



## AVP in Australia

The Alternatives to Violence Project (AVP) is a network of independent, not-for-profit, volunteer groups. It offers experiential workshops in non-violent problem solving and creative conflict transformation. AVP is used in prisons, schools and the wider community.

These workshops can empower individuals to liberate themselves and others from the burden of violence. The fundamental belief of AVP is that there is a power for peace and good in everyone which has the ability to transform violence. AVP builds upon a spiritual basis of respecting and caring for self and others.

The Alternatives to Violence Project (ACT) is currently offering **Basic** and **Advanced** workshops. All training sessions are non-sectarian. Change and learning come by doing and playing. AVP has serious intent but fun interactions. In doing these workshops participants may expect personally to experience non-violence in action.

A third workshop, **Training for Facilitating**, which will be scheduled shortly, is open to people who have completed the **Basic** and **Advanced** training. This provides a combination of personal development and training for those who may wish with to become volunteer AVP facilitators in a school, community or prison setting. A major but not exclusive aim of the current series of workshops is to provide facilitators to run workshops in the new ACT prison to be opened in 2008.

### **BASIC Training:**

Friday 10 October 6pm-9pm  
Saturday 11 Oct 9am-6pm  
Sunday 12 Oct 9am-3pm

### **BASIC Training**

Friday 31 October 6pm-9pm  
Saturday 1 Nov 9am-6pm  
Sunday 2 Nov 9am-3pm

**ADVANCED Training:** Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December – Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December

### **VENUE**

The Gathering Place, 4 Bancroft Street, DICKSON, ACT 2602

### **WORKSHOP FEES**

High income and professional development participants \$160  
Middle income participants \$ 90  
Low income and unwaged participants \$ 40 or by negotiation

There is a maximum of 15 participants for each workshop. Applications are processed on the basis of the first 15 \$20 deposits received. After covering expenses, any surplus money is used to fund prison workshops and facilitator training and development.

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