

FORUM: FIRST RESPONSE TO NON-FATAL STRANGULATION

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Speaker's Profile - Erin Giles



Erin Giles is a mother of three beautiful children, living and working in the south of Tasmania, and she is a victim-survivor. She has lived through the experience of violence at the hands of an intimate partner and survived multiple violent relationships. She has also suffered systemic harm, not only during her time in prison, but also through her work as a former sex worker.

She is committed to holding perpetrators of violence accountable, challenging a society that normalises abuse, and demanding accountability from systems and practitioners who fail to act. Her defiance drives her to use her experiences to advocate for young women, both within society and within systems, helping them recognise the early signs of abuse and understand that they deserve safety, respect, and a life free from violence.

Young women need support, guidance, and someone who will stand beside them. My goal is to offer that support, whether inside prison, after release, or out in the community.

Lived experience speaker

Topic: Surviving non-fatal strangulation and the impediments to justice

Erin will speak about her own experience of non-fatal strangulation and the challenges for victim-survivors in understanding the potential short and long-term impacts on personal health. She will talk about her experiences of the systems that were there to support her and the challenges to achieving justice.