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Taskforce against DV in Indian and Ethnic Communities

MEETING no 9 28/6/2011, 1 pm.

Combined AISV Taskforce against DV in Indian and Ethnic Communities

Held on 28/6/2011 at THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE, 207 BOUVERIE ST, CARLTON

PRESENT

In Chair- Dr. Manjula O'Connor, Vice President AISV

Vice Chair- Dr. Erminia Colucci

Members - Poonam Aggarwal (DISHA), Alice Beatty (DIAC), Andrea Bliss (JTAFV), Dr Aleya Begum (BANGLADESHI COMMUNITY), Madhu Bhatia (VMC), Marianne Cooklin (JTAFV), Mr. Rakesh Kawra (CGI), Kulwinder Pahal (CHILD PROTECTION SERVICES, MOREWELL), Era Rastogi (DISHA), Dr Rosemary Schwarz (Psychiatrist, FOUNDATION HOUSE), Mr. Javinder Sidhu (TARNIET GURDWARA), Sheiny New (JTAFV) Debbie Weiner (Chair JTAFV),

Apologies- Sonja Hood, NMFC, Roshan Bhandari (inTouch), Bill Sneddon (Lord Mayors Charity Fund)

Minutes of previous meeting

Names omitted were corrected and approved –Additions were Madhu Bhatia, Aleya Begum, Sheiny New, Marianne Cooklin

Report on IWD Presented. Our function was successful, attended by 140 people. It was praised in the Vic Parliament by MP Andrea Coote who was our chief guest. We have \$675 left over.

NEW BUSINESS

The chair welcomed new members- Mr. Jasvinder Sidhu, Mr. Rakesh Kawra, Dr. Rosemary Schwarz, and Mss Kulwinder Pahal.

The main agenda was the WHITE RIBBONS DAY PLANNING

- 1) In Principle plan to celebrate White Ribbons Day together with the Jewish Taskforce, DISHA, Tarniet Gurdwara.
- 2) Date – SUNDAY 27 November, BRUNCH
- 3) Venue- to be SOURCED – Investigations by Marianne, Manjula, Debbie AND anyone else interested, Rakesh Ji The Vice Consul of India said The Consulate of India is free and available but catering for breakfast may be a problem.
- 4) Funding- to be sourced by Marianne, Debbie, Madhu, Manjula from ANZ, NAB, and CBA.

- 5) Application to VMC for grant is already in. Another application to accountant Pitcher Partners is in.
- 6) SPEAKERS- To be conformed
- 7) Dances- Bollywood dancers only all men dancing group and singers.
- 8) Men s dance group to be sourced from Tarniet Gurdwara and Male singer by Poonam and Era, Rajasthani male singer.
- 9) Jewish performers -- sourcing by JTAFV.
- 10) Dr Aleya Begum expressed an interest that the Bangladeshi community will be involved.
- 11) Country Victoria- Morewell will be involved through Kulwinder Pahal.
- 12) Dr Rosemary Scwarz mentioned the interest of The Foundation House representing the survivors of torture.
- 13) NMFC - Dr. SonjaHood hass conveyed to Manjula the interest of NMFC. They can assist with providing speakers and general support. It was in principle accepted by the meeting that we will avail ourselves of NMFC support.

There being no other business the Meeting closed at 2 30 pm.

Next Meeting

WEDNESDAY 17 AUGUST 1 PM,

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