



## The NSW Forced Marriage Network invites you to attend a morning with **Farwha Nielsen**

In this special event, the NSW Forced Marriage Network will host Farwha Nielsen, Danish cross-cultural mediation specialist. **Members and non-members of the network are welcome to attend.**

The **first hour** of this meeting will focus on updates from Network members and brainstorming goals and topics for our meetings in 2019. The **second part** of the meeting will be devoted to a special in person presentation from Farwha Nielsen, Danish cross-cultural mediation specialist, who presented at the Nov 2018 Network meeting.

Farwha will share her insights in developing and implementing a unique model of mediation targeted at assisting families to communicate openly and safely in complex situations; including forced marriage. The approach as it has been implemented across Scandinavia has seen positive results in maintaining family relationships and preventing forced marriages from occurring.

**Date** 12 February 2019

**Time** 9:30am-1:00pm

**Venue** University of Technology Sydney, Chau Chak Building (Building 8), 14-28 Ultimo Road, Ultimo, NSW 2007

**RSVP** 5 February 2019. RSVP is essential via Eventbrite

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**Farwha Nielsen** is the founder of Cross-Cultural Family Counseling and Conflict Mediation and author of the method: 'Intercultural dialogue and conflict mediation'. In her professional life, Farwha has sought an in-depth understanding of complex societal and family dynamics; with the goal of developing relational processes for use in concrete and practical contexts.

For the last 20 years, Farwha has worked systematically with family conflicts and honour-related issues, such as forced marriage. She regularly collaborates with governmental organisations, NGOs, municipalities, educational institutions, shelters and police districts. In addition to working with child and care issues in families with minority backgrounds, her work includes counselling and conflict mediation in cases where there is violence and threats to women, especially young women. In municipal and state, Farwha has prepared security plans and conflict investigations.

Farwha has carried out intercultural family work in connection with prevention and management of honour-related care issues (including forced marriage). Farwha has solid knowledge of the various challenges that public institutions experience in relation to issues that concern families with minority backgrounds. Farwha was nominated for a Sydney Peace Prize in 2017 for her sustainable, peace-creating work with traumatised refugee families.

For more information about Farwha's work visit: <https://ewc.dk/> [Hint: translate the page into English using google chrome]



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