



SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH

CONVERSATIONS ON ONLINE SEXUAL VIOLENCE

**MAY 26 & 27 1-3PM
VIA ZOOM**

**MAY 26 - PANEL ON COMMUNITY
BASED SUPPORT**

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The Ontario Coalition of Rape Crisis Centres (OCRCC) is proud to announce a virtual mini- conference during May, Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

Conversations on Online Sexual Violence is taking place on the afternoons of May 26th & May 27th, 2021.

About this conference

In our increasingly digital world, online sexual violence has many impacts. This online conference looks at the experiences of online sexual violence survivors and considers strategies for supporting survivors by Sexual Assault Centres, community organizations, and other allies.

This online conference is for: sexual assault centres, community-based workers, sexual violence and gender-based violence advocates, school-based professionals, sexual violence survivors and allies, youth workers, shelter staff and volunteers.

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Join us for this important two-part conversation:

May 26th 1-3pm

Join us for a panel discussion on what a community-based response to online sexual violence can look like. The discussion will include panelists from Ontario Sexual Assault Centres and other community organizations who work with survivors of online sexual violence.

May 27th 1-3pm

Join us for a webinar on digital safety from an expert in the field of online safety. Learn to identify and minimize risks from the perspective of survivors living within a digital environment and use a trauma-informed perspective in online sexual violence prevention strategies.

Zoom Support

Our sessions will be hosted on Zoom, with the link being sent out via email about a week before the event. Please check your junk folder and contact itsupport@sexualassaultsupport.ca if you have any issues.

- All participants are muted during the live sessions. Cameras will be turned off for all participants except for presenters and event hosts.
- If you have a question for session presenters, please type into the Q&A box at the bottom of your Zoom application.
- If you are experiencing technical issues with Zoom please let us know by typing into the chat box.
- There will be counsellors in locked Zoom rooms should you need to talk. Please indicate in the chat or via DM to one of the organizers.

Self Check Guidelines

1- Tone and Body Language

2- Stay on topic/Make concise statements

3- Check you privilege

- a. We all come with relative societal privileges and oppressions based, in part, on our experiences with race, gender, and class. Be aware of how this affects what you say and what you do.

4- Step back, Step up.

- a. Notice how much you raise your hand and/or speak. Be aware of others who have not spoken and the environment in which they would feel comfortable to do

5- No offense/ defence.

- a. Meetings are not about winners and losers nor personal attacks. Be sensible about the intentions of others by giving them the benefit of the doubt.

6- Respect the role of the facilitator

7- We are in this together.

- a. These meetings would not happen if the people in them weren't committed to similar ideas and held similar values. Keep in mind that this is a joint effort that requires a healthy, positive, give and take atmosphere.

Wednesday, May 26th, 1-3pm EST

Panel Discussion

What can community-based responses to online sexual violence look like?

Moderator

Deb Singh (OCRCC Chair)

Panelists

Cynamin (TRCC/MWAR)

Cynamin is a peer counsellor, public educator and advocate who is passionate about working with individuals and communities to end sexual violence. For the past 18 years she has been providing crisis intervention, individual and group counselling, and advocacy as well as delivering education and prevention workshops on sexual violence, consent and bystander intervention. Cynamin's passion lies in building community and working with systems to create justice for all survivors of sexual violence.

Shannon Seeraj (WSN York Region)

Shannon Seeraj is the Public Education Coordinator at the Women's Support Network of York Region, where she develops workshops and training related to sexual violence, human trafficking, gender-based violence among others. Shannon also establishes new partnerships for the agency, recruits, and trains new volunteers for a number of roles at the center.

Wendy DeSouza (ReAct Youth Program)

As the ReAct Youth Program Coordinator at METRAC, Wendy De Souza supports a team of Peer Educators to develop and deliver inclusive youth programs and trainings on healthy relationships and gender-based violence.

There will be time at the end for audience questions.

Thursday, May 27th, 1-3pm EST

Webinar

A look at digital safety from an expert in the field of online safety.

Description

In this workshop we will look at digital safety issues relevant to survivors of sexual violence. We will explore ways to identify tech abuse, as well safety tips and resources for individuals on managing digital safety. We will also cover strategies for organizations to create and support a safe(r) digital experience for staff, volunteers, and support seekers.

Presenter

[Paula Wansbrough](#)

Paula Wansbrough works on web-based projects with non-profits, primarily in Ontario's women's sector, including OCRCC. She is also the Provincial Program Coordinator at Luke's Place where she manages their websites, oversees resource development and is instrumental in their online training initiatives.



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