

Upholding Dignity For All

Side A

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“Many people use violence so as to maximise the humiliation of the victim....
Many people who perpetrate violence are very aware of the power of humiliation.”

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What surprised you? | What did you appreciate about that? | What might you reflect on?

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Side B



“When you are working with people who have perpetrated violence it is important they are treated with the utmost dignity.... Many people who have used violence deny the violence, or make excuses, partly because they fear you are going to see them as a non-redeemable human....and they are well aware of that... so part of what they do is endeavour to retain their dignity... ”

“With rare exceptions we see violence as deliberate and people who perpetrate violence as already possessing all the skills, awareness and abilities to be completely respectful and non-violent before you have already met them....”

“...Your actions are deliberate and you are responsible for them and we know that you are completely capable of behaving differently. And we can find out that you are capable of behaving differently by looking at your excuses, justifications and denials... because people would not bother to deny it was violence if they didn't know it was wrong...”

“So it's much more dignified to treat men as capable competent social actors...than as people who just are stupid and hapless and driven by forces they don't understand and need us to tell them how to behave. From our point of view that is humiliating and you don't get people to become responsible that way...”

“... and so we treat people as capable...continually drawing the man to his own competency and choice making...”

