

The Truth About  
**VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN**  
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CONFRONTING and TRANSFORMING MALE VIOLENCE  
IN ALL ITS FORMS

## CALL FOR PAPERS

The Conference Secretariat of the VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN Conference 2008 (VAW08) invites you to submit an abstract for consideration to be presented at this important international Conference.

### BACKGROUND

### HOW IS THIS CONFERENCE ON VIOLENCE DIFFERENT FROM OTHER CONFERENCES?

There have been numerous national and international conferences on the subjects of domestic violence, the abuse of children, and the sexual exploitation of women and children. **But whenever the subject of violence comes up we tend to skirt around the main issue—that most of the violence against women and children is perpetuated by males.** Some people get defensive and cite the exceptions to the rule (women who are violent), while others talk about the fact that men who are violent were victimized themselves.

***Our belief is that we will never bring about the changes that must occur, we will never transform the patriarchy into a more benevolent and kind/just system of social organization until we name the problem—that we live in a world that trades on violence against women and children.***

The **Truth About Violence Against Women Conference** will look at the violence women and children experience on this planet at the hands of men. This includes abuse of all kinds—verbal, emotional, physical and sexual. It includes sex trafficking and prostitution. It includes poverty, lack of services, pornography, the media and advertising, discrimination, trivialization, cosmetic surgery. We will not get bogged down with the exceptions or the causes.

**The aim of the Truth about Violence Against Women Conference 2008 is to create a cauldron of possibility** where women can bring forth their ideas and research, their stories and experiences, so that women can have a solid

grounding to work from. We will create a rich compost of information, inspiration and insight from which outcomes will self seed and blossom creating pathways for women to follow and find healing for themselves and others.

## **ABSTRACTS**

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