

Ambassador Q&A

Greg Yee

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This month we speak with long serving White Ribbon Ambassador Greg Yee, who explains the connectivity between his professional role and responsibilities as an Ambassador over the years.



What is your day job?

I have been a family therapist, supervisor and trainer, with a special interest in family violence for the past 26 years.

How long have you been a White Ribbon Ambassador?

I have been a White Ribbon Ambassador for approximately 10 years.

Why did you decide to become an Ambassador?

As a family therapist, I have witnessed the devastating long term impact of family violence on those abused. Without denying that other perpetrators exist, men remain the most common and most damaging perpetrator of family violence. It is not right that only women confront this behaviour and this issue. This is men's work, and I feel responsible to play my part. Being a White Ribbon Ambassador is one aspect of that responsibility.

In what ways have you been involved in the White Ribbon Campaign?

As a White Ribbon Ambassador, I have been a speaker at several White Ribbon Day breakfasts. Additionally, through my work I do a lot of training with professionals who engage with clients exposed to Family and Domestic Violence, and I see it as part of my role to highlight to them the impact that patriarchy plays in the perpetration of this violence.

Why is Gender Equality important to you as an Ambassador?

In my view, much of the violence that occurs in the home arises from the sense of male privilege and entitlement that our patriarchal societies have fostered. Ending patriarchal family violence can only occur by shifting these entrenched beliefs and attitudes. It is a move from structured imbalance of power in favour of men over women towards a structure of equality, i.e. different and equal. Correcting the imbalance of power will address the misuse of power.

What goals do you hope to accomplish as an Ambassador in the future?

As a White Ribbon Ambassador, I think my skills and experience lend themselves to having a role in facilitating conversation with men around issues such as gender imbalance and the masculine identity. I think I can contribute to help build understanding about family violence, its impact and the factors that contribute to it occurring

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