

WARWICKSHIRE AGAINST DOMESTIC ABUSE

NEWSLETTER

9th November 2009

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 412016, 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.

Helen Jinks

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Warwickshire County Council's Domestic Abuse Team has moved!

As of last week Sue Ingram and Helen Jinks are now based in Shire Hall, Warwick

Our telephone number has changed to 01926 412016.

Unfortunately we now no longer have access to a fax machine.

Should you wish to write to us, our address is:

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CV34 4RR

Email addresses remain the same:

Sue Ingram can be contacted at sueingram@warwickshire.gov.uk

Helen Jinks can be contacted at helenjinks@warwickshire.gov.uk

'Take My Hand' – the new single from Women's Aid

To mark November 25th - International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women, and to celebrate Women's Aid 35th Birthday as a national network, we are releasing 'Take My Hand', a charity single, to raise money for our work to end domestic violence and violence against women. Performed by 13 year old Olivia, a rising star with an incredible voice, and Natasha Benjamin, herself a survivor of domestic violence, the single offers a message of hope for both women and children. All profits from sales of the single will be used by Women's Aid to support and protect abused women and children. Please show your support by downloading the single, and forwarding the link to all of your friends. With your help, we can make sure that the single reaches as many people as possible. Available to download from iTunes from November 25.

CEDAW (United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women) celebrates its 30th Anniversary

18th December 2009 marks the 30th anniversary of the adoption of the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW). Visit this [special CEDAW anniversary website](#) to find out more about CEDAW activities such as:

- Examples of CEDAW's successful implementation from around the world, which serve to illustrate how national partners and the global community can work together to ensure gender equality is a reality for all women and girls.
- A calendar of regional and country level events being organized by the UN and its partners to celebrate the Convention's 30th anniversary.
- Information on the global anniversary celebration at UN headquarters in New York on 3rd December, 2009. Electronically available publications and resources on CEDAW.
- Background information on the Convention and its Optional Protocol.

Research on older women and domestic violence

Bridget Penhale from the University of Sheffield is part of a team undertaking a European research study concerning older women and intimate partner violence (IPV). She has developed a questionnaire aimed at service providers who have supported older women (either in their refuge accommodation or in outreach or other non-refuge services). If you are interested in completing this survey, please could you contact Bridget, by [email](#) or tel 0114 226 9606.

Survey: Women, Rape and the Law

Organisation: Campaign to End Rape

Details: this questionnaire aims to collect some fresh information about what women think and know about rape. It is aimed at any woman, whether or not you have experienced rape, as we want to know what you think on this topic. We are using the word rape to mean unwanted sexual acts that you are willing to tell us about. The information collected from this survey will be used to draw attention to women's ideas about rape, what we want, whether we can find what we need after rape and what is happening in the law, from women's perspectives.

More information available at: <http://www.campaigntoendrape.co.uk/>

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Publications

Promoting gender equality to prevent violence against women

Organisation: World Health Organization

Date: September 2009

Details: One of eight briefings in the Violence Prevention: The Evidence series produced by WHO and the Centre for Public Health. The series summarises the evidence for interventions to prevent interpersonal and self-directed violence, providing clear directions for how violence prevention funders, policy makers and programme implementers can boost the impact of their violence prevention efforts. Available at: http://whqlibdoc.who.int/publications/2009/9789241597883_eng.pdf

Asylum-seeking women: Violence and health

Organisation: the Scottish Refugee Council

Details: a new study reveals high levels of violence, depression and stress experienced by asylum-seeking women. The report, commissioned by Scottish Refugee Council, calls for the Home Office and Scottish Government to provide better support. A shocking 70 per cent per cent of women surveyed had suffered physical and or sexual violence in their lifetime. Available at: http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/pub/Women_health

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Leaving - new DV resource from Social Film Drama

Organisation: Social Film Drama

Details: Award winning film Leaving is now available to purchase through a series of license packs. Leaving, tells the story of one woman's attempt to escape an abusive relationship. Starring BAFTA nominated actress Kierston Wareing, the film has received numerous awards and has had screenings across the world. The licensed pack is available from £100.00 per year, and gives both individuals and organisations the right to view and use the film for screening and training purposes. All proceeds from sale of licenses goes into further development of training and awareness raising material including the development of a feature length drama.

For more information contact Darren Finch at Social Film Drama on 0117 954 7170 or email darren.finch@socialfilmdrama.com

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Events

Please find below a selection of events taking place in the UK. Further details for any of the events below, plus the full listing of events can be found at www.talk2someone.org.uk. To add your events to this webpage please send all details to helenjinks@warwickshire.gov.uk

NOVEMBER

- **Hitting Where It Hurts: the hidden costs of domestic violence and abuse** 27th November 2009, Bristol ([Click here for further details](#))
- **Forced Marriage & Honor Based Violence Conference - Has Anything Changed? Come join the debate.....** 25th November 2009, Leicestershire ([Click here for further details](#))
- **Domestic Violence Perpetrator Work** 16th - 20th November 2009 ([Click here for further details](#))

DECEMBER

- **Tackling Violence Against Women and Girls: Working Towards a National Strategy** 1st December 2009, London ([Click here for further details](#))

JANUARY

- **Adolescents - Perspectives on Their Violence & Abuse in Personal Relationships** 20th January 2010 ([Click here for further details](#))
- **Safeguarding Children - Living with Parental Substance Use and Domestic Violence** 21st January 2010, London ([Click here for further details](#))

FEBRUARY

- **Domestic Violence Prevention Work for Primary Schools and Youth Settings** 4th February 2010, London ([Click here for further details](#))
- **The Recovery Toolkit Facilitators Training** 16th - 17th February 2010 ([Click here for further details](#))

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