

# When the soldiers come home



*"If you're going to get groups of men to risk their humanity, health, and lives in wars of offense, the traditional way is ... to addict them to the 'cult of masculinity'. You have to convince them they're not 'real men' unless they kill and conquer" – Gloria Steinem*

UN vehicles in the Democratic Republic of Congo © CARE/KATE HOLT

**Laura Bates, founder of the Everyday Sexism Project, asks experts from the UK, Rwanda and the Balkans what happens when the trauma of war moves from the front line to the family, and explores how to work with men and boys to combat the cycle of violence when war ends.**

**3pm – 4.30pm Wednesday 11 June 2014 at the ExCel Conference Centre, London**

CARE International UK invites you to a panel discussion:

- How long does it take for the trauma of war to play out? And how does it impact on children, women, and society?
- What are the psychological and biological factors behind the trauma experienced in war?
- Across cultural settings, men who report witnessing violence as a child are more likely to use violence against their female partners. What universal techniques are needed to work with men who are at risk of committing further violence?
- What is hyper-aggressive masculinity?
- How do we overcome expectations around masculinity?
- Plus inspiring stories of men who have become allies and champions in the fight against sexual violence and gender inequality.

*Panellists will include:*

**Laura Bates (Chair)** – campaigner, author and founder of the Everyday Sexism Project

**Dr Walter Busuttill** – Medical Director and Consultant Psychiatrist at Combat Stress, the veterans' mental health charity

**Sasa Ostojic** – Young Men's Initiative Team Leader, Perpetuum Mobile, Bosnia-Herzegovina; member of the UN Secretary General's Young Male Leader programme to end violence against women

**Edouard Munyamaliza** – Executive Secretary of Rwanda Men's Resource Centre (CARE partners in Rwanda) and a commissioner in the National Unity and Reconciliation Committee promoting peacebuilding in Rwanda