

Silent Tears

'Without stories ,
there is silence.

Without stories told,
we are voiceless.

Without our stories heard,
we are invisible.

It is even harder,
when the stories are
hard to hear
and impossible to imagine.'

- Belinda Mason

Invitation to Silent Tears

Centre for Social Innovation in New York
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18 March 2016, 6:30pm – 9:30pm

The Silent Tears Project is co-hosting a parallel event with the Australian Government, as part of the 60th session of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women in New York, USA. The event provides a unique opportunity to use content from the multi-media exhibition Silent Tears to create a platform on which to convene an expert panel to discuss the violence against women with disability and sustainable and inclusive approaches to preventing and addressing violence against all women.

Silent Tears is a multi-media exhibition by internationally renowned photographer Belinda Mason, and emerging artists Dieter Knierim, Margherita Coppolino and Denise Beckwith. The exhibition reveals the lived experience of 20 women with disability who were subjected to violence and women with disability who have acquired disability caused by violence.

The power of Silent Tears lies in the hands of those who participate in it; women with disabilities who have subjected violence and women who have disabilities caused by violence. Some of the participants will be attending the event. Audiences can expect to be immersed in the participants' experiences to stimulate a deeper understanding of the diversity of violence, discrimination and survival. Some of the participants will be attending the event.

Panellists include:

Chair: Alison Aggarwal, Australian Human Rights Commission
Stephanie Ortoleva, Esq. President, Women Enabled International
Dixie Lock-Gordon, Senior Community Access Worker, Women Legal Services NSW, Australia
Denise Beckwith, Disability Consultant, Silent Tears
Elizabeth Lockwood Ph.D CBM Representative at the United Nations, New York

Refreshments will be available.

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