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# Domestic and Family Violence Innovation Fund Round 2

## **2Connect Youth & Community**

Early adulthood is a time when the risk of violence is high, but also one when there is great potential to support young people to establish equitable, respectful non-violent relationships.

#### **ReThink! Anti-Violence Project**

The ReThink! Anti-Violence Project will address negative and poor knowledge and attitudes that underpin domestic and family violence affecting young people, with a focus on culturally and linguistically diverse young people.

As part of the Domestic and Family Violence Innovation Fund 2Connect Youth & Community will deliver over three years a youth-led respectful relationships initiative, involving peer educators. It will facilitate knowledge and skills improvement, and changes in attitudes and behaviours among young people.

### What is the project?

As part of this project young people from culturally and linguistically diverse communities will be trained as anti-violence youth leaders who will educate their peers and communities on:

- the nature and causes of domestic and family violence
- the law
- harmful effects
- where to get help
- healthy and respectful relationships
- social norms.

The youth leaders will be co-designing the project to make sure it is age and culturally appropriate. It will be delivered in the Georges River, Bayside and Sutherland areas.

ReThink! Anti-Violence Project will support the NSW Domestic and Family Violence Blueprint for Reform 2016-2021 by intervening early and preventing domestic and family violence.

#### **Further information**

For further information regarding *ReThink! Anti-Violence Project*, please contact Women NSW at <a href="mailto:DFVInnovation@facs.nsw.gov.au">DFVInnovation@facs.nsw.gov.au</a> or (02) 9248 0800.