

# Forum: Criminal Abuse in Religious Institutions - Opportunities for Restorative Justice

Friday 13th March 2015: 9.30 to 4.00pm

REGISTER NOW: [igff@igff.com.au](mailto:igff@igff.com.au) or IGFF office 9326 5991

\$60 VARJ Members or \$80 non VARJ members

*Complimentary attendance available – please contact IGFF*

**Multicultural Hub, 506 Elizabeth Street, Melbourne**

(Tram 55/57/59 stop opposite Queen Victoria Market)

Refreshments/morning and afternoon tea provided – Lunch choices nearby

In Good Faith Foundation (IGFF) with the support of Victorian Association for Restorative Justice (VARJ), is hosting a forum on **current institutional responses with potential for restorative practice** in the area of abuses by clergy, religious, spiritual and lay leaders. Experts and participants will consider: critical interventions to support survivors; independent legal assistance for civil & criminal pathways, therapeutic & pastoral care, submissions to the national Royal Commission, professional liaison with Victoria Police SANO Taskforce and SOCIT. Presenters confirmed to date include:

**Rob Hulls, Director of The Centre for Innovative Justice, RMIT**

**Dr David Moore, VARJ President**

**Dr Alikki Vernon, VARJ Vice President**

**Angela Sdrinis, Principal of Angela Sdrinis Legal**

**Fr Kevin Dillon AM, Pastoral Minister to victims**

**Helen Last, Pastoral Advocate, CEO of In Good Faith Foundation**

**Neil Woodger, Clinical Psychologist, advisor to Psychologists**

**Nigel Denning, Counselling Psychologist, Integrative Psychology**

**John Hendry OAM, Director of Student Welfare, Geelong Grammar School**

**Representatives from government, police, welfare and survivors' advocacy organisations**

Program includes:

- Interfaith case studies, Christian, Jewish and Eastern faiths
- RJ values and principles to motivate
- Strategic planning to achieve institutional change
- Best practice models: Defence Abuse Response Taskforce

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