

# **ShantiWorks**

### Equality Peace Justice

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### **Up Coming Events**

ShantiWorkShops
19th October – Reflective
Supervision

16<sup>th</sup> November – The Politics of Culture in Female Genital Mutilation/Cutting

If you have any suggestions for workshops, please let us know.

### **Other Events**

29<sup>th</sup> November – Dignifying and Accountable Practice with Fathers who perpetrate Violence

This event is hosted by DVRCV in Mildura. Please visit dvrcv.org.au for more information.

### **Card Packs**

ShantiWorks has developed a series of card packs that can be used as a resource for therapeutic as well as training work. They can be purchased through our website.

## Acknowledgment to Country

Australia's Aboriginal people were subject to invasion at every level of their community, culture and land. Aboriginal people have a distinctive and long-standing connection with their lands and waters. ShantiWorks acknowledges that sovereignty has never been ceded, and we work within our communities to reflect on, and respond in solidarity with our Indigenous colleagues.

### A Message from ShantiWorks

The freedom to express our gender, our culture and our sexuality without fear of persecution or ridicule, without individual or systemic limitations should be a taken for granted human right. There needs to be safe, robust, thoughtful and complex discussions about people's lived experiences of injustices: there is no room for otherness and diminishing practices. We are committed to actively and purposefully challenging barriers and pushing boundaries, in order to provoke deep and lasting systemic and community change.

Our first newsletter celebrates equality, peace and justice through music with politics.

### Equality



Aranya Johar – A Brown Girls Guide to Gender

At the UnErase Poetry event, Johar spoke about how woman are silenced, "boiled down to [a] sexual interaction," faced with sexism in the form of clothing and double standards. This poem and an accompanying article can be found <a href="https://example.com/here.">here.</a>

### Peace



### Ani DiFranco - Amendment

"Patriarchy is a fundamental imbalance underlying society and it's one we rarely address because it's so universal. But as I get older, I see that peace is a product of balance. You can't start with imbalance and end with peace, be that in your own body, in an ecosystem or between a government and its people." Ani's song can be found here.

#### **Justice**



#### Emily Wurramara – Black Boy

"I grew up listening to Coloured Stone's Black Boy. Its lyrics connected with me especially. The simplicity of "Black Boy, Black Boy, the colour of your skin is your pride and joy" resonates with me and is a steady reminder to be strong, resilient, and proud of my culture". Emily's music can be found here.