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A fresh take on improving women's health and safety at work

The International Women's Day Breakfast was the setting for the official launch of the 2016 Augusta Zadow Awards, announced last Friday in Adelaide by Senator Penny Wong.

SafeWork SA has \$20,000 available to develop an initiative that makes a significant contribution, to the health and safety of women working in South Australia. This can be through research, education and development of a solution to a work health and safety problem.

"The Awards celebrate the extraordinary achievements of Augusta Zadow, a tenacious advocate for women's rights in the workplace, by providing the opportunity to further improve the lives of women working in South Australia," said SafeWork SA Executive Director, Ms Marie Boland.

"This year we have simplified the selection criteria to encourage even more new and fresh ideas."

According to Safe Work Australia, on a per hour basis women have a 27% higher frequency rate of injury than their male counterparts.

These statistics further support the need for greater awareness of safe work practices and additional support for women in the workplace.

"We encourage proposals from everyone - workers, volunteers, students, small business owners – if you think that you can make a difference to the safety of women at work, then let us know," Ms Boland said.

Applications for the 2016 Augusta Zadow Awards close on Friday 24 June 2016.

Further information is available at safework.sa.gov.au/aza.

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