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## Silent Tears Exhibition and Panel Discussion

**Time/Date:** 6.30pm-9.30pm, Friday, 18 March 2016

**Venue:** Centre for Social Innovation, 601 West 26th Street

**Speakers:**

- > Ms Alison Aggarwal, Principal Advisor, Australian Human Rights Commission (Chair)
- > Ms Donna-Jean Nicholson, Senior Advisor, Economic Security, Office for Women
- > Ms Stephanie Ortoleva, President, Women Enabled International
- > Ms Denise Beckwith, International Disability Consultant, Silent Tears exhibition
- > Ms Belinda Mason, Photographer, Silent Tears exhibition
- > Dixie Link-Gordon - Senior Community Access Worker, Women Legal Services NSW, Australia

**Concept:**

The Silent Tears exhibition acknowledges that violence does happen to people with disabilities and that violence also causes disabilities. This event provides a unique opportunity to use content from the exhibition to create a platform on which to convene an expert panel to discuss violence against women and girls with disabilities and the intersections of culture, gender and other forms of discrimination.

The Silent Tears exhibition is the result of four artist's exploration of twenty women's' stories from four continents and six countries using a variety of photographic techniques and multi-media. Led by photographer Belinda Mason, and supported by artists Dieter Knierim (video), Margherita Coppolino (documentary photographer), and Denise Beckwith (documentary).