

Healing through voice, culture and Country: Short film 3

Wound - Melanie Koolmatrie, Kenneth Johnson, Angel Neveah Rigney

In this short film you will hear Melanie and Kenneth talk about the impact that family violence and its aftermath has on families and children. You will hear their personal stories of healing, and how cultural practices such as ceremonies, connecting to Country and cultural knowledge have supported their journeys. They also speak about the gender stereotype Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men face, and how this discourse prevents opportunities to seek support.

Learning objective

Understanding the intersectional approach when working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. This involves recognising gender, colonisation, culture and racism as intersecting factors that result in experiences of entrenched gender inequality for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

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Consider the following questions individually, or in a group:

1. Melanie speaks of practices that have supported her healing, such as dancing and weaving. Consider how you could support a family by including these practices in your work: what would this look like?
2. There is a story of resilience described in this video. How do you hear these narratives in your practice?
3. Discuss some of the discourse you hear about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men and family violence.
 - How do you acknowledge the intersecting factors for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men, whilst maintaining women's and children's safety?
 - How do you seek out stories that challenge and/or expand this discourse?

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