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‘Man Problem’ solution discussed in public lecture

New research on the origins and impact of destructive masculinity and how “gender flipping” could make a difference will be discussed in the upcoming lecture: *The Man Problem – and How to be a Man-Problem-Solver*.

Best-selling author and social researcher Dr Ross Honeywill will look at the potential for destructive masculinity as the social, political and economic problem of our age.

Open to the public, the lecture will be held in Launceston tomorrow (Tuesday, 17 November) and in Burnie on Wednesday, 18 November.

In his lecture, Dr Honeywill challenges every man to acknowledge the problem by rising to the solution, starting with recognition men enjoy unearned privilege while women enjoy social, political and economic disadvantage.

“Men create gender inequity. It’s unequivocally a man problem,” Dr Honeywill states.

“When was the last time you heard a woman say, ‘let’s create systematic disadvantage that will diminish every aspect of our lives’.”

During his talk, Dr Honeywill proposes the concept of “gender flipping” as the antidote to the man problem.

“Instead of saying ‘women are under-represented in Parliament, we say ‘men are over-represented in Parliament’. This puts an accessible face to a grim problem.”

Dr Honeywill will be joined in a forum and Q&A session by Robin Banks, Tasmanian Anti-Discrimination Commissioner.

For more information on lecture times and locations visit www.events.utas.edu.au

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