



NAMEN News

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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 Consultant.

What's up with NAMEN

The MenEngage Symposium

NAMEN is focusing our efforts on the NAMEN Symposium Kick-off Event planned for Nov 30 and Dec 2. Plans call for two 4-hour days of webinars and presentations which focus on “decolonizing our movement.”

As a part of this event, we'll be sharing a Draft *State of the Field* Report for critical feedback and inputs. This *State of the Field* Report is based on a review of male engagement efforts in Canada and the US in an attempt to identify current trends and themes of efforts to engage and mobilize men, lessons being learned, any gaps that might exist, and capture a sense of where we could be going as a movement. As a part of the process, NAMEN is seeking critical input from key women feminists and other engaging men organizations. We'll integrate this input into the final version that will be released in

early 2021.

As a part of the symposium, [The Program Committee](#) will host a 2-part workshop, the first on Dec 2, and the 2nd soon thereafter (Date TBD). The first of these will be a panel discussion with key women advocates, the second be with a panel of key male advocates.

NAMEN Board Retreat

The NAMEN board is also hard at work planning for a Board retreat in December, A part of this retreat will include inviting new members to the Board, as well as a review of the draft Policy Strategy, and the draft Program Strategy. Stay tuned for more information!

Advocacy Updates

The NAMEN Policy Advocacy Committee is focusing our efforts on crafting a plan to help develop the capacity of NAMEN and activists in this region to engage in meaningful advocacy. As a part of the Global Alliance Advocacy Working Group, we are working on plans to throughout the spring for a series of webinars and other events designed to develop these capacities in this region, and to align our efforts in Canada and the US with the global advocacy efforts of the Alliance as a whole.

If you are interested in joining the Policy Advocacy Committee, or learning more about our efforts, contact [Rus Funk](#), Chair.

Membership

The next *Member MeetUp* is scheduled for Nov 19, 3:00 - 4:30 Eastern time. The focus of this member meet up will be to share with you the draft *State of the Field* Report. As described above, this will be a part of the critical reflection of this report, so your feedback and input will be invited as a part of this conversation; and the feedback will be integrated into the final version of the Report.

News from the Field

A Call to Men offers a 2-day training institute for [Racial and Gender Justice](#).

Promundo, along with several other partners, have launched the [Parental Leave Task Force](#); the vision of which is to “help create a world in which dads are enabled and empowered to take parental leave, so the benefits of men’s care and greater gender equality are felt at home, at work, and in society more widely.”

Resources

A Call to Men recently released the [Book of Dares: 100 Ways for Boys to be Kind, Bold and Brave](#).

On Sept 30, Gov Newsome of California signed into law the [Gender Equity in Education Act](#). Among its core protections, SB 493 requires California colleges and universities that receive state financial support to:

- Implement trauma-informed and transparent processes for responding to complaints of sexual harassment and violence to ensure a prompt and equitable process for all students involved;
- Provide notice so that students are aware of where to report and the process that will follow, as well as notice of counseling resources in the school and community;
- Implement training for school officials on trauma informed practices, implicit bias, and the history of systemic racism in school discipline.
- Respond to off-campus incidents where they could interfere with a student's access to education or create a hostile educational environment on campus.

Media Education Foundation announces the release of [the Man Card: White Male Identity Politics from Nixon To Trump](#) -- which it is making available for free through Election Day. "Donald Trump's staggering popularity with white men, especially white working-class men, didn't come out of nowhere. It's the culmination of a 50-year strategy by the right to target white men at the very core of their identities."

The Man Card, is by award-winning author Jackson Katz and co-directed by Peter Hutchison.

The [Ohio Men's Action Network](#) (A member of NAMEN) launched a new social media campaign on Oct 1: *OH MAN Healthy Masculinity Campaign -- Know Better. Do Better. Be Better.* Glenn Harris, OH MAN Coordinator, describes this campaign as "designed fo young men and boys, and for professionals and other influencers who work directly with young men and boys, to transform harmful gender norms, establish gender equality and learn active bystander skills."



The campaign is offered in three phases;

1. The first phase will focus on encouraging young men and boys to be active in the National, State, and Local elections with an additional goal of building a Statewide branded identity for OHMAN. In conjunction with the first Presidential debate in Cleveland tomorrow, we are launching the voting phase NOW.
2. The second phase will introduce sexual and domestic violence prevention related themes to inspire young men and boys to become vocal and active in ending gender-based violence in their communities.

The third phase will launch early 2021 and will focus on bystander intervention skills and coincide with the launch of their *NEW VIRTUAL Playbook: Standing Strong to Promote Non-Violence*.

WomenDeliver recently released "[A Gender Equal World is Healthier, Wealthier and Possible.](#)"

Articles/Reports

Common Justice released this article in July: [To produce safety, we must understand what drives violence](#) "Safety is not produced primarily by force. Safety is produced by resources, by connection, by equity and by reciprocal accountability among neighbors."

The *Guardian* reports that "[Most girls and and young women have experienced abuse on line](#)" (Oct 5, 2020).

PLAN International released this report (June, 2020) that is a "[Snapshot of the impact of COVID-19 on Women and Girls Rights and Sexual and Reproductive Health.](#)" (57 pps).

Sexual and Reproductive Health Matters released special issue of their journal [Exporting the Harm: Impact of the expanded Global Gag Rule on Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights.](#)

The World Economic Forum released "[COVID-19 has worsened Gender Equality: These Charts Show what we can Do About It.](#)"

Webinars

[APolitical is offering a free webinar "It's a movement not a moment: How to continue the push for racial justice" on Oct. 20, 10:00 - 11:00 Eastern time.](#)

Videos

"[Breaking Free from Outdated Rules](#)" (for men and boys) 2020 from Vic Health. A Short vid for men about the "outdated rules" of manhood and encouraging boys and men to break free from these norms. Based on and for

Australian context.

“[Breaking Free from Gender Stereotypes](#)” (for teachers, coaches and youth workers). Part of the same campaign but for a slightly different audience.

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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