

LIVING A LIFE BEYOND OURSELVES WE ALL HAVE THE POWER TO BECOME AGENTS OF CHANGE

Sydney, 1 May 2017- Australian human rights and criminal lawyer, Rabia Siddique, says Australian women can generate waves of change in the lives of women in developing countries by becoming agents of change in their own lives. Rabia will explore this concept at the inaugural Opportunity International Australia Women4Women conference in Perth on 13 May 2017.

Opportunity Chief Executive Officer, Robert Dunn, said: "I'm greatly looking forward to Opportunity's conference, which will celebrate women from all walks of life and acknowledge that everyone has the right to exercise choice, experience social and economic empowerment and pursue their dreams.

"Rabia will draw on her personal story of courage and resilience to inspire conference participants to commit to living a life beyond themselves through the belief that we all have the power to become agents of change," he added.

Rabia, a former terrorism and war crimes prosecutor and retired British Army officer, hopes participants will take away from the conference a message of hope and the realisation that by upholding their values they can speak up for those without a voice.

"In this world we need more than ever to come together to create ripples and waves, to mobilise ourselves and others for the greater good and a higher purpose.

"There's so much beyond our control but we have a choice in how we live our lives. That means making a commitment to living a life that is beyond ourselves. We must be prepared to take a stand - to speak up and to step up when others remain silent or seated.

"Because if we do not fight to protect those without a voice, who will?" she asked.

EVENT DETAILS

DATE: Saturday 13 May 2017 TIME: 9am-3pm WHERE: Lifestreams Christian Church, Murray Street, Como, WA TO REGISTER click <u>here</u>.

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