

# Join the National Convenors of the Australian Women's History Network!



*Seeking Expressions of Interests for new National Convenors of the Australian Women's History Network.*

The [Australian Women's History Network](#) (AWHN) is calling for Expression of Interest (EOIs) from those interested in joining the [National Convenor team](#). We wish to build a new team in which the various career stages are represented. We welcome interest from AWHN members based in any state or territory or overseas. To ease the burden of precarious AWHN members, we particularly encourage stably employed AWHN members to join the team.

[Established](#) in 1987, the Australian Women's History Network has become the centre of scholarly activity relating to feminist, gender, and women's history. Under the auspices of the AWHN, the Lilith Editorial Collective publishes [Lilith: A Feminist History Journal](#) annually and [VIDA: Blog of the Australian Women's History Network](#) has produced over 250 blogs.

The role of the AWHN National Convenors entails leadership and service in running the AWHN, including the following:

## Core Responsibilities:

- Work collaboratively and cooperatively with all members of the National Convenor team, including convenors, mentors, and state convenors;
- Lead email communication with the AWHN membership and other stakeholders, including with scholars and practitioners at all levels;
- Lead the organisation of the AWHN stream at the annual Australian Historical Association Conference, including the AWHN dinner;
- Convene and judge the AWHN's suite of bursaries and prizes, including travel bursaries and publication prizes (journal article and blog);
- Manage and maintain the AWHN's financial, reporting, and membership records in conjunction with the AWHN Public Officer;
- Collate newsletter items for and from the AWHN membership and the International Federation for Research in Women's History;
- Maintain the AWHN's website and social media;
- Lead advocacy initiatives on behalf of the AWHN National Convenors and the broader AWHN membership;
- Liaise with the Lilith Editorial Collective and the Managing Editors of *VIDA: Blog of the Australian Women's History Network*; and
- Lead the AWHN's Annual General Meeting.

The AWHN National Convenor team meets monthly for approximately 10 months of the year. These are voluntary leadership and service roles within the AWHN; as such, these roles are unremunerated.

## Benefits:

Being part of the AWHN National Convenor team is a great way to build your career in the university sector, the public history and heritage sector, and/or the GLAM sector. These roles give you the opportunity to shape the AWHN's direction, outreach, and advocacy while establishing important connections with emerging and leading scholars in the field, both nationally and internationally. The amount of time dedicated to being an AWHN National Convenor is negotiable and flexible between team members all year round.

This is a wonderful opportunity to connect with fellow feminist historians and expand your network in feminist, gender, and women's history.

## SELECTION CRITERIA

- Established or emerging expertise in feminist, gender, and women's history and/or humanities, critical race studies, feminist theory, or queer theory at the postgraduate level or beyond;
- Knowledge of emerging scholarship in feminist, gender, and women's history and current trends in historical practice in Australia and beyond; and
- Prior experience within a committee, scholarly organisation, or editorial role that offers some insight into the scope of the AWHN National Convenors' Core Responsibilities.
- Prior experience in a budgetary and/or treasury role is desirable, but not essential.
- Prior experience with digital platforms for managing email communication (i.e., Mailchimp), collaborative filing systems and data (i.e., Dropbox), and websites and social media (i.e., WordPress, Twitter) is desirable, but not essential.

## Application:

- EOIs should be 1-2 pages in length, accompanied by a brief Curriculum Vitae.
- To formulate your EOI, please respond to the Selection Criteria associated with this voluntary role, with reference to the Core Responsibilities (where possible).
- Prior experience in all areas is not necessary, but please respond to as much of the Selection Criteria as you can.
- Please submit these details via email to [auswhn@gmail.com](mailto:auswhn@gmail.com) by **Friday 16 August 2024**.

EOIs are welcome from historians and interdisciplinary humanities scholars at all levels who can address some or most of the Selection Criteria.

## QUESTIONS?

If you are interested in these positions but are unsure of what they may entail, please feel free to reach out to the current AWHN National Convenors ([auswhn@gmail.com](mailto:auswhn@gmail.com)) for further information. Please feel free to circulate this information widely.

We look forward to hearing from you!