



## ***A Social Justice Gathering with Shankari Chandran to Explore Racism in Australia in 2024***

Wellsprings for Women collectively with ShantiWorks, invite you to attend a special event with author and social justice lawyer, Shankari Chandran on the 21<sup>st</sup> of March 2024 —The International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. Australia is the only country in the world that has re-named this day to Harmony Day. In doing so, the roots of this day becomes sanitised. Globally, the 21<sup>st</sup> of March is known as the International Day of Racial Discrimination as declared by the United Nations in 1966.

Please join us as we explore the realities of racism in White Australia in 2024 and how people of colour/migrants find collective, community strengths and resistances as they manage interpersonal, institutional, and systemic racial injustices.

Then there will be a special opportunity for people of colour to join Shankari for an intimate conversation about connections and disconnections to homelands. Through Shankari's words and writing, together we will grapple with ideas of home, identity, belonging, the pain and joy of bridging gaps between cultures, navigating the loss and sadness of dispossession, injustice, and the beauty of creating and finding community in new places.

### **Details of the day**

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March at the Blue Room, Multicultural Hub, 506 Elizabeth Street, Melbourne.

10-12pm – Book Reading and Panel Discussion

Followed by lunch

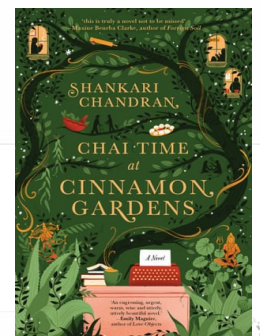
1-230pm – A special opportunity – conversation circles for those from communities of colour

**Fee:** \$25 + GST

### **Our Panellists**



**Shankari Chandran** is an Australian Tamil lawyer, and author based in Sydney, Australia. She has authored *The Barrier*, *The Song of the Sun God* and *Chai Time at Cinnamon Gardens* which won the 2023 Miles Franklin Literary Award. Shankari uses her writing to explore injustice, dispossession, and the creation of community, to bring forward stories that often lay hidden and uncovered.



**Anu Krishnan** has lived, loved, and cried in five distinct countries over the past 29 years. With a profound interest in fostering resilient communities, Anu collaborates with organizations and individuals who share a similar passion and commitment to instigating positive change.



**Shankar Kasynathan** has been seizing opportunities and tackling challenges in the Public Health, Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs sectors across Victoria, Western Australia, the Northern Territory and the ACT. He identifies as a Tamil Australian with ancestral roots in the Jaffna Peninsula, and currently lives in central Victoria.

**To register:**

***We acknowledge that this event is taking place on stolen lands of the Kulin Nation and pay respect to Elders past and present.***