

**Creating Conversations Masterclass with Dr Linda Coates and Dr Allan Wade** - Founding members of the Centre for Response-Based Practice, Canada)

## **ADSAFE LTD (SURVIVOR SERVICES) and SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH SOUTH PACIFIC DIVISION.**

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This masterclass was funded by Domestic Violence Service Management (DVSM) as an [Insight Exchange](#) initiative. Insight Exchange centres on the expertise of people with lived experiences of violence and gives voice to these experiences. It is designed to inform and strengthen social, service and systemic responses to Domestic and Family Violence

The masterclass was part of a collaboration with AdSafe Ltd (Survivor Services) and Seventh Day Adventist Church South Pacific Division.

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### **ATTENDEES - MARCH 2019**

#### **26 Individuals**

##### **In Person**

###### **Attendance In person**

- Offender Management and Investigations
- Administration Assistant
- Offender and Investigation Case Manager
- Director Support Services
- Counsellor
- Chaplain Adventist Senior Living
- Senior Case Officer - Offender & Investigation Management
- Pastor/ Chaplain
- Child Protection Investigation Officer
- General Secretary
- Redress Officer
- General Manager
- Executive Director of Education
- Discipleship Ministries Team Member (Women in Ministry)
- Program Officer
- Training
- Admin Asst/PA
- Project Manager
- Senior Case Officer Survivor Support
- Manager
- Counsellor Supervisor
- Safeguarding Services Manager
- Case Officer - Survivor Services
- National Director Adventist Schools Australia
- Compliance Manager

**In person attendees have roles based in:**

- Australia – NSW (13)
- Australia - TAS
- Australia – National (2)
- Australia, New Zealand and South Pacific Islands
- Australia - NSW/ACT
- It is across the territory - Australia and Pacific
- Australia - NSW/Contribute to international programs especially in PNG
- Australia - National & NZ (2)

**Via Zoom****Attendance via zoom**

- Pastor
- TPUM Secretary
- Conference Secretary
- Director of Health and Union Liaison for Women's Ministries
- Departmental Assistant
- Communications and Women's Ministry
- Project Manager
- Youth Director
- Volunteer team leader/ case management
- Case Officer
- Conference Secretary

**Zoom attendees have roles based in:**

- New Zealand (6)
- Fiji
- Australia - National
- Adventist Education - Pacific Islands Territories
- Australia - NSW
- Australia - VIC

## What the session means to me:

Understanding that people that have experience of violence are not helpless, but engage in resistance, and just because it is open unqualified does not mean that it is any less dignified. (Offender Management and Investigations)

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To look for responses, use appropriate language and don't focus only on the feeling. (Senior Case Officer - Offender & Investigation Management)

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I will be consciously aware of the language I use when responding to (1) disclosures of violence (2) inappropriate unilateral statements (media, documents) (3) others who use inappropriate unilateral

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statements. "I am prepared to respond safely and help to guide our church communities to do the same!" Thankyou so much. (General Manager)

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The session reinforced what I started learning a few months ago. The importance of language used and how it will empower or disempower victims, the difference it may have in the court system; the need to change community notions of the language around violence. It helps embed these ideas more firmly in my thinking and vocabulary. Very inspirational, positive and encouraging. (Discipleship Ministries Team Member (Women in Ministry))

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At a personal level I was so deeply challenged to re-evaluate my perceptions and views of victims. At a professional level I am challenged to consider how in an educational context we can be a part of a solution to remove violence from the lives of future generations. Thankyou! (National Director Adventist Schools Australia)

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Very informative and provided a well-reasoned way to look at issues which have historically marginalised victims of abuse. Practically this approach will clearly empower people in the most amazing way.  
(Anonymous)

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**4 Resources from DVSMs [Insight Exchange](#) initiative distributed to all participants:**

- [Follow My Lead](#) – an awareness raising resource
  - [What does safety mean for me?](#) – an example of lived experience of Domestic and Family Violence
  - [Voices of Resistance](#) – one of the 4 narratives of lived experience of Domestic and Family Violence
  - [Guide to Selecting a Counsellor](#)
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