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Half the Sky Screening & Panel Discussion “Event to Ignite Change” *100 Women*

Philanthropy advocates *100 Women* are hosting a screening of the documentary *Half the Sky* at the State Library of Western Australia on 12 August. Following the screening the audience will be treated to a panel discussion with experts who will share their views on the issues discussed in the film and how we can make a difference to the lives of women and girls. Guest panelists for the event are Rabia Siddique – *100 Women* Ambassador; Rachelle Towart – CEO of the Indigenous Leadership Centre; Professor Alison Bartlett – Chair of Gender Studies, University of Western Australia; and Conrad Liveris – Writer, Researcher and Advocate.

Half the Sky is a compelling depiction of the injustices the world's women and girls face every day. The book by the same name, by Nicholas Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn, has inspired many organisations to commit to action, including *100 Women* in Perth. The *Half the Sky* movement is revolutionary in having a positive focus in the face of horrific and endemic human rights abuse of women and girls on an international scale, highlighting the opportunity for impactful change through grassroots initiatives.

100 Women anticipates this event will raise awareness and shine a light on issues that are too often kept in the dark. “By creating a space where people can learn and hear from experts, we can ignite more conversation about gender based discrimination and violence,” said *100 Women* Advisory Committee Member Trinity Brown.

100 Women is a Perth based giving circle which launched in March this year and has attracted more than 60 members so far. It enables everyday people to be involved in creating a world where all women and girls can live safely with access to health, education and economic freedom. They do this by combining member donations to provide impactful grants to causes that support the *100 Women* vision.

For more information on *100 Women* or to attend the *Half the Sky* Screening event please visit 100women.com.au or contact Sophie Frodsham on: P: 0404 484 578 E: info@100women.com.au

Event details:

Tuesday, 12 August 2014

State Library of Western Australia, 25 Francis Street, Perth Cultural Centre

5:30pm Arrival & Refreshments

6:30pm *Half the Sky* Screening followed by Panel Discussion [Trigger Warning: Discussion of gender-based violence]

8.30pm Event Close

Tickets \$25 from <https://100womenhalfthesky.eventbrite.com.au/>

About the Panelists

Rabia Siddique

100 Women Ambassador

Rabia is rapidly gaining a reputation as an outstanding motivational and inspirational speaker, facilitator, resilience and leadership coach, and champion of women in leadership. Rabia is a criminal and human rights lawyer, a retired British Army officer, a former terrorism and war crimes prosecutor and published author. In 2006 Rabia was awarded a Queen's commendation for her human rights work in Iraq.

Rachelle Towart

CEO, Australian Indigenous Leadership Centre

Rachelle's work with AILC has resulted in accolades including Emerging Leader of the Year in the Not-for-profit sector (2014 NAB Women's Agenda Leadership Award), Australia's Top Community CEO (2013 Westpac Community Leaders Awards) and Rachelle was named one of Australia's 100 most influential women in the 2013 AFR Women of Influence Awards.

Professor Alison Bartlett

Chair of Gender Studies, University of Western Australia

Professor Bartlett's teaching and research is mainly around gender and sexuality in popular culture. She has published books on contemporary maternity, and Australian women's writing, and edited books on Australian feminist objects, breastfeeding ethics, Australian literature, and postgraduate supervision, as well as editing special issues of journals on breastfeeding culture, and women's writing.

Conrad Liveris

Writer, Researcher and Advocate

Conrad is an advocate, adviser and researcher on issues relating to gender and generations. He is a regular blogger for websites such as Women's Agenda and the Good Men Project amongst others. He has a keen interest in productivity and opportunity. He currently advises workplaces on achieving diversity.

About the Documentary

Half the Sky, 2012

Director: Maro Chermayeff

Writer: Michelle Ferrari

Stars: America Ferrera, Nicholas Kristof, Diane Lane

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