

WARWICKSHIRE AGAINST DOMESTIC ABUSE

NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME to the latest edition of the Warwickshire Against Domestic Abuse newsletter. We hope you find the information and articles useful and informative.

If you have anything you would like us to include in a future edition please contact me directly on 01926 412417, or email helenjinks@warwickshire.gov.uk.

Please forward this newsletter onto any colleagues you think may wish to receive it, or contact me with names and email addresses of anyone to be added to the circulation list. This newsletter is also available to download from the "Professionals" page of www.talk2someone.org.uk.

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NEWS & JOBS

UKrefugesonline Service Information Update

This year Women's Aid are undertaking their biennial update of all information contained on UKrefugesonline (UKROL) to ensure that the information about all the services is accurate and up to date. Services listed will see an 'online update form' when they log onto the database next month and are requested to check the information make any changes or updates to their service details. As well as enabling all services to access the UKROL database for effective referrals and admissions, this information is also used to update the UK Gold Book.

The All Party Parliamentary Group on Domestic and Sexual Violence and the new government

The UK's coalition government between the Conservatives and Liberal Democrats has published its Coalition Agreement that outlines key policies. The full implications for victims of violence against women are not clear yet. There is no mention of taking forward the National Violence against Women Strategy in this document. However there is a proposal to allow alleged rapists anonymity. The All Party Parliamentary Group on Domestic and Sexual Violence will hold an inaugural meeting very soon and will be working to keep prevention, protection and provision of domestic and sexual violence on the government agenda. This is a cross-party group and you can encourage your MP to join. Women's Aid provides the Secretariat - for further information please [contact Deborah McIlveen](#), Policy and Services Manager at Women's Aid.

Request for help with Domestic Violence Research

I am a Counselling Psychologist with experience of working in the NHS, and previously at Relate, and currently lecturing on the Professional Doctorate in Counselling Psychology at the University of East London. As part of a conversion Doctorate (I qualified a few years back when it was a Masters course) I have ethical approval from the University to carry out a research project on Domestic Violence, interviewing counsellors/therapists/support workers who work in this field. The interview will be face-to face, taped and last about 45 mins - a transcript will be provided on request. I am interested in the way that therapists/support workers talk to clients involved in Domestic Violence, and in particular how understandings are jointly constructed in this context and can enable new ways of seeing and dealing with the problem. I think it is very important to hear the views of those who work with this client group and the issues particular to providing this support, so I would be pleased to hear from you.

I attach an information leaflet which tells you more about the aims of the project. Please contact me by phone : 07841 977752 or email if you have any questions.

Many thanks,

Jane Lawrence

The Body Shop in-store fundraising campaign – show your support

Co-ordinated Action Against Domestic Abuse (CAADA) is delighted to be working in partnership with The Body Shop on a new in-store fundraising campaign. To celebrate 20 years of supporting charities, The Body Shop is asking its customers to help donate £20,000 by voting in-store for one of three chosen causes (one of which is CAADA). To take part, drop into your local The Body Shop store to cast your vote or visit online at www.thebodyshop.com/vote . The campaign starts on 27th May, coinciding with a 30% sale running over the Bank Holiday weekend to encourage as many people as possible to vote. Voting will be closed on 11th July, and the results communicated on 4th August.

Safe and Sound manual – working with child victims

Women's Aid are updating their *Safe and Sound* manual – a resource manual that addresses all aspects of providing services for children who have experienced domestic violence, ranging from record keeping and safety planning, to group work, circle games and using art and IT. The manual also looks at disclosures of abuse, advocacy and child contact.

They are currently recruiting 'content champions' to help them update the manual - this will involve revising individual chapters and two meetings. If you would like to be involved in this project as a 'content champion', please email [Fiona Dwyer](#) (National Children and Young People Officer) at Women's Aid for more information.

Real Man Campaign

Women's Aid has developed a national campaign where male role models stand up and say that violence against women is unacceptable. They are asking **'Real Men'** to help to send out the message that **Real men do not abuse and control women – physically, emotionally, sexually or financially.**

The images of the men, which will be used as adverts for the wider campaign, feature **'Real Man' t-shirts designed by Henry Holland.** The 'Real Man' campaign t-shirts will be exclusively available from [Debenhams](#), throughout June for **£10.** T-shirts with the slogan 'I'm a fan of a real man' are available for women.

The campaign launched at the beginning of June, to tie in with the beginning of the World Cup. Research has shown that big sporting events such as the World Cup can result in increased reporting of domestic violence. During the 2006 World Cup, reports of domestic abuse increased by nearly a third (30%) on England match days in some areas.

The Real Men who have taken part in the campaign include Women's Aid Ambassador **Will Young, Duncan Bannatyne OBE,** actor **Ricky Whittle,** TV presenter **Gethin Jones, Huey Morgan** from the Fun Lovin' Criminals, and Harlequins and England rugby Internationals **Danny Care** and **Ugo Monye,** Midsomer Murders' actor **John Nettles,** Soccer AM presenter **Max Rushden,** chef **Tom Aikens,** actor **Max Beesley,** and Magic FM's **Neil Fox,**

The campaign has also been backed by TV presenter **Justin Lee Collins** and Women's Aid Ambassador **Bill Ward.**

Women's Aid are asking men to sign their manifesto and show their support! By signing the manifesto you agree that:

A Real Man doesn't hit, abuse or control

A Real Man doesn't hurt the ones he loves

A Real Man makes a difference

I'm a Real Man for Women's Aid standing up to end violence against women and children

The manifesto can be signed at:

<http://www.womensaid.org.uk/petition.asp?section=00010001001000160004§ionTitle=Real+Man+Manifesto>

CONSULTATIONS

Strategic Action Plan to support the sustainability of voluntary sector Violence against Women and Girls organisations

The Government Equalities Office (GEO) has developed a Strategic Action Plan with the support of other government departments to look at what the Government could be doing to support the sustainability of the violence against women and girls third sector. The Women's National Commission, which successfully raised the need to address the sustainability of the third sector with government, is managing this consultation on GEO's behalf. Deadline: Friday 23 July 2010.

http://www.equalities.gov.uk/what_we_do/violence_against_women/action_plan_consultation.aspx

RESOURCES

For Love and Honour

The Kurdish and Middle Eastern Women's Organisation have published a report on the event which launched the - For Honour and Love DVD - a specialist training resource on honour-based violence.

Source: [Kurdish and Middle Eastern Women's Organisation](#) 04 June 2010

Further information: [Full Report](#)

Saving lives, saving money: MARACs and high risk domestic abuse – contact us for free copies

In March Co-ordinated Action Against Domestic Abuse (CAADA) launched their new report about MARACs - Saving lives, saving money: MARACs and high risk domestic abuse. The report outlines why MARACs save lives and money: it includes headline figures from a full cost benefit analysis exercise for the national MARAC picture, with £740 million of potential savings to the public purse, as well as real case studies of women who have been through the MARAC process and are now in a place of safety.

The report was extremely well received by local services and practitioners, who have used it to secure support and buy in for their MARAC from local partners. CAADA is able to post a limited number of hard copies to local practitioners for free - please contact them to place an order (Samantha.brown@caada.org.uk) . Alternatively both the referenced and unreferenced versions of Saving lives, saving money: MARACs and high risk domestic abuse are available to download from their website. <http://www.caada.org.uk/Research/research.html>

EVENTS & TRAINING

Women's Aid National Conference 2010

Women's Aid National Conference 2010: Effective responses to violence against women and children - holding onto values and finding new directions

Thursday 15th and Friday 16th July 2010 - University of Warwick, Coventry

Places are going fast so to secure your attendance at the conference please get your bookings in as soon as possible!

With several themed plenary sessions and up to 30 discussion and training workshops, Women's Aid National Conference brings together experts, activists and practitioners to:

- Review current policy and legislation
- Debate the problems faced by survivors and service providers and help find solutions
- Share experience and ideas on how to improve responses to survivors and their children

View the [provisional programme](#) and [workshop list](#).

You are strongly advised to book now as places for this popular event are limited. To book a place at the conference please complete the [conference booking form](#) and return by 18th June 2010. To make a booking or for any other queries, please contact [Katie Ross](#) or by telephone on 0117 983 7121.