

Maree Crabbe has developed, Reality & Risk, a violence prevention project that supports young people, parents, schools, government and the community sector to understand and address the influence of pornography. By getting people to talk about pornography and its impact on young people, Reality & Risk aims to:

- **Encourage young people and the broader community to critique the messages about men, women and sex conveyed in mainstream pornography**
- **Promote understandings of gender and sex that are based on concepts such as mutual respect, equality, communication and consent**
- **Encourage and equip people across a broad range of levels of influence – from parents, teachers and youth workers to school and community leaders to senior government staff and politicians – to address the influence of pornography**

This seminar will provide an analysis of pornography's influence and explore how it may be addressed in the prevention and treatment of sexually abusive behavior.

Readily available and aggressively marketed online, exposure to pornography is now mainstream. Porn has become a default sex educator for many young people. Its influence is shaping sexual expectations and norms, with serious implication for young people's capacity to understand and negotiate free and full consent, mutual response and gender equality. Pornography also commonly portrays and reinforces harmful racial and gender stereotypes that reinforce prejudices and create conditions for other injustices to thrive.

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