

FEMFATALES WORKPLAN 2017 – 2021

People living with HIV remain central to the HIV response

Femfatales will -

- Collaborate and assist women to take on key roles across treatment, prevention and peer support utilising their unique expertise
- Utilise a combination of digital communication modalities (email, videoconferencing, blogs, texting, Facebook, surveys) to communicate, collaborate and network, thereby resulting in an increased capacity to share strategies and resources
- Develop a framework of key contacts to enable timely distribution of relevant women specific information, events and updates
- Encourage women's leadership role in the Australian prevention response
- Continue to build and promote the profile of our National Day for Women Living with HIV (NDWLWH) on 09 March annually
- Advocate for broad national support across HIV jurisdictions, and link with key workers working directly with women and their families
- Contribute to a Quality of Life and wellbeing tool/measure
- Advocate for increased awareness and solutions to address the gender divide
- Maintain close links with the Positive Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Network (PATSI) and relevant future networks or groups.

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Effective and innovative collaboration with Government to benefit people living with HIV

Femfatales will -

- Strive to follow peer-based, best practice and inclusive approaches in all policy and legislation
- Provide leadership and policy advice that models and demonstrates meaningful engagement with WLHIV
- Promote that we as WLHIV provide unique perspectives and are effective contributors in decision making on policy, health reform and national debate
- Extensively promote the NDWLWH through various government, health and education departments seeking an annual commitment to endorse, engage and highlight the value and significance of national awareness campaigns
- Monitor and ensure that a gender lens is applied to collaborations with governments
- Ensure there are not gaps in federal or jurisdictional governments' understanding of the notion of 'peerness' and the benefits of a peer-based response
- Ensure that governments acknowledge and respect women's rights, and empower women to speak out and champion leadership roles

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Effective and innovative collaboration with HIV community partners, researchers and clinicians

Femfatales will -

- Continue building on processes to further engagewomen, their voices and unique experience
- Explore flexible approaches to reach women in all their diversity through new and innovative partnerships
- Advocate that clinical trials are gender inclusive and women are provided with options
- Ensure that women's experiences with treatments are profiled and considered from a human rights and evidence-based perspective by researchers and clinicians
- Advocate for the inclusion of WLHIV in qualitative and quantitative research on issues that particularly affect them as members of the body positive.
- Reinforce that all partners can refer to NAPWHA and Femfatales links and sites specific to WLHIV for their health issues and information, and that Femfatales is recognised as a valued source and voice of WLHIV
- Sustain our long term membership of the Australian Women's Health Network (AWHN)