Respectful Relationships Unit

About Us
The Respectful Relationships Unit (RRU) focuses on the prevention of sexual harassment and sexual assault in the ANU community. As part of the University’s commitment to building a safe and respectful community we drive positive, sustainable change through evidence-based education and cultural change.

Our Services
The team provides a variety of professional services to all members of the ANU community seeking to learn about sexual harassment and assault and engage in cultural change processes.

1. Specialist consultation
We support ANU communities who would like to enact a holistic approach to gender equality and violence prevention. This work relies on ongoing engagement and strong partnerships. See overleaf for details.

2. Education and training
The RRU designs and facilitates a variety of education and training opportunities that cover topics such as understanding and responding to sexual violence, bystander intervention, consent and healthy relationships. We also design bespoke training sessions that respond to specific community needs. Please visit our website or get in touch via our email address for further detail.

3. Events
Throughout the year the RRU hosts important conversations and awareness raising opportunities. These events bring together lived-experience, experts and diverse voices for inspiring and insightful perspectives of sexual violence prevention on campus and within vulnerable communities.

TAKE NOTE
Previously the RRU supported members of the ANU community who had experienced sexual harassment and/or assault. In 2021 this specialist service was relocated to the newly formed Student Safety and Wellbeing team where expert Case Managers can provide confidential and comprehensive support. Find out more about these services: anu.edu.au/students/health-safety-wellbeing

ANU LGBTIQA+ Ally Network
The RRU also hosts the ANU LGBTIQA+ Ally Network. This network is made up of a group of staff and students who are committed to providing an inclusive and respectful environment for people who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex, queer and asexual (LGBTIQA+). The RRU provides training, hosts events and facilitates networking and support opportunities on behalf of the collective.
Sexual harassment and sexual assault are examples of gender-based violence. The drivers of this violence are deeply embedded in culture and society. Prevention is possible but requires a whole of setting approach. Below is a framework that outlines how ANU can work to prevent such violence. The RRU provides specialist consultation and advice to ensure ANU communities take evidence informed, strategic action in building safe and inclusive environments on campus.

**Goal**
To prevent gender-based violence, at and through universities

**Key Levers**
How universities can make change:
- Values and Behaviours
- Structures and Policies
- Culture and Norms

**Domains**
Where universities can create change:
- Student Life
- Teaching & Learning
- Workplace
- Research
- Business & Operations

**Foundation**
Support services are in place for people already experiencing violence

REFERENCE: EDUCATING FOR EQUALITY – A WHOLE OF UNIVERSITY APPROACH, OUR WATCH, 2021

**CONTACT**
Want to find out more about the RRU or our training, events and services? Connect with us.

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