

## TALKING TABOOS:

## CRITICALLY ENGAGING YOUTH ABOUT SEX, GENDER & VIOLENCE THROUGH PRACTITIONER INTERVENTIONS

Despite a high prevalence of HIV, teen pregnancy, and youth gender-based violence perpetration and victimisation, issues around teen sexual and reproductive health and gender-based violence are still regarded with discomfort, stigma and secrecy. Few parents, teachers or health care professionals are able to frankly engage with these sensitive issues themselves, let alone with young people. For this reason interventions that can help practitioners come to terms with critical issues, as well as navigate information and service provision for young people, is essential.

This seminar aims to engage stakeholders about how to improve our ability to 'talk taboos' to young people.

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