

WARWICKSHIRE AGAINST DOMESTIC ABUSE

NEWSLETTER

7th May 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 746818, or email helenjinks@warwickshire.gov.uk. The deadline for information to be sent for inclusion for the next edition is **Friday 15th May 2009.**

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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Together we can end violence against women and girls - A consultation

Violence against women and girls is unacceptable, whatever the context, whatever the circumstances. This consultation is intended to raise awareness, discussion and debate on how together we can end violence against women and girls, and overcome its debilitating impact on individuals, families and communities.

The government has recently launched this national consultation, and I am pleased to invite you to these local workshops, offering you the opportunity to have your voice heard. We will be collating all the responses and submitting a Warwickshire response to the Government at the end of the consultation period.

[Have your say by completing the online questionnaire](#)

The Survivors Trust launch short film series Behind Closed Doors



The Survivors Trust has produced a series called Behind Closed Doors which consists of nine different short films giving information about rape, sexual abuse and sexual violence, and promoting the support that their Member Agencies provide to victims. The films will be used by The Survivors Trust in a range of ways, including on their website, during presentations and training, and to raise awareness about rape and sexual abuse support services among the population.

The Survivors Trust hopes that other Agencies, both statutory and third sector, will also take advantage of the Behind Closed Doors series in their work. This could be by using the films to awareness about rape and sexual abuse and the existence of specialist support services for those affected.

Behind Closed Doors can be viewed on The Survivors Trust website:

<http://www.thesurvivorstrust.org/info/behind-closed-doors.aspx>

[Download an information sheet on Behind Closed Doors](#)

To obtain a free copy of these films, or to discuss the project further, please contact Abigail Hunt by email or call The Survivors Trust HQ: abigail.hunt@thesurvivorstrust.org or 01788 550554

National Violence Against Women Strategy – Meeting the needs of women offenders and ex-offenders

Organisation: Women Offender Campaign Network - Women in Prison

Details: As you know the Government is currently consulting on its first National Violence Against Women Strategy. A high proportion of women offenders and ex-offenders have experienced domestic or sexual violence and frequently do not have full access to the services they need. Women offenders and ex-offenders are ignored as a group with specific needs by many service providers and commissioners and formally or informally prevented from accessing domestic violence services because of their offending history. The National Strategy presents an opportunity to direct authorities to improve specialist service provision for women offenders and ex-offenders.

To encourage organizations and individuals participating in the consultation to include women offenders and ex-offenders in their responses, Women in Prison have prepared a short briefing, available at: <http://www.womeninprison.org.uk/consultation.php>

If you are interested in finding out more about the Women Offender Campaign Network please see: <http://www.womeninprison.org.uk/aboutthenetwork.php>

Blue Heart campaign against human trafficking

Organisation: United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime

Details: To rally world public opinion against human trafficking, UNODC is launching the Blue Heart Campaign. By wearing the Blue Heart you raise awareness of this crime and join the campaign to fight it. The Blue Heart represents the sadness of those who are trafficked while reminding us of the cold-heartedness of those who buy and sell fellow human beings. The use of the blue UN colour also demonstrates the commitment of the United Nations to combating this crime against human dignity.

By adding the Blue Heart to your website/Facebook profile or other social networks you raise awareness of this crime. Display the Blue Heart and support the fight against human trafficking!

Click here for more information: <http://www.unodc.org/blueheart/join-us.html>

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Consultations

All-Party Parliamentary Group on Local Government inquiry on justice in communities

Organisation: Local Government Unit

Deadline date: 1 May 2009

Details: The inquiry aims to investigate how thinking locally can help reduce crime and create confidence in justice, to respond to the cost of prison places, the gap in local political accountability for crime and justice and the increasing lack of confidence in communities that justice is on their side. For further details visit:

http://www.lgiu.gov.uk/module1-detail.jsp?section=what_we_do_lgiu&id=122

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Funding

Nationwide makes available £3.2M for disadvantaged groups

Organisation: Nationwide

Details: The Nationwide Foundation has made available £3.2 million to help tackle the issues of housing and financial exclusion amongst disadvantaged groups. The Foundation, a registered charity set up and funded by the Society is today launching two new grant programmes and an investor programme. Money, homes and family matters are the focus of the programmes and the Foundation will make grants to charities that: tackle financial exclusion, affecting disadvantaged groups across the UK and address housing issues and homelessness among vulnerable groups in the UK.

For more information visit: <http://www.nationwidefoundation.org.uk/grants.asp>

Additional Funding to Prevent and Reduce Offending by Women

Organisation: Ministry of Justice

Deadline: 5 June 2009

Details: Grants will be administered through the Criminal Justice Women's Strategy Unit in the Ministry of Justice as part of the Diverting Women from Custody Project. They will be investing in existing third sector providers to enable them to work with courts, police, probation and other statutory agencies to provide support and services to vulnerable women.

The grant process will begin on 5th June 2009 with an information seminar for interested parties. To express an interest in attending the information seminar contact womenspolicyteam@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk.

New Special Initiative on Female Genital Mutilation Launched

Organisation: City Parochial Foundation, Esmée Fairbairn Foundation and Rosa - the UK Women's Fund

Deadline: 24 July 2009

Details: A new collaborative initiative to strengthen community-based prevention work on FGM in the UK. Funding will be available for up to three years to develop work within FGM practising communities. All three funders agree that one of the most effective ways of tackling FGM in the UK is by investing in community organisations based within practising communities, in particular, women's organisations. Applications are therefore invited from these organisations to develop a programme of work with young people, parents, faith leaders, and/or the wider community to raise awareness about this harmful practice and to empower communities to say no. Organisations need to be a registered charity or a voluntary organisation engaged in charitable work.

For more information visit:

http://www.cityparochial.org.uk/cpf/news/female_genital_mutilation_fgm_special_initiative_launched.html

Summer activities grants for children in refuges and young carers

Organisation: LankellyChase Foundation

Deadline: 8 May 2009

Details: Each year the Trustees of the LankellyChase Foundation set aside funds to support summer activities for children and young people in refuges, or young carers between the ages of 5 - 17 yrs. In 2009 they will be supporting specific activities for children and young people living in Refuges and young carers. They aim to achieve an equal geographical spread and in total approximately 120 grants are made each year. Each grant will amount of £500 and will be available to qualifying organisations in England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.

For more information visit: <http://www.lankellychase.org.uk/>

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Publications

Knowledge Set One: Domestic Abuse

Organisation: Alcohol Concern – Embrace

Date: March 2009

Details: This is the first of three Knowledge Sets aimed at alcohol services, commissioners and policy makers, as well as their partners in the children, families and domestic abuse fields. The Knowledge Sets aim to provide the alcohol and related fields with basic information that they will need in order to develop more family focused services that take account of domestic abuse.

For more information visit: <http://tinyurl.com/dyvv96>

Engaging Bystanders in Sexual Violence Prevention

Organisation: Joan Tabachnick for the National Sexual Violence Resource Center.

Date: 2009

Details: This presents an orientation to the importance of engaging bystanders in sexual violence prevention. It provides background on the development of an approach that empowers all to be involved in prevention. It discusses various reasons why individuals who witness a range of inappropriate behaviors may or may not take action, and presents ways to encourage and develop greater bystander involvement.

For more information visit: <http://www.nsvrc.org/publications/nsvrc-publications/engaging-bystanders-sexual-violence-prevention>

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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

MAY

Domestic Abuse Perpetrator Programme Training May 2009, Oxon ([Click here for further details](#))

Asian Women, Domestic Violence and Mental Health Toolkit Launch 13 May 2009, London ([Click here for further details](#))

Launch of the Final Report of the Fawcett Society's Commission on Women and the Criminal Justice System - Engendering Justice – From Policy to Practice 13 May 2009, London ([Click here for further details](#))

Empowering Police and Local Agencies to Tackle Violence Against Women and 'Honour' Based Crime 21 May 2009, London ([Click here for further details](#))

JUNE

Double oppression: Disabled women and gender violence 23 June 2009, Warwick ([Click here for further details](#))

JULY

Domestic Violence and the Arts 2 1 July 2009, Derby ([Click here for further details](#))

Double oppression: Disabled women and gender violence 1 July 2009, Nuneaton ([Click here for further details](#))

NOVEMBER

Alcohol Doesn't Rape: People Do 6 & 7 November 2009, Windermere ([Click here for further details](#))

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