



**Northumbria  
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NEWCASTLE

**Gendered Violence and Abuse: Interdisciplinary Research Theme**

**Changing Public and Professional perceptions of Gendered Violence and Abuse through research and policy implementation**

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2025**

**The Great Hall, Northumbria University**

**Hosted by Northumbria University's Gendered Violence and Abuse Interdisciplinary Research Theme.**

This interdisciplinary conference will focus on how to overcome the challenges and complexities of changing public and professional perceptions of gendered violence and abuse.

The topic is complex and multifaceted, influenced by cultural, social, and economic factors. Despite a growing awareness and concern about gendered violence and abuse, changing public and professional perceptions that lead to better outcomes for victim-survivors remains slow.

This conference will focus on how research and organisational policies on gendered violence and abuse are, and can be, used to bring about changes to practice, delivering better outcomes for victim-survivors.

It will explore the complex relationships between research, policy and practice and will address in relation to gendered violence and abuse questions such as:

- How can academic research and organisational policies effect change in professional practice?
- How can policy-makers, practitioners and researchers collaborate to increase public and professional awareness of gendered violence and abuse in order to prevent and reduce it?
- What kinds of strategies are needed to implement change that is capable of ending gender-based violence?

**PROGRAMME**

09:30	Welcome (Rima Hussein/Angelika Strohmayer, Gendered Violence and Abuse IDRT Leads)
09:45-10:15	Keynote: Ayesha Fordham, Employers' Initiative on Domestic Abuse
10.15-10:25	Q and A (Chair: Sarah Ralph-Lane)
10:25-10:55	Keynote: Professor Parveen Ali, Professor of Nursing and Gender Based Violence with a joint position at the University of Sheffield and Doncaster & Bassetlaw Teaching Hospitals (DBTH).
10.55-11:05	Q and A (Chair: Claire Bessant)
11.05 -11.20	<i>refreshment break</i>
11:20-11:50	Keynote: Steve Russell and Catherine Hinwood, NHS England: Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Programme Director - NHS sexual safety charter

- 11:50-12:00 Q and A (Chair: Claire Dosdale)
- 12:00-12.30 Responders Lab (Australian initiative)
- 12.30 – 12:40 Q and A – (Chair: Kayliegh Richardson)
- 12.40 – 13:30 *Lunch*
- 13:30 – 14:30 Workie Ticket Theatre Company and JoJo Kirtley
- GDVA IDRT seed corn funded projects 2023-4
- 14:30 – 14:45 Paper 1 - 'The Wrong Type' – Kayliegh Richardson and Rima Hussein
- 14:45 – 15:00 Paper 2 - 'Unravelling the anti-feminist backlash of young men to gendered violence and abuse' Cassandra Jones
- 15.00 – 15.10 *Refreshment break*
- 15:10 – 15:25 Paper 3 - 'Harmful sexual behaviours in intimate relationships' Connor Leslie/Amy Newman
- 15:25 – 15:40 Paper 4 - '#WomenSpatialActivism' – Jiayi (Jennifer) Jin and Lucy Grimshaw
- 15:40 - 15:55 Q and A (Chair: Amanda McBride)
- 15:55 - 16:15 Closing remarks (Rima Hussein/Angelika Strohmayer)

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