



NAMEN News

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Welcome to *NAMEN News*, the communication with NAMEN Members. We (the board and staff of NAMEN) use this to update you on NAMEN activities and efforts, new resources, and other news from the field of "engaging men and boys."

We welcome your thoughts in inputs on the content and information we share. If you have comments, suggestions or concerns, please contact [Rus Funk](#), Program Coordinator.

What's up with NAMEN

Policy Advocacy Efforts

The purpose of the NAMEN Policy Advocacy Committee is to a) develop NAMEN to engage in direct policy advocacy (domestic and foreign) and b) help develop the capacity of male engagement practitioners to engage in policy advocacy. Our policy advocacy efforts focus on both legislative and administrative policy, primarily focusing on policy advocacy with the US government and agencies. NAMEN is currently working with partners in Canada to help develop Canadian Policy Advocacy efforts.

The Policy Advocacy Committee is currently identifying the various bodies in the US that provide support, guidance and restrictions for Male Engagement efforts (primarily the Office on Violence Against Women, the Centers for Disease Control, and the Family Violence Prevention and Services Administration) to

identify and outline the guidance and restrictions, the theoretical premise behind this guidance and restrictions, and the degree to which this guidance and restrictions is aligned with global recommendations and lessons learned.

Learn more about our policy advocacy efforts by [going here](#); and contact [Rus Funk](#) if you'd like more information or are interested in joining the committee.

NAMEN Program Committee

NAMEN is growing our Program Committee. The purpose of the Program Committee is to work with the Program Coordinator to develop the resources and services offered by NAMEN. The current focus is:

- Producing monthly “member meetups” (which encourage relationships amongst and between NAMEN members)
- Organizing skills-building webinars (a goal of producing one a quarter)
- Organize Communities of Practice Series (2 during the rest of 2020)
- Manage the member “Resource Hub” and share practice-based resources with members

If you are interested in exploring joining the Program Committee, please contact [Alan Heisterkamp](#), Co-Chair of the Program Committee, or [Rus Funk](#), Program Coordinator.

News from the Field

COVID 19

COVID 19 continues to dominate our field and our attention. Many of us, as advocates, practitioners and activists, find COVID 19 to be a major disruption to our efforts to engage and mobilize men for gender equality. In addition to diverting necessary attention and energy away from issues of equality and justice, but the current pandemic has meant that our work is often significantly harder, and we find ourselves more tired, distracted, and stressed.

NAMEN encourages you to support yourselves as you continue to do the work you're engaged in. These are unprecedented times and as such, we're facing unprecedented pressures and challenges. Please let [us know](#) how NAMEN can be of better or more support!

Massacre in Nova Scotia



Most of you have heard, no doubt, about the massacre that was perpetrated in Nova Scotia -- an attack that reportedly killed at least 22 people. Reports indicate that the gunman started his attack by killing his ex-girlfriend and her current boyfriend. Reports further suggest that there was a history of domestic violence between the gunman and this ex-partner. This massacre, the deadliest mass murder in Canadian history, is yet another example of the links between domestic violence, traditional masculinity and mass and other forms of murder.

In response, White Ribbon Campaign in Canada issued a [call to men](#);

NAMEN shares in the grief of this act and holds the survivors, the loved ones of the survivors and victims, and the community as a whole in our hearts. We also stand in solidarity with White Ribbon Campaign, Next Gen Men, and other efforts in Canada to promote gender equality and gender justice.

NOTE: NAMEN does not publish the names of people who perpetrate horrendous acts of violence such as this. We do not believe in providing them additional notoriety for their acts.

Resources

Call to Action

[The \(US\) National Day of Awareness to Commemorate Missing and Murdered Native Women and Girls - May 5th](#)

Articles and Reports

[Gender Responsiveness is Key to Leaving No One Behind in Covid-19 Pandemic](#)

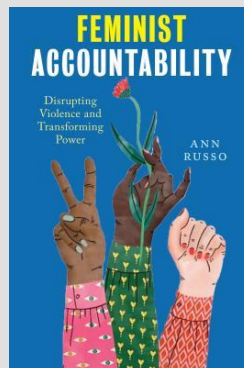
[Handbook: Addressing Violence and Harassment of Women in the World of Work](#) (ILO, UNWOMEN, 2019)

A comprehensive, based handbook examining the dynamics and offering concrete solutions to addressing and preventing gender-based in work environments. This report does a great job of attending to “informal work” (a place where a majority of women work and a space that is increasing is share of the global work space) is its analysis.

Of particular interest to NAMEN readers is likely Chapter 7, “Tackling gender inequalities, discrimination and social norms that underpin violence and harassment.” In this section, they identify “promising practices” on training in work-place settings about harassment; and a small section on efforts to engage men in combatting harassment.

This handbook provides concrete and accessible examples of practices from around the world to respond to harassment, address those who perpetrate harassment, and prevent harassment.

Books



Feminist Accountability: Disrupting Violence & Transforming Power by Ann Russo (2019 New York University Press).

This critical and far-reaching book defines feminist accountability in an intersectional context. Focusing on the *practice* of accountability, Russo focuses on what feminist-based accountability looks like in efforts to prevent and reduce gender-based violence and how we can best do so in ways that advance gender, racial and sexual justice. This is a powerful book that answers some long-standing questions about what it actually means to act accountably.

Last Note

NAMEN is reliant on your support for our efforts and growth. Please invite your friends,

colleagues and others to [join NAMEN](#), and consider making an additional [donation](#) to support NAMEN as we continue to grow in our efforts and effectiveness.

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