

WHY FATHERS' CARE MATTERS: ENABLING GENDER EQUITY IN CARE AND WORK

**Be a part of setting the research and policy agenda.
Join us in Canberra.**

Fathers' participation in caring for young children provides life-long opportunities for fathers, their partners and children. However, there continue to be entrenched social and structural barriers to fathers' equal participation in care (e.g. only 2% of Australian fathers access government paid parental leave as a primary carer).

The goal of this forum is to share our knowledge of why fathers' care matters and what barriers limit fathers in combining work and care. We welcome input from policy makers, industry experts, researchers, and the general community to generate a range of possible solutions.

FEATURING

Industry and Policy Panel Discussion

Led by **Emma Walsh**, founder and CEO of Parents at Work. Panellists include representatives from **Westpac**, the **Workplace Gender Equity Agency (WGEA)**, **Deloitte**, and the **Department of Social Services**.

Fathers' Perspectives Panel Discussion

Dr Amanda Cooklin (La Trobe University) and **Dr Liana Leach** (ANU) lead a discussion with fathers about the challenges of combining work and care. Hear from **Thomas Docking** (founder of Dads Groups) and **Robert Sturrock** (guest writer Women's Agenda).

Other Guest Speakers

Dr Jennifer Baxter (Australian Institute of Family Studies)

Associate Professor Richard Fletcher (Fathers and Families Research Program, University of Newcastle)

Professor Lyndall Strazdins (National Centre for Epidemiology and Population Health, ANU)

Professor Jan Nicholson (Transition to Contemporary Parenthood Program, La Trobe University)

August

09

TIME

9:00am - 4:00pm

VENUE

University House Common Room

1 Balmain Crescent
Acton, ACT 2601

This forum is sponsored by the ANU Gender Institute and the Judith Lumley Centre at La Trobe University.

REGISTER NOW

<https://why-fathers-care-matters.eventbrite.com/>

Registration is essential as places are limited.

Cost: Free

MORE INFORMATION

Dr Lou Farrer

T (02) 6125 8859

E louise.farrer@anu.edu.au