



## Women's Conference 2018



In keeping with this year's conference theme '**Together We Can**' the PSA Women's Council Committee has chosen to partner with a number of non-for-profit organisations using our collective power to support women, across the state, nationally and internationally.

### **An Oral History Project of Women in Australian Unions** - Sarah Kaine, Associate Professor UTS

The PSA/CPSU NSW has donated to this important historical project and wants to hear from our members. The project focuses on women's lived experiences since 1968. To date, prominent figures such as Jennie George and Meredith Burgman have been contributors, as well as everyday workers and union members. For more about the Oral History Project click on the link [HERE](#) to listen to ABC Radio National interview with Sarah Kaine:

### **What you can do?**

- » Be part of history and tell us your story at women's conference
- » Alternatively, contribute to the project. Click on the crowd funding link [HERE](#).

**Women who contribute to such an important historical project may be eligible for a prize.**



As many of you would know Share the Dignity is a women's charity that makes a real on-the-ground difference to homeless women and victims of domestic violence. 'Share The Dignity' collects thousands of





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pads, tampons and personal hygiene products every year for women experiencing homelessness and poverty. Small dignities make a big difference and gives another woman peace of mind.

### What you can do?

- » Support Regional and Metro NSW women
- » Bring along new toiletries from your home or hotel room
- » Run your own dignity drive at your workplace or in your community

[www.sharethedignity.com.au/donate-pads-tampons/](http://www.sharethedignity.com.au/donate-pads-tampons/)



A national not-for-profit organisation in Australia focused on Endometriosis education and awareness of this debilitating disease facing Australian women today. Studies suggest that endometriosis affects 5-10% of women in Australia and 176 million women worldwide. Alarmingly the average delay in diagnosis is seven years.

### What can you do?

- » Listen to our Endometriosis Partner Donna Ciccia address conference
- » Speak to Endometriosis representatives, on level 11 to find out more for your daughters, sisters, friends, aunts and mothers
- » Go [HERE](#) to find out more information or the links below:

[Research](#)

[Donate](#)

[Get Involved](#)





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[www.upliftbras.org](http://www.upliftbras.org)

For women in disadvantaged communities, such as the south Pacific, a bra is often unobtainable or unaffordable.

This project collects new and second-hand bras and sends them wherever there are requests.

Often the bra received through Uplift will be the only bra that woman owns.

What Uplift project needs are bras in good condition, including crop top style. So before you pack to come to Conference have a look in your wardrobe and so you could donate any of the items listed below:

Size 8-16 A-DD cup

E cup plus

Mastectomy Bras and Breast form (protheses)

Underpants, new

Size 18+ A-DD cup

Nursing bras and reusable nursing pads

Swimwear any size

Fabric Nappies, second hand or new

### What can you do?

If you don't have a bra to donate, could help with the cost of shipping, each bra costs 40 cents to ship.

[www.upliftbras.org/donations.html](http://www.upliftbras.org/donations.html)

Raise free funds for Uplift each time you shop online

[www.shopnate.com.au/charity/uplift](http://www.shopnate.com.au/charity/uplift)





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### Union Aid Abroad APHEDA

The overseas humanitarian aid agency of the ACTU



Australian People for Health, Education and Development Abroad, also called Union Aid Abroad, is the overseas aid agency of the Australian Council of Trade Unions, established in 1985.

Union Aid Abroad has more than 40 training projects, working through 30 separate project partners in 15 countries, assisting many different communities in Southeast Asia, the Pacific, the Middle East, Southern Africa and the Caribbean. Support for these projects comes from many individual union members throughout Australia, the Australian Council of Trade Unions (ACTU), unions and workplaces, as well as from the Australian government aid agency, DFAT.

APHEDA priorities for our international work are in four areas:

- » Trade union development and safety at work
- » Women's rights and feminist movement development
- » Migrant worker's rights and exploitation
- » Climate justice and energy transition.

#### What can you do?

- » **Join APHEDA and** find out more about APHEDA latest news & campaigns:  
[apheda.org.au/](http://apheda.org.au/)
- » **Attend events:**  
[apheda.org.au/fundraise-for-apheda/](http://apheda.org.au/fundraise-for-apheda/)
- » **Support APHEDA campaigns:**  
[apheda.org.au/our-work/asbestos/](http://apheda.org.au/our-work/asbestos/)

#### Collections boxes

Collection boxes can be found on Level 11, PSA House, 11-12 September 2018. At the end of Conference, we will bring together all the donations to show **'Together We Can'**.

