



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

All of our attention is focused on [our regional symposium](#) which is occurring on Nov 30 and Dec. 2. It's not too late to register for this free event!

NAMEN is also continuing to develop the *State of the Field* Report. This report offers a scan of the efforts in Canada and the US to engage and mobilize men and boys to prevent gender-based violence, identifies key themes as a result of this scan, and offers some recommendations for moving forward in our movement.

NAMEN is organizing 2 roundtable conversations with community-based activists on Dec 2 (as a part of the regional symposium) and on Dec 9 to engage in a critical conversation about the draft of this report. See more about these roundtable conversations and [register to attend here!](#)

Lastly, NAMEN is planning a Board Retreat for early December. During this retreat, a new slate of Board members will join the Board. We'll report more information here in the next issue!

Advocacy Updates

NAMEN's Policy Advocacy Committee is participating with the Global Advocacy Working Group (AWG) to craft the advocacy content for the Global Call to Action that will be released at the end of the Symposium. Capturing insights from the various elements of the Global Symposium, the AWG will be crafting the elements of the Call to Action focusing on policy and political advocacy. In the coming days, look for a call for participation from the AWG to engage with the process of crafting the Global MenEngage Policy Call to Action!

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

News from the Field

The main news from the field is on the [Global MenEngage Ubuntu Symposium](#) which launched earlier this month, and will continue for the next 7 months. Events are planned every week on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, with a plenary event planned for Wednesdays and side events on Thursdays. Throughout the Symposium, regional and cross-regional meetings are going to be held to encourage opportunities to deepen our work both within our regions and across our regions. If you haven't already, you're encouraged to register and take part!

In case you missed it, here is a recording of the [inspiring opening plenary](#)

A Call to Men is launching their "Spheres of Influence" initiative. [Learn more here.](#)

Men Stopping Violence appoints [Aaron Sampson as their new Executive Director.](#)

Men Stopping Violence also announces their next "[Men at Work](#)" Curriculum Training, Feb 24 - 26, 2021. "Men At Work: Building Safe Communities" is an innovative and multi-disciplinary curriculum that: explores male violence against women in an accessible manner, challenges men to take responsibility for their actions, and provides the educational experiences necessary to become allies in ending violence against women. This three-day training provides participants with the knowledge and tools needed to implement Men at Work.

Resources

Check out the "[Boys Don't Cry](#)" campaign from White Ribbon Campaign

Articles/Reports

[The Future of Advocacy](#) (Women's Major Group: Creating a Just and Sustainable Future), Nov 2020 (14 pages)

...detailing how feminists are adapting their advocacy tools in response to a virtual world when not everyone is online. Our hope is that this briefer will support our members and allied feminist networks in continuing to adapt their advocacy to ever-changing circumstances as well as raise important questions around inclusivity, systemic barriers, and the future of advocacy.

[“Self Care isn't enough: We need community care to thrive”](#) by Heather Dockray *Mashable* May, 2019

(Ed NOTE: as we wrap up 2020, and the disaster of a year we've all been through, it's worth attending to caring for ourSelves and each other. We're designed to be in relation with others, and this article examines some of the limitations of many of the common self-care rhetoric and practices).

[“Why do we still have ‘girl stuff’ and ‘boy stuff’”](#) by Lisa Selin Davis. *New York Times* Nov 18, 2020.

Upcoming Webinars

[“How do we go from Imagining A World without Violence to Building it”](#) Dec 8, 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM Eastern Time. Hosted by PreventConnect

[“Unrecognized Depression in Young Males: A Review of the Research and Recommendations”](#) Dec 8, 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM Eastern Time. Hosted by the Partnership for Male Youth

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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