



Understanding and Disrupting the Manosphere: One Day Symposium Request for Proposals

In 2026, we are hosting a one-day education and training symposium, **Understanding and Disrupting the Manosphere**—an initiative to uplift the impacts on survivors, strengthen collaboration, build an understanding, and drive meaningful action for change. **Understanding and Disrupting the Manosphere** is an opportunity for those interested in engaging men, to help men empower one another and actively support survivors of sexual violence.

The one-day symposium will focus on teaching about what the manosphere is, addressing online radicalization of boys and men, identifying manosphere content, the pathways to adopting harmful narratives and the impacts on gender equity and violence in our communities. We will explore strategies to supporting narratives for healthier masculinity and how increasing protective factors for young men can lead to greater public health outcomes.

This symposium emphasizes the strength and unity found in collaboration and collective action. It calls on us to speak up and take actionable steps in our communities to create safer, more supportive spaces for survivors and to end sexual violence at its roots.

Our 2026 OAESV'S Annual Conference theme is 'Hope, Build and Thrive!' by continuing this campaign throughout 2026 with our programming, including our One Day Symposium, Sexual Assault Awareness Month messaging, our Advocacy Day, and our Annual Conference, we aim to support a consistent, powerful movement that echoes into the future. We hope this message enables everyone, including those who work at every level and area of this movement, to connect, learn, and act together in solidarity. With "Hope, Build and Thrive" we invite each person to be part of a coalition that honors survivors and inspires tangible progress!

Request for Proposals

One way you can support is by submitting a proposal to present a workshop at our one-day symposium for Understanding and Disrupting the Manosphere! Sharing your knowledge is a meaningful way to contribute your voice to Ohio's anti-sexual violence work.

Conference Details

The 2026 Understanding and Disrupting the Manosphere Symposium will take place on March 12th, 2026. This will be an in-person event in Columbus, Ohio with a virtual option available to selected presenters who are needing an accommodation to present from Out of State.

This conference provides a dedicated space to elevate the voices and experiences of survivors, as well as the insights of those leading efforts in prevention, support, and advocacy. Together, we'll explore innovative strategies, share resources, and foster connections that deepen our collective impact.

We invite you to join us in advancing this critical work, forging stronger networks, and creating real, lasting progress.

So, save those date on your calendar and get excited for a full day of engaging, dynamic workshops; meaningful networking and grounding; and more.

Registration information will go live via email, social media, and on our website in the early part of 2026. Stay tuned!

More RFP Details

Submission window open upon publishing. **Closes Tuesday, January 23rd, 2026 at 11:59 pm EST. To be equitable, we will not be accepting late submissions.**

For more information about the process or to submit your proposal, please visit the submission form at oaesv.org/Manosphere2026

We welcome workshop proposals that demonstrate the following characteristics:

- Supportive of the overall symposium theme
- Addressing innovative or advanced concepts related to practice
- Inclusive of diverse audiences, communities, and perspectives
- Promoting community collaboration and partnerships
- Reflective of the needs of adult learners (interactive workshop, hands-on activities, skills-based, etc.)

We are looking for workshop proposals in these categories:

1. Understanding the Radicalization of Boys and Men or What is the Manosphere?
2. Impacts of Manosphere Culture (individual, institutional, or community)
3. Healthy Masculinities and Violence Prevention
4. Data, Research and Methods on Manosphere narratives and content
5. Manosphere Counter-narratives and Disruption

Workshops that address the following topics are strongly encouraged:

- Challenging the manosphere and violent extremism
- Community-level prevention
- restorative justice, transformative justice, equity and/or inclusion initiatives
- healthy online spaces, developing media and digital literacy

Each workshop will be 60 minutes in length, but there are options to indicate if a workshop can be longer in length or a keynote.

A note to potential presenters: Studies have shown that women, trans, non-binary folk, and BIPOC are less likely to apply for opportunities unless they believe they meet every single one of the qualifications as described in the description. We are committed to building a diverse and inclusive conference that

highlights many perspectives and lived experiences. Potential presenters may come from a background less traditional to our field of work, and that's okay. We would strongly encourage you to apply.