The Whanganui Family Violence Intervention Network alongside Brain Injury Whanganui, as organisers’ of the 2024 International **Traumatic Brain Injury Conference- Across the Spectrum of Interpersonal Violence**, invite expressions of interest from individuals and organisations wishing to present at the Conference. Depending on the number of successful expressions of interest, presenters will have between 20 - 90 minutes to present.

The Conference will take place at the Whanganui War Memorial Conference Centre on Thursday 21st March and Friday 22nd March 2024. The Conference organisers’ invite expressions of interest focused on the short and long-term outcomes/ identification, assessment, and diagnosis/ treatment and prevention of TBI’sacross the spectrum of interpersonal violence, including intimate partner violence, familial violence, violence against children and young people and community violence. We invite a range of contributions to the Conference and a diversity of methods and approaches, including panels, lived experience, discussion groups, workshops, and academic papers. We want to hear from the disabled community, Whaikaha Māori, and those with lived experience as well as practitioners, clinicians, policy makers, activists, academics, and researchers.

**Possible topics include (but aren’t limited to):**

* Traumatic Brain Injuries and intimate partner violence, facilitators, and barriers to seeking help.
* Impacts of impact- repercussions of TBI’s caused by interpersonal violence.
* Resilience and post-traumatic growth among survivors of intimate partner violence-related brain injury.
* How to support people/whānau who have to rebuild and restore healthy relationships with the survivors of TBI
* Traumatic Brain Injuries caused by interpersonal violence and the intersection with mental health and addictions.
* Kaupapa Māori research and models- insights into prevention, treatment, and rehabilitation of TBI’s caused by interpersonal violence.
* The head as tapu- cultural assessments of traumatic brain injuries in Māori caused by interpersonal violence.
* Traumatic brain injuries acquired by violence in institutions (prisons, mental health facilities) the long-term repercussions.
* Traumatic Brain Injuries caused by Interpersonal Violence and the intersection with the Criminal Justice System.
* Traumatic Brain Injuries caused by domestic violence and the links to Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy.
* Impacts of attitudes and behaviours of practitioners/medical staff towards traumatic brain injuries in survivors of interpersonal violence.
* Identification, assessment, and diagnosis of traumatic brain injuries caused by Interpersonal Violence, guidelines for practitioners.
* The causes and effects of Interpersonal violence and traumatic brain injuries in youth.
* The Impact of traumatic brain injuries caused by familial violence on children’s learning, development, behaviour, and other outcomes in the short and/or long-term.
* The risks of developing other medical conditions after traumatic brain injuries caused by interpersonal violence.
* Understanding and supporting the impacts on the people in the lives of survivors of traumatic brain injuries caused by interpersonal violence.
* Traumatic brain injuries caused by interpersonal violence and the complexities with the intersection of trauma.
* Traumatic brain injuries and perpetration- how to support people with traumatic brain injuries who use violence.
* Strangulation, traumatic brain injury and sexual assault in the context of intimate partner violence.
* Risk assessment and the signs, symptoms and dynamics associated with strangulation in the context of intimate partner violence.
* Lived experience of surviving a traumatic brain injury caused by interpersonal violence.
* Intimate partner violence and the role of Te Aorerekura in prevention of traumatic brain injuries.
* The role of colonisation in experiences of interpersonal violence and traumatic brain injuries in Māori.
* Paramedic response and care of intimate partner violence and resulting traumatic brain injuries.
* Intimate partner violence and traumatic brain injuries in the LGBTQIA+ communities and the intersection of stigma and discrimination in treatment and recovery.
* The role of community-based support networks in the intervention and rehabilitation of survivors of traumatic brain injury caused by interpersonal violence.

**Guidelines:**

Proposed expressions of interest should be no more than 500 words and meet the following requirements:

* Include a brief working title (we accept your title may change in the lead-up to the conference).
* Outline briefly what your presentation will cover and how you will present it (e.g. interactive discussion or training, presentation of research findings).
* Indicate how long you believe your presentation will take (note there is a minimum of 20 minutes/ maximum of 90 minutes for presentations).
* Identify whether you would be happy to share a session with another presenter presenting on a related topic or whether you require the whole session slot.
* Outline who will be presenting and, if more than one presenter, the names of each presenter.
* Include a brief biography for each nominated speaker which includes, at least their name, job title/role and organisation.
* Indicate whether you have any IT requirements (e.g., whiteboard, projector, screen, sound system, microphone etc.).

The details can be in the body of an email or included as an attachment to your email.

Expressions of interest should be emailed to the Conference organiser, Lorraine Sheenagh (Whanganui Family Violence Intervention Network Coordinator) at [vin@jigsawwhanganui.org.nz](mailto:vin@jigsawwhanganui.org.nz)

Expressions of interest must be received by close of business on Friday June 2nd, 2023.

You will receive an acknowledgement of your expression of interest, however, notice of acceptance will only be sent after the closing date of June 2nd, 2023. We expect to notify all successful presenters within two weeks of the deadline.

For more information, please contact the Conference organiser, Lorraine Sheenagh at vin@jigsawwhanganui.org.nz