



"This isn't Australia anymore"
Equipping and supporting
students to deal with sexual
harassment while studying
abroad

Imagine you're...

Introductions



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Starting the conversation

- ▶ We need to work in partnership with students to grapple with these problems together
- ▶ **We do not have all the answers, but we do want to start the conversation**



Scene setting

“The rates of violence experienced by young people are **a call to action for Australian universities**. Every young person who is contemplating a university education is entitled to expect that they will be able to study in an environment that is safe and promotes their well-being.”

- *Change the Course: National Report on Sexual Assault and Sexual Harassment at Australian Universities (2017)*

- ▶ Change the Course: Australian institutions are grappling with unacceptably high rates of sexual violence on our campuses and in our communities
- ▶ What does this mean for the Learning Abroad Sector?
- ▶ Growth in learning abroad participation has been significant:
 - ▶ nearly 50,000 Australian students had an overseas study experience in 2017 (up 11.8% on 2016)
 - ▶ 1 in 5 Australian undergraduate students undertook study in an overseas country in 2017 (Olsen, AUIDF 2018)



This **MATTERS** because...

It impacts institutions
It impacts learning abroad practitioners
It impacts students

1.

Institutions

Commitment and responsibility for
student welfare and wellbeing

Risk to institutional reputation

Risk to international partnerships

2.

Academics and learning abroad practitioners

It has the potential to undermine the success of the entire learning abroad experience

Equipping students has the potential to enhance student's ability to engage abroad and at home

The conversation is happening - how prepared are we to respond?

3.

Students

Impacts students' learning
abroad experience

Impacts
students' professional and
academic choices after
returning



So, what do we **DO?**

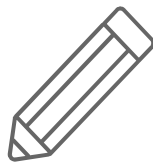
As institutions
As learning abroad practitioners
As students

For Institutions & Learning Abroad Practitioners

Policy &
procedures



Staff and
student
training



Staff and
student
support



For **STUDENTS**

Be informed,
engaged and
aware



Our
experience
is valid



Report and
seek
support





CALL TO ACTION

What is **one thing** you're going to do to take steps forward?



THANKS!

Any questions?

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