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Listen, learn, act.

ANROWS Conference 2025 centres young voices first

14-16 May 2025 | Online & Sydney

Addressing domestic, family and sexual violence in ways that work for children and young people requires centring their voices. How we can do that will be front and centre of the ANROWS Conference this year.

Registrations are now open for 'Listen, learn, act', the ANROWS Conference 2025, held online on 14 and 15 May, with an in-person event in Sydney on 16 May.

ANROWS is Australia's trusted voice on domestic, family and sexual violence. At Australia's only conference of its kind, this event uniquely brokers knowledge for policy and practice through a focus on centring the voices of children and young people.

Policymakers, service providers, practitioners, researchers and advocates will come together to listen to young voices, learn from their lived experiences, and act boldly to integrate their perspectives into policies, practices and systems. They'll also hear from leading national and international experts and advocates, who will share the latest research and innovative approaches to addressing domestic, family and sexual violence with children and young people at the centre. Among the distinguished speakers are Conor Pall, Georgina Dimopoulos, Ben Matthews, Shorna Moore, and Chelsea Tobin, with more to be announced.

Too often, children and young people are overlooked in conversations about domestic, family and sexual violence, dismissed as too young to understand or too resilient to be affected. But this is not the reality. Children are not passive bystanders and the impact of violence does not fade with time - it shapes their future.

ANROWS CEO, Dr Tessa Boyd-Caine said: "Bridging the gap between knowledge and action requires a conscious commitment to acknowledge children and young people, and to actively centre them in practice. At the ANROWS Conference 2025, we will gather with a shared purpose - to centre children and young people at the heart of the conversation about ending domestic, family and sexual violence."

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The evidence is clear: real change happens when we prioritise the voices of children and young people. This is more than a conversation—it's a call to action.

Join us to listen, learn and act.

Registrations for the conference are now open. For more information and to secure your place, visit: **LINK**

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About ANROWS

Australia's National Research Organisation for Women's Safety (ANROWS) is a not-for-profit independent national research organisation.

ANROWS is an initiative of Australia's National Plan to Reduce Violence against Women and their Children 2010–2022. ANROWS was established by the Commonwealth and all state and territory governments of Australia to produce, disseminate and assist in applying evidence for policy and practice addressing violence against women and their children.

ANROWS is the only such research organisation in Australia.