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# DISRESPECTING LGBTI IDENTITY - A UNIQUE FORM OF ELDER ABUSE

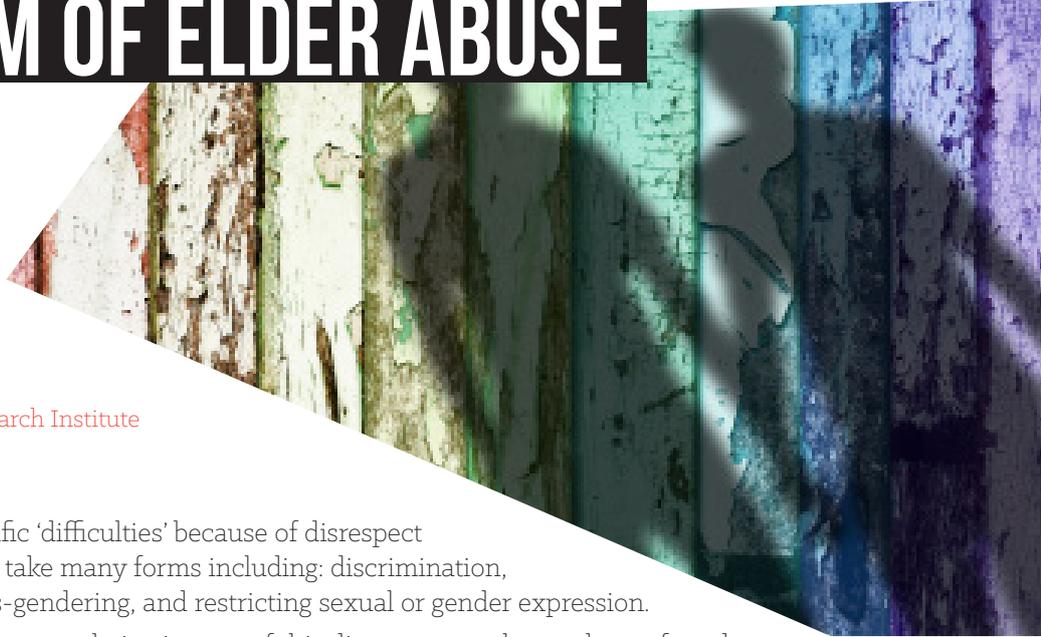
## WORKSHOP HOSTED BY

LGBTI & Elder Abuse AAG SIGs

## PRESENTERS INCLUDE

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Older LGBTI people may face specific 'difficulties' because of disrespect for their LGBTI identities. This can take many forms including: discrimination, exploitation, phobic comments, mis-gendering, and restricting sexual or gender expression.

After a lifetime of discrimination, the cumulative impact of this disrespect can be profound. However, these experiences are often not named as '**elder abuse**' by LGBTI elders, their families and friends, government agencies or service providers.

In 2018, the government announced the development of a **National Plan to Combat Elder Abuse and an LGBTI Ageing Action Plan**. To inform the implementation of these plans, we need to understand the nature of LGBTI elder abuse and begin to develop policy and practice responses.

This workshop will begin with brief overviews of current research:

- ~ Dr Catherine Barrett will present on **The Tango Project** – a Victorian initiative that has explored the difficulties LGBTI elders experience.
- ~ Dr Luke Gahan will present on the **Australian Elder Abuse National Research Stage One: Strengthening the Evidence Base** – findings from the LGBTI workshop.

This will be followed by a panel of LGBTI elders sharing stories about their peers that will help participants to understand the lived experience of LGBTI elder abuse. This 'third person' format acknowledges the emotional cost of asking LGBTI elders to relive the trauma of their own abuse.

Participants will then break into smaller groups for tabletop discussions about potential policy and practice responses that could inform the implementation of the National Plan to Combat Elder Abuse and the LGBTI Ageing Action Plan.



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