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ABORIGINAL FEMINIST, CELESTE LIDDLE IN CANBERRA TO DISCUSS WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP

Date: 14 August 2017

This Wednesday 16 August, Arrernte woman, renowned Aboriginal feminist, unionist, and social commentator, Celeste Liddle will talk women's leadership at the University of Canberra's Ann Harding Centre.

This is the third event in YWCA Canberra's She Leads In-Conversation series, to be emceed by Wiradjuri woman and YWCA Canberra Vice President, Sarah Burr.

The conversation will highlight the leadership challenges that Aboriginal women continue to face in our communities, society and workplaces, and point to solutions for the future.

Ms Burr says the unique voices and experiences of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women are largely absent from mainstream conversations about feminism and equality, and this must be addressed in order to make meaningful progress.

"Celeste and I share a profound appreciation for First Nations feminism, and I look forward to the opportunity to hear her thoughts on what it means to be an Aboriginal feminist, and how this contradicts and intersects with more western ideals" Ms Burr said.

Frances Crimmins, Executive Director of YWCA Canberra added that it is crucial that conversations about gender equality and women in leadership are inclusive, diverse, and accessible to all members of the community.

"Understanding the challenges and barriers to leadership that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women face is an important step towards achieving gender equality and women's empowerment.

"This event celebrates the voices of Aboriginal women leaders in our community, who are still suppressed in public discourse today," Ms Crimmins said.

Event details:

Date: Wednesday 16 August

Time: 6pm

Venue: Ann Harding Conference Centre at University of Canberra. Tickets

Tickets and more information is available at <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/she-leads-in-conversation-with-celeste-liddle-and-sarah-burr-tickets-36576783143>

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Celeste Liddle, Sarah Burr and Frances Crimmins are available for interview.

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Media are invited to attend the event. Contact Eliza.Hughes@ywca-canberra.org.au to secure a free media pass.

About Celeste Liddle: Celeste is an Arrernte Australian woman living in Melbourne. She is the current National Indigenous Organiser for the National Tertiary Education Union (NTEU). Celeste blogs personally at Rantings of an Aboriginal Feminist and is particularly interested in education, politics, and the arts.

About Sarah Burr: Sarah is a Wiradjuri woman living in Canberra. She is an Executive Level Adviser at the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet working in Indigenous Affairs, and a committed Board Director and Vice President at YWCA Canberra, member of the ABC Advisory Council, and member of the World Economic Forum Global Shapers Canberra Hub.

About YWCA Canberra: YWCA Canberra is a feminist, secular, not-for-profit community organisation that has been providing community services and representing women's issues in the Canberra community since its establishment in 1929. YWCA Canberra employs more than 300 staff across the ACT, and delivers 30 quality programs in children's services, community development, housing, youth services, women's leadership, advocacy, and training. Represented in 122 countries, the YWCA has a global reach of 25 million women and girls. As part of this international movement, YWCA Canberra works for a world where reconciliation, justice, peace, health, human dignity, freedom and care for the environment are promoted and sustained through women's leadership. For more information visit:

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