



Black Lives Matter / An Indigenous Australian Perspective



Professor Judy Atkinson (Founder of We Al-li)

Saturday 7th November 2020

Online Delivery: 9am to 1pm (4hrs)

\$145.00 or \$120.00 for enrolled students & interns

We are very pleased that **Judy Atkinson**, founder of **We Al-li** and author of **Trauma Trails: Recreating Song Lines** will conduct a 4-hour seminar for our GTA community to help us grapple with the recent reinvigoration of the Black Lives Matter (BLM) movement.

Although largely centred in the USA, BLM speaks directly to the Australian situation and the ongoing mistreatment of indigenous peoples – including the systemic racism of our police and criminal justice systems (Aboriginal Deaths in Custody). Judy will also address the failures of the community service system and the inability to respond to critical needs as a result. This will be an invaluable support to any of us working in the community and mental health sector and want to work in culturally aware and sensitive ways.

We have worked with We Al-li for 4 years, and Antonia Burke has made a number of visits to our GTA community. Antonia has been unable to visit this year due to Covid-19. To keep momentum, and to support our community's response to these vital issues we are offering this web-based seminar. Judy will create and deliver new content for this seminar. For more information and to book please contact the office 03 9489 6300 More about Judy: Emeritus

Professor Judy Atkinson (Honorary), AM Emeritus Professor Judy Atkinson is a Jiman (central west Queensland) and Bundjalung (northern New South Wales) woman, with Anglo-Celtic and German heritage. Her academic contributions to the understanding of trauma related issues stemming from the violence of colonisation and the healing/recovery of Indigenous peoples from such trauma has won her the Carrick Neville Bonner Award in 2006 for her curriculum development and innovative teaching practice. In 2011 she was awarded the Fritz Redlick Memorial Award for Human Rights and Mental Health from the Harvard University program for refugee trauma. Her book 'Trauma Trails – Recreating Songlines: The transgenerational effects of trauma in Indigenous Australia', provides context to the life stories of people who have been moved from their country in a process that has created trauma trails, and the changes that can occur in the lives of people as they make connection with each other and share their stories of healing.

To read more about We Al-Li please visit their website: wealli.com.au/