

TRANSCRIPT OF EVENT

2021 INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY DIGITAL WORKSHOP CLOSING REMARKS

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KIM RUBENSTEIN: All right. I think we're all back together again. What an experience. It's been wonderful for us to come in and out and be able to hear a little bit of what you discussed today. It certainly has been a really enlightening and affirming, I think, experience, too, as I mean in a similar way as Trish said at the beginning with our own team, to hear about your own experiences. And we're looking forward to looking at the notes more from that.

KIM RUBENSTEIN: We hope that today has also made you feel encouraged to be active citizens in the way you obviously were by choosing to come today, but also to think about it in your own workplaces as the way that the messages and discussions that you were able to have by virtue of IPAA's wonderful facilitation might be able to be further advanced within your own working lives.

KIM RUBENSTEIN: And then I guess beyond your working lives, as a member of Australian society, I might cheekily just say at the end that you may have seen in terms of encouraging active citizenship and people's voices to be heard that next Monday, the 15th of March around the country, but for those who are here in Canberra, certainly around Parliament House, there is going to be a Women's March for Justice from 12:00 to 2:00 PM. And there's a website that people can go on and have a look at that to see, and maybe your workplaces might be encouraged to support you for taking those two hours to become involved in that.

KIM RUBENSTEIN: But whether you are in real time or not, we're really grateful for you taking the time today to participate in this. And I'll hand over to you, Trish, to finish off.

TRISH BERGIN: Thank you. Yes, I'd certainly add my thanks to you all for having our zoom in and zoom out again from your groups. It was wonderful to get a sense of the richness of discussion and the thoughtfulness that was being brought to bear. So I feel really positive that there's a lot of momentum and a lot of great thinking that is being brought to bear on all of these aspects of your work.

TRISH BERGIN: So just to round out the discussion, the next steps, we will be producing an outcomes document from today, which seeks to really harvest all of those great ideas and put them back to you so that you can hear not only your own voice reflected, but hear what others had to say around some of those similar topics. They're also critical to advancing gender equality and advancing all of our lives as we've talked. And so it'd be wonderful to receive that.

TRISH BERGIN: We also will be feeding this document into a symposium. We're holding a symposium at University of Canberra from the 16th to the 17th of June. And we'll ask our IPAA colleagues to forward you the symposium flyer and the call for papers. You don't have to have a paper to come. It's really the idea behind this symposium is around those central themes that we talked about at the start, the share the load, share the benefits and share the power. So we'll send you some information on that so that you can see how that will be.

TRISH BERGIN: But thank you. Just like to really thank you, thank all of the wonderful team here at the IPAA office and thank you all for your really, really rich conversation and engagement. Thank you.

KIM RUBENSTEIN: Have a good afternoon.

TRISH BERGIN: Thanks.