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| **Together for Equality & Respect – a region wide framework for advancing gender equality in order to prevent violence against women** |
| **Setting/problem**Together for Equality & Respect (TFER) is a multisector, collaborative partnership of 35+ organisations, working to end men’s violence against women (VAW), across 7 municipalities in Melbourne’s East.VAW is one of the most serious and pervasive issues affecting women, families, communities and society. In Australia, over half of all women have experienced at least one incident of physical or sexual violence in their lifetime. Violence by an intimate partner is the leading contributor to death, disability and ill-health for women aged 18–44.VAW is preventable. Global evidence shows that gender inequality is a key driver of VAW. To end this violence, TFER aims to achieve a long term, whole of population approach, with mutually reinforcing action across all levels of society.**Intervention**TFER has taken a Collective Impact approach to the prevention of VAW since its inception in 2012.The first 4 year TFER Strategy, Action Plan, and evaluation framework were released in 2013.In 2017 TFER partners committed to a second 4 years of working together.Working to a shared vision, objectives, evaluation framework and tools, TFER provides a platform for organisations to work together, build intersectional practice, share expertise and resources to advance gender equality.Women’s Health East is the ‘backbone’ organisation and provides leadership, coordination and expertise to the partnership. Women’s Health East provides a range of capacity building activities to support the TFER workforce.**Outcomes**Using a collective impact and developmental evaluation approach, the TFER Strategy 2013-2017 has been rigorously evaluated. Findings include:* 100% of Partners attribute TFER membership to amplified PVAW outcomes, and increased capacity to prevent violence
* 374,000 people were reached by TFER activities (approx 1/3 of the population)
* 53% of TFER Partners identified engagement with diverse communities
* 80% of organisational leaders demonstrated a commitment to and leadership on gender issues
* 70% had a written commitment to workplace gender equity
* 100% of TFER PVAW workers attended capacity building opportunities

**Implications**TFER provides a framework for implementing effective, collaborative action for the prevention of VAW over a large region. Learnings can help to inform others working in this burgeoning area of public health. **Preferred presentation format** oral |