

# Partners in Prevention

## Evaluation Working Group

### **Proposal:**

That the Partners in Prevention (PiP) project convene an evaluation working group to assist workers in the primary prevention of gender-based violence field to better evaluate their projects.

### **Rationale:**

- Current trend towards 'evidence based' interventions; everyone (policy makers, researchers, agencies) wants to see evidence of the effectiveness of primary violence prevention activities.
- Workers in the youth primary prevention field are often in very part-time positions, feedback from workers suggests that many feel unskilled in the area of evaluation and don't have time or resources to learn about it or create new tools.
- Incorporating evaluation into project design and implementation has the capacity to increase programs' effectiveness.
- Increasing the evidence base will put projects in a better position to attract funding and generally improve our understanding of violence prevention.
- Evaluation creates opportunities for young people who participate in violence prevention projects to contribute their understanding of effective practice.
- PiP is well placed to support workers to evaluate their projects through its existing structures (eg. website, network meetings).

### **Aim:**

- Increase the evidence base for primary prevention of gender-based violence initiatives that target young people.
- Create a suite of resources and an implementation strategy to assist workers in the network to evaluate their projects.

### **Objectives:**

- Convene a group of 6-10 people from the PiP network, government and academia who have an interest in evaluating primary prevention initiatives.
- Identify barriers and enablers to effective evaluation for workers in the field.
- Define appropriate strategies that might be carried out by PiP in consultation with the EWG to support workers to evaluate their projects.
- Select a number of strategies for the EWG to work on with the project coordinator over the next 12 months.

### **Questions:**

Who should be represented?

What sort of things should the group be working on?

What is the best way to ensure clear communication between the EWG and the network?