these issues and the implications for children in relation to their practical care, and their longer term sense of identity and relationships with significant others. It will look at how the accused often seeks to continue to exert control over their children even after the homicide.*

**John Devaney** is Professor of Social Work at the University of Edinburgh in the United Kingdom. A qualified and experienced social worker, his research focuses mainly on the broad area of family violence, with a particular focus on child homicide, child maltreatment, domestic violence, and the impact of adversity in childhood across the lifecourse.

**Claire Houghton** is a lecturer in social policy and qualitative research at the University of Edinburgh. She has worked in the violence against women sector, and for the Scottish Government. Her research focuses on gender and violence, children's rights, participation, policy-making, and feminist theory.

MAY 18			
8:30 - 9:00 am	Welcome		
9:00 - 9:50 am	Keynote: Linda Crockett and Karen Estabrooks, <b>Domestic Violence and Workplace Bullying: Prevention, Intervention, Repair and Recovery</b>		
9:50 - 10:00 am	Break		
10:00 - 11:00 am	<b>Concurrent Sessions</b>		
	<b>PROGRAMS</b>	<b>PREVENTION</b>	<b>PRACTICE</b>
	Indigo Survivors Project: Bringing together survivors of abuse in the elder queer and trans community  Jen Marchbank	An Overview of Sexual Violence Prevention, Support and Response within the BC Post-Secondary Sector  CJ Rowe and Belinda Karsen	Women's Wisdom: Instilling Dignity into Trauma Therapy through Relational Cultural Theory  Cadence Almasi and Meredith Crough
11:00 - 11:10 am	Break		
11:15 - 12:15 pm	<b>Concurrent Sessions</b>		
	Meet the Producer and Cast of <i>Emergence: Out of the Shadows</i>  Alex Sangha, Vinay Girdhar, and Jaspal Kaur Sangha, with Carol Ateah	Restorative Justice Approaches (Recorded)  Alana Abramson	Colour of Violence: Race, Gender & Anti-Violence Services  Harsha Walia and Melody Wise
12:15 - 12:30 pm	Closing		

MAY 25			
8:30 - 9:00 am	Welcome		
9:00 - 9:50 am	Keynote: Len Pierre, <b>Indigenous Trauma and Equity-Informed Practice</b>		
9:50 - 10:00 am	Break		
10:00 - 11:00 am	<b>Concurrent Sessions</b>		
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	#BlockEmDontShareEm: The Non-Consensual Spreading of Intimate Images  Simran Sidhu	Experiences of women in midlife and older utilizing permanent safe and supportive housing provided by Atira Women's Resource Society  Hajar Masoud, Annmarie Griffiths-Senior, and Lori Weeks	Prevention of Youth Violence: From Research to Practice and Policing  Baltej Dhillon, Gira Bhatt, and Roger Tweed  Cedar Blankets Project: Building Wraparound Supports and Reducing Barriers for Indigenous Women and Children to Transition Houses and Safe Homes  Cori Kleisinger and Tina Miller
11:00 - 11:15 am	Break		
11:15 - 12:15 pm	Project Safe Relationships: Evaluation of a Healthy Relationships Program for Adolescents in Abbotsford  Amanda McCormick, Kim Riddell, and Zina Lee	Dating violence prevention programs: Examining impacts among teens and college students  Chelsey Lee and Jennifer Wong	When Home is Not Safe: Intimate Partner Violence Help-Seeking <u>Behaviours</u> of Turkish Women  Asli Ozer
12:15 - 12:30 pm	Closing		

JUNE 1			
8:30 - 9:00 am	Welcome		
9:00 - 9:50 am	Keynote: John Devaney and Claire Houghton, Children's Experiences of Coercive Control in the Context of Parental Intimate Partner Homicide		
9:50 - 10:00 am	Break		
10:00 - 11:00 am	<b>Concurrent Sessions</b>		
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	The Future of Masculinity  Jake Stika	Trafficking Survivors Are the Agents of Change  Rita Dhungel and Kaleb Suedfeld	Return to Self: Reclaiming Your Power  Rosy Datt
11:00 - 11:15 am	Break		
11:15 - 12:15 pm	Burnout Prevention: Practices for Professionals in the Non-Profit Sector & Beyond  Cecile H. Afable	A Health Care Response to Violence: Fraser Health's Forensic Nursing Services & Embrace Clinic  Larena Dodd	
12:15 - 12:30 pm	Closing		

**JUNE 8**

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8:30 - 9:00 am	Welcome
9:00 - 9:50 am	Plenary Panel: Lived Experiences of Relationship Violence <i>Programs, Prevention &amp; Practice: Past, Present, and Future</i>  Monika Verma, Shamsa Jessa, and Zoe Strazza
9:50 - 10:00 am	Self-Care Break
10:00 - 11:00 am	Keynote: Balbir Gurm, Deshpal Grewal, and Sheila Early, <b>Adverse Childhood Experiences [ACEs]</b> <i>Impact of ACE's and developing resilience</i>
11:00 - 11:15 am	Break
11:15 - 12:15 pm	Keynote: Balbir Gurm, <b>Using brain based research to develop actions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ ACE's Part 2</li> <li>❖ Strategy map through collaboration</li> <li>❖ Future plan and goals for the prevention of relationship violence</li> </ul>
12:15 - 12:30 pm	Closing