

Welcome to the eighth issue of the Manchester Domestic Abuse Strategy newsletter, providing regular updates and information on the work being done across the city to wipe out domestic abuse.

WE ALL HAVE A RIGHT

TO LIVE FREE FROM ABUSE

Thursday 10th December 2009

CANDLELIT VIGIL



Time: 5pm



Join the Candlelit Vigil in

Manchester City Centre to call for an End to Violence towards Women. The Vigil marks the end of the 16 days of Activism against Gender Violence and is held on International Human Rights day

Event supported by Manchester City Council, Independent Choices and YPSF. For more information email:

Rachel.Lappin@manchester.gov.uk

For advice or information on domestic

abuse go to:

www.endthefear.co.uk/

www.wdchoices.org.uk

Women's Domestic Abuse Helpline

0161 636 7525

Location Peace Garden, Near St Peter's Square Metro Station, Manchester City Centre

Young people from YPSF have made lanterns for the event, some candles will be available but please bring your own!!

YOUNG PEOPLE AT HEART OF STRATEGY TO BRING AN END TO VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS



An ambitious strategy aiming to bring an end to violence against women and girls was set out by the Government today.

As well as measures to further protect victims and tackle perpetrators, the **'Together We Can End Violence Against Women and Girls' strategy** signals a new focus on preventing violence from happening.

From 2011, preventing violence in relationships will be included in personal, social, health and economic (PSHE) education, so attitudes which condone and perpetuate violence against women are addressed before they become entrenched in young people.

An awareness-raising marketing campaign to change behaviour will start in the New Year with a high profile drive to tackle violence in teenagers' relationships.

The strategy sets out a range of actions for the police, local authorities, the NHS and government departments across three key areas – Protection, Provision and Prevention.

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Domestic Abuse Practitioners Forum - 15th February 2010 9.30am-4pm

This free forum is designed as an opportunity to thank all of you who work with those affected by domestic abuse and to give you an opportunity to network, be updated and fed!

The theme for the day will be Assisting Women with Immigration Difficulties Who Experience Domestic Abuse. We will have a raffle on the day to raise money for women with no access to public funds or benefits and will provide you with leaflets and other tools to take away with you. Lunch will be provided and the venue will be Breakthrough UK Ltd, BEVC, Aked Close, Ardwick, Manchester, M12 4AN where there is parking and the building is fully accessible.

To book a place please email DomesticAbuseForum@manchester.gov.uk

These include:

- more than £13 million of funding to help support victims of sexual and domestic violence;
- development a national communications strategy designed to address attitudes towards VAWG among all members of the public;
- increased investment delivering a four-fold increase in Family Intervention Projects to support 10,000 families a year;
- the Training and Development Agency for Schools will address violence against women in the review of professional standards for teachers in 2010, to help ensure teachers have the skills they need to tackle violence against women and girls;
- development of a dedicated stalking and harassment helpline so emerging violence can be nipped in the bud;
- a new online directory of services for victims of violence against women and funding for new 24-hour sexual violence helpline;
- the piloting of Domestic Violence Protection Orders – or ‘Go’ orders - to exclude perpetrators from their homes and give victims space to apply for longer-term protection;
- a Health Taskforce examining the role of the NHS in response to victims of violence against women and girls will publish recommendations in the new year;
- development of a series of short films on violence against women and girls for patients on the NHS Choices website to supplement existing material on recognising domestic violence and seeking support.

Prime Minister Gordon Brown said:

"Violence against women and girls is an obscenity. That is why we are taking action to bring perpetrators to justice and protect and support victims, but also to challenge the attitude that attacks on women and girls are in any way acceptable. A fair and responsible Britain has no place for violence of any sort."

Home Office Update on measures to assist victims of domestic violence who have no recourse to public funds.

The Home Office are pleased announce that having taken further time to consider how to fully support the above group of victims, they have now developed a pilot scheme which will strengthen the way in which domestic violence cases are considered, enabling those victims who are vulnerable to access additional support whilst easing the financial burden currently placed on the refuge sector in supporting these victims. The pilot will run nationally from 30th November 2009 for a three month period and will be monitored and evaluated throughout with an overall evaluation being conducted in March 2010 which will assist in informing our next steps in developing a longer-term solution to the issue. Eaves Housing for Women Ltd will act as the national co-ordinating body during the pilot, which will identify and manage refuge provision for victims who are eligible under the pilot. Refuges supporting the victims will be provided with 4 weeks (20 working days) of funding to support the victim whilst they complete an application for Indefinite Leave to Remain (ILR) under the Domestic Violence Rule. Applications for leave will also be speeded up to help with this process.

More detailed information will be made available on the Home Office, UKBA and Eaves websites, nearer the end of the pilot.

GUIDELINE FOR FRONT LINE PRACTITIONERS

New department of health guidance on domestic abuse has been launched called:

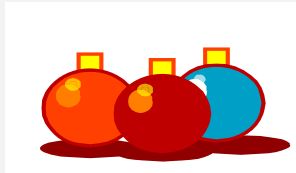
'Improving safety, reducing harm, children, young people and domestic violence A practical toolkit for front line practitioners'.



Published in September 2009 it can be found at:

http://www.dh.gov.uk/prod_consum_dh/groups/dh_digitalassets/documents/digitalasset/dh_108704.pdf

The document opens with the statement 'Domestic abuse can have a devastating impact on children and young people, affecting their health well being and development, as well as their educational achievement'. This new guidance provides detailed information about the many forms that domestic abuse can take and outlines steps that agencies can take to protect children and young people from abuse.



GOODBYE and WELCOME!

After 20 months of driving the domestic abuse strategy forwards in Manchester Juliet Appleby has moved on to a new position. Juliet is now the Risk Register Manager for Manchester City Council's Children's Services and we wish her every success in her new job. Amongst her many successes Juliet has overseen the achievement of Manchester gaining Specialist Domestic Violence Court status and those of us working to support survivors of domestic abuse and their children would like to thank her for all her very hard work.



Welcome to Brenda Seville who is the new administrator working with the Domestic Abuse Coordinator Sarah Khalil. Amongst her many talents Brenda has done a fantastic job putting this newsletter together.



Health service involvement 'could help curb domestic abuse'

A recent Health Service Journal article stated that closer links between independent domestic violence advisers and health services could prevent further abuse against women facing severe domestic violence, a report has found.

These advisers act as links between victims and the many local authority agencies involved, including health services, children's services, the police, courts and housing departments.

[Safety in Numbers](#) concludes that as a result of support from domestic violence advisers, 67 per cent of women found that all abuse stopped, 87 per cent said they felt safer, and multiple forms of abuse fell from 80 per cent of the total to 20 per cent.

But the report, commissioned by the Hestia Fund and funded by the Sigrid Rausing Trust and the Henry Smith Charity, says the advisers need to be more closely linked with health services in order to co-ordinate the support that victims need.

Report co-author Diana Barran said: "There are beacons of good practice that exist already, some of whom are highlighted in the research.

"We must now secure this approach as a consistent and potentially life-saving service for victims and children, enabling them to remain safe and free from abuse."

This article was taken from the Health Service Journal at the following link:
<http://www.hsj.co.uk/news/policy/health-service-involvement-could-help-curb-domestic-abuse/5008882.article?referrer=RSS>

Manchester is currently running the PATHway project which evaluates the benefits of basing an independent domestic violence advisor in St Mary's Maternity hospital. Our next newsletter will feature highlights of their progress.

WOMEN'S AID NEWS

Download the new charity single, "[Take My Hand](#)"

Women's Aid are delighted to be marking the **International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women** and their **35th birthday** as a national network, with the release of [Take My Hand](#), a charity single to raise vital funds for their work to end domestic violence.

The single will be available to download from itunes and play.com on 25th November for only 79p. Please show your support by downloading the single and asking all of your friends to do the same. For more information, visit www.womensaid.org.uk.



DADS SPACE 1-2-1



WHAT IS DAD'S SPACE?

Dad's Space 1-2-1 is a web-based communication facility, which allows dads to maintain and enhance their relationship with their children. It is a groundbreaking service for dads who are separated or away from their children; enabling children to stay in contact with their dad, even in difficult circumstances.

IS DAD'S SPACE 1-2-1 SAFE FOR CHILDREN?

All parents using Dad's Space 1-2-1 are assessed to determine what level of contact they can have. The available options are:

Supported – Parents and children can email, lay interactive games, chat on the messenger, upload photos, and exchange e-cards and e-gifts. Content is sampled and post-moderated to ensure the service is being used appropriately.

Supervised – Offering the same interaction as the supported level but with a limited chat function. All communication at this level is moderated before it is transmitted.

Indirect – Parents and children can play games and exchange pre-set information (text, greetings and gifts).

Dad's Space 1-2-1 is designed with lots of age appropriate resources that will appeal to boys and girls from age four upwards. For children under four, mum can upload photos and send emails detailing their child's development and milestones for dad to look at.

WHY DADS' SPACE 1-2-1?

Physical distance, acrimonious separation or allegations of domestic abuse can mean that face-to-face contact between a non-resident parent and child are problematic. Yet, it is often in the interests of the child that dads remain part of their children's lives.

Also for dads who are away from their children due to work commitments, such as those in the armed forces or working offshore, finding "parent" time comes with its own set of difficulties. Dads Space 1-2-1 makes contact possible by providing a secure online service where safety and the promotion of positive communication are key.

HOW CAN DADS START USING THE SERVICE?

Dad's Space takes referrals from all agencies working with families or fathers including: Cafcass, Family Solicitors, Children's Services, SureStart, Children Centres, Victim Support, and many others.

Enquiries

For general information or referral enquiries please contact Lesley, Maxine or Sarah on:
E: info@dads-space.org T: 020 7022 1854

A POEM

Jo Bell, Co-ordinator, National Poetry Day and Cheshire Poet Laureate 2007 has written the following poem. The next National Poetry Day is on October 7th, 2010. Please follow this link, [National Poetry Day](#) . New poetry roadshow [Fourpenny Circus](#) is on tour - come and see us soon. Visit the site [Bell Jar](#), read the [blog](#) or watch a [video](#) from the Poetraits project.

Things I learned at the Ref

That a child can be reduced to tears
by the sound of a key in the door.
That it's easy to ask why it's hard to say
that *I'm not going to take any more.*

That you can't get back to Kansas
simply by clicking your heels:
that leaving is hard, and staying is hard
and love is as hard as steel.

That sticks and stones will break your bones
but the names can hurt you too.
that cruelties can be tiny
and there's always a size to fit you.

That if someone can stop you laughing
he thinks he's won the fight:
but that laughter creeps back like daisies
given the smallest amount of light.

That freedom, like abseiling, *is* worth the thrill
if you're able to step out and risk it;
that nothing can stop the runaway chat
of seventeen women with biscuits.

That a nom de plume is a shield and sword
whether Femme Fatale or Fanny Slack;
that painting a wall or making a cake
are signs that you're on the way back.

That spider silk is not the strongest
fibre known to man;
the strongest force in nature is
telling a woman she can.

That so long as your fist can fit round a pen
the bitterest draft can be sweetened;
You'll be down and out for a little while
But never, ever beaten.

Written for Do the Right Thing by Jo Bell. www.bell-jar.co.uk

Savera

HOSLA is running a Health and Wellbeing Group for Asian Women in the community.

It's a chance to meet other women, to get advice, support and information, and link up with professionals and advice workers. Please contact us on 0161 945 4187 if you would like to attend or refer somebody.

Awareness Campaign aims to reduce incidents of rape and sexual assault

St Mary's Sexual Assault Referral Centre joined forces with Greater Manchester Police this month to help launch the National Rape Awareness Campaign, which aims to reduce the incidents of rape and sexual assault over the festive season.

Launched to coincide with the start of the party season when there is a potential for incidents of rape and sexual assault to increase, the campaign aims to encourage people to take some simple steps to keep themselves and their friends safe while on a night out.

Figures show that between November 2004 and October 2007, in Greater Manchester the number of reported rapes and attempted rapes against women over 16 years of age increased in the months of December and January before falling again in the February.

During the week, two highly emotive TV adverts will be broadcast on national and regional television. In addition, a victim of rape from Greater Manchester has come forward to warn other young men and women about the dangers of drinking large quantities of alcohol, which can leave them vulnerable to crimes such as rape and sexual assault.

Clinical Director at St Mary's Sexual Assault Referral Centre, Dr Cath White, said:

"St Mary's Centre is an independent organisation that provides comprehensive and co-ordinated forensic, counselling and support services to victims of rape and sexual assault. Alcohol does feature in some of the cases that we see and it is important for people to understand that alcohol does make you vulnerable. It does help then to plan your night out, stick with your friends and make sure you know how you are going to get home."

The following two posters can be printed and displayed in your work place if you would like to support this campaign.



Rape

**Short word —
Long sentence**

NO CONSENT, NO SEX



Rape

**Let your hair down,
not your guard**

**ALCOHOL FEATURES IN
TWO THIRDS OF ALL RAPES**



RAPECRISIS
(England and Wales)

Rape and Sexual Abuse Support Centre
Call: 0161 273 4500
www.manchesterrapecrisis.co.uk



www.thesurvivorstrust.org



St Mary's Centre: 0161 276 6515
www.stmaryscentre.org



present

UK PREMIERE TOUR

HURRIED STEPS

Eight women's stories are brought to life

Stories taken from Amnesty testimonies, including a new story set in the UK, are performed by an ensemble of actors

By **DACIA MARAINI**
Translated by Sharon Wood
Directed by Nicolette Kay

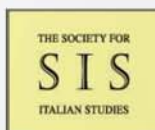
*"With **hurried steps** these women flee from pain and discrimination. Inspired by real facts reported by Amnesty International, the text is a testimony, an accusation, a gesture of solidarity and acknowledgement of all those women who are still prisoners of a forced marriage, of a violent family, of a hustler, of tradition or of age-old discriminations which are so difficult to overcome."*

Dacia Maraini

WEDNESDAY 2 DECEMBER 2009
Manchester Metropolitan University
Manchester Lecture Theatre
All Saints Building

6.00 pm performance
7.00 pm discussion panel
with Dacia Maraini

Also sponsored by:



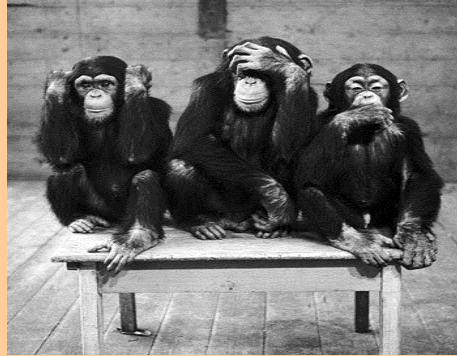
The performance will be followed by a dinner at Palmiro Restaurant
197 Upper Chorlton Road, Manchester M16 0BH.
For information and bookings, please contact info@palmiro.net or ring (0161) 860 7330

SEX CRIMES AND VULNERABLE ADULTS



Are we a caring society, or a society that no longer cares?

24 & 25 February 2010, Manchester Town Hall



**Is this how we respond?
Who are these vulnerable groups?
What are the best mechanisms to protect them?
Do we have these mechanisms?
Do we use them?**

Speakers include:

Keir Starmer QC

Director of Public Prosecution

Sir Professor George Alberti

Senior Research Investigator, Division of Medicine, Imperial College London
Leader of the new taskforce following on from the Violence against Women and Girls consultation

His Honour Judge Andrew Gilbert QC

Honorary Recorder of Manchester

Chief Constable Dave Whatton

ACPO Lead for Rape and Serious Sexual Offences

Mike Farrar, CBE

Chief Executive, NHS North West &
Member of the health taskforce on Violence against Women and Children

Professor Anthea Tinker

Institute of Gerontology, King's College London

HOW TO BOOK:

To request a booking form, please contact

Louise Goodwin, Training and Development Officer, St. Mary's Centre

Louise.Goodwin1@cmft.nhs.uk / 0161 701 2322

Booking fees: 2 day pass £320 / 1 day pass £220

New drop-in group at Mosside Children's Centre for South Asian Women

Parosan

Invite to South Asian Women with no recourse to public funds to their free activity group.

Held every other Thursday,
10 am – 12 pm



For more information please contact
Saheli on
0161 945 4187
(Places are limited)

“No Excuse”

Preventing violence in teenage relationships in schools

“No Excuse” is a conference exploring the successful Trust violence prevention programme in London schools. You are invited to join our team of professionals as they showcase the practical methods used with young people to address issues of healthy relationships and to promote equality, respect and trust.

Here are what some teachers who have participated in the project have had to say about it:

“The male students are more reflective about the use of violence. They think more about it and the female students are far more self-assured” (*Teacher, July 2008*)

“Girls are more aware of the issues. Some girls were already in an abusive relationship and were able to extricate themselves from them by the end of the project.” (*Head of Drama, January 2008*)

“The effect on the students involved was life changing.” (*Teacher, January 2009*)

The conference will take place from 9.00am until 2.00pm on December 11th at the Institute of Education, WC1H 0AL. Lunch will be provided. To book a place, visit the [Events](#) page on Tender's website.



MANCHESTER
CITY COUNCIL

Manchester City Council

Domestic Abuse Co-ordinator Grade 8 (£30,851 to £34,549 (bar at £33,661) pro rata. Crime and Disorder, Chief Executive's Department

Location: Town Hall, Manchester City Centre

Hours 17.5 per week

Fixed term Start 04/01/2010 – 31/03/2010

Please note the start date is an approximate date subject to all pre-employment checks.

This is an exciting opportunity to co-ordinate the strategic and operational work of Manchester's Domestic Abuse Management Group - a senior multi-agency group working to reduce domestic abuse in Manchester, provide greater support to the victims and tackle the behaviour of the perpetrators.

If you thrive on a challenge, have the determination and tenacity to push through change at a senior level, and the people skills to influence the work of a large number of partner agencies, this post offers an exciting opportunity to make a real difference to the victims of domestic abuse.

You should have a knowledge and understanding of domestic abuse. Experience of working with colleagues at a senior level to push through change in a multi-agency setting as well as excellent communication skills and a flexible 'can do' attitude are essential.

This is a temporary job-share secondment with the likelihood of extension subject to funding. Due to the nature of the funding it will be a condition of the secondment that the secondee can return to their original department or employer at the end of the secondment. We will consider a secondment from an external partner organisation. The job-share is worked in the 2nd half of the week.

Applicants must submit no more than 2 sides of A4 detailing how they meet the requirements of this post. Copies of the job description and person specification can be obtained from:

Elaine Mateer

Admin Assistant

ASB Policy Team

Manchester City Council

Alexandra House (Ground Floor)

Moss Lane East

Manchester

M15 5NX

Phone: 0161 953 8460

Internal: 811 8460

E-mail: e.mateer@manchester.gov.uk

Closing date 7.12.09

Manchester Women's Aid
is a newly merged organisation offering temporary refuge accommodation and outreach services to people experiencing domestic abuse & violence. We have the following posts available and invite you to apply to become part of our new and exciting organisation.

Mental Health Support Worker

To work closely with MWA Refuge & Outreach services to enable women with mental health issues to access domestic violence services including Refuges.

Salary £21,306 - £23,473

(35 hours per week)

Drug & Alcohol Support Worker

To work closely with MWA Refuge & Outreach services to enable women with substance use issues to access domestic violence services including Refuges.

Salary £21,306 - £23,473

(35 hours per week)

For and Application Form, Job Description & Person Specification

Call: 0161 660 7999 ex 201

Or email: info@manchesterwomensaid.org

Please make your applications in writing,
or by e mail to:

MWA Kath Locke Centre, 123 Moss Lane East, Moss Side, M15 5DD

MWA is an equal opportunities employer and we welcome applications from minoritised groups.

Closing date for this post is **4pm on 16th December 2009**

Interviews will be held week beginning **11th January 2010**

The above posts are open to women only and are exempt under the SDA Act 1975, section 7, (2) exemption.

TRAINING

MANCHESTER SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN BOARD

Domestic abuse

This is a one-day course delivered by members of the Manchester Safeguarding Children Board Training Pool.

Dates: Thursday 07/05/09 - One Central.

Friday 03/07/09 - One Central.

Thursday 01/10/09 - The Grange.

Thursday 11/02/10 - One Central.

Time: 9.15am–4pm

Aim - To raise the awareness of domestic abuse for those who work with children and young people and their families in order that they are able to communicate effectively and develop working relationships to safeguard and promote the welfare of children.

Learning outcomes: -

- | Define domestic abuse and outline the key concepts.
- | Understand the effects on children, young people and workers.
- | Explain professional roles and responsibilities.
- | Recognise appropriate intervention and support.

To apply please follow this link

<http://www.manchesterscb.org.uk/docs/~9532712.pdf>





Breaking Free

**Sherwood
Associates**

Sexual Violence & Abuse Impact & Dynamics

A two day in-depth training opportunity covering all aspects of sexual violence and abuse from an individual or family perspective, through society's perception to global issues.

The training will be suitable to all those currently or newly tasked with the sexual violence agenda or who encounter sexual violence within their service delivery.

- **Topics Included In The Training Are:-**

- **The range of sexually abusive behaviours**
 - **Current research and statistics**
- **Sexual abuse as a dynamic within domestic abuse**
 - **Prostitution and trafficking**
 - **Young people and sexual bullying**
- **Pornography and the impact of the internet**
 - **Global and cultural perspectives**
 - **Perceptions within our society**
 - **Perpetrator profiles**
- **Current governmental agenda and local service provision**

10th & 11th December 2009

The Hub, Easton Street, High Wycombe, Bucks HP11 1NJ

Cost £195 or £175 (voluntary sector)

The cost includes two full days training, associated relevant materials, handouts & resources with refreshments and lunch provided each day.

Due to the intensive nature of this training, places will be strictly limited so please book early – if you would like to book a place, please apply for a booking form from juliaworms@hotmail.com or call 07977 100887 for more information.

Over 30 organised public events across Greater Manchester during the International 16 days of action against Gender violence.

This year across the ten boroughs of Greater Manchester there will be over 30 public events showing activism and commitment towards the elimination of Violence towards women. Events in Manchester were launched at The Pankhurst Centre on 25th November and will end with a Vigil in Manchester City Centre, St Peters Garden on 10th December at 5pm.

Independent Choices, a Greater Manchester Domestic Abuse organisation who run the Women's Domestic Abuse helpline (0161 636 7525) have co-ordinated a programme of events and have been impressed with the amount of innovation and commitment to raise awareness within the 16 days of activism.

Independent Choices are hosting a Networking event ' From Beginning to end' in Greater Manchester on Thursday, 3rd December at St. Thomas' Centre, Ardwick, to mark the international 16 days of action. The event, which is supported by Greater Manchester Police, Greater Manchester Probation Trust and AGMA will host ninety representatives from across the ten boroughs of Greater Manchester. Speakers will include Greater Manchester Police, NHS Manchester and Rights of women.

ACC Terry Sweeney Greater Manchester Police (GMP) said: "GMP is working hard to tackle domestic abuse across the region. We've committed significant additional resources to our work on domestic abuse, targeting prolific offenders as well as supporting high-risk victims through the Greater Manchester multi-agency risk assessment conferences. Tackling domestic abuse remains one of our key priorities as we work with partner agencies to combat this devastating crime."

The 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence is an international campaign originating from the first Women's Global Leadership Institute sponsored by the Center for Women's Global Leadership in 1991.

Participants chose the dates, November 25, International Day Against Violence Against Women and December 10, International Human Rights Day, in order to symbolically link violence against women and human rights and to emphasize that such violence is a violation of human rights.

This 16-day period also highlights other significant dates including November 29, International Women Human Rights Defenders Day, December 1, World AIDS Day, and December 6, which marks the Anniversary of the Montreal Massacre.

The 16 Days Campaign of Activism continues to gain momentum and in 2004 alone, over 1,000 organisations in approximately 130 countries participated!

The White ribbon Campaign (25th November) is the largest effort in the world of men working to end men's violence against women.

History to the campaign: In 1991, a handful of men in Canada decided they had a responsibility to urge men to speak out against violence against women. They decided that wearing a white ribbon would be a symbol of men's opposition to men's violence against women. After only six weeks preparation, as many as one hundred thousand men across Canada wore a white ribbon. The UK Branch of WRC was started in 2004.

Last year the Greater Manchester domestic abuse helpline dealt with over 7,000 calls, and has seen an increase of about 500 calls a year for the last 3 years.

The Women's Domestic Abuse Helpline (Monday – Friday 10-4.00pm, Tuesday until 7pm) can be contacted on 0161 636 7525. Trained staff and volunteers offer advice, information, telephone counselling and support to any woman who is experiencing or has previously experienced domestic abuse. In an emergency victims should always call 999. Urdu and Punjabi helpline service Monday to Wednesday.



16 days of activism for the Elimination of Violence towards women



Greater Manchester Programme of Events - 25 November - 10 December 2009

Date	Event	Organisation and Venue	Contact details
Saturday 28 th November 2009	Radcliffe Football Club are wearing the White ribbons in support of the campaign	Bury	Please contact Jaria Hussein-Lala (Bury DV co-coordinator)
Wednesday 2 nd December 2009 At 7pm	Bury Football club have been filmed wearing the white ribbons and this is being shown on the BBC One show	The One Show, BBC	Bury Domestic Violence co-coordinator - above
Wednesday 2 nd December 2009 6pm panel at 7pm	Play ' Hurried steps' by Dacia Maraini . 'Eight Women's stories are brought to life' Manchester Lecture theatre, All Saints building, MMU	Manchester Metropolitan University and C.D.L.C.I	No contact details given
Thursday 3 rd December 12.30-7pm	From Beginning to End - A Greater Manchester event that aims to encourage enhanced interagency working into 2010 around domestic abuse issues and strategies. GM Police and NHS Manchester will talk at the event. Stalls and workshops. By <u>Booking form only.</u>	Independent Choices	Tracey Bryson admin@independentchoices.org.uk 0161 636 7535 www.wdchoices.org.uk
Thursday 3 rd December at 6pm	Performance of 'How I became an asylum seeker'	Women Asylum seekers together (WAST)and Community Arts North west	To reserve seat please call 0161 234 2975 or email admin@can.uk.com or www.wast.org.uk or www.can.uk.com
Friday 4 th Dec 4pm-12am	AD VAN driving around Bury – focussing on perpetrators gaining help and accessing	Bury	Bury Domestic Violence co-coordinator - above

	services.		
Friday 4th December 2009 TIME: 6.30-8.30PM	The Gender Crisis : Understanding and Treating the Causes of Violence Against Women	Bright Presence Training Ltd VENUE: Room 2, Friends Meeting House, 6 Mount St, Manchester, M2 5NS	Bright Presence Training Ltd www.brightpresence.co.uk 07927 402 413 or 01457 858 078.
4-5 December 2009 (with associated activities on 6 December)	Transnational Feminisms Conference	University of Manchester	University of Manchester
Tuesday 8th December 10.30-2.30pm	Event on Forced marriages In Bury - All welcome	Adab Work Centre, Haywood Road, Bury.	Jaria Hussein-Lala - Bury DV co-coordinator -detail above
Thursday 10th December 1-3pm	Signpost and City Centre project is holding a Domestic Abuse Youth event in Signpost Youth project , Wythenshawe	YPSF in partnership with Manchester Women's Aid.	Contact YSPF
Thursday 10th December, 5pm	Candle lit vigil Manchester City Centre, all welcome. Lanterns made by young people from YPSF – CCP and Signpost projects. Please bring your own lantern. (held on International Human Rights day)	Peace garden by Town Hall extension.	Rachel Lappin, MARAC Co-ordinator rachel.lappin@manchester.gov.uk 0161 856 3569 Or Independent Choices admin@independentchoices.org.uk 0161 636 7535

Note: The Launch of the Government Home Office new National Violence against Women and Girls Strategy is due to be launch within the week 16 days and should be available at the Independent Choices event on 3rd December 2009.

National events can be found by searching – ‘womensgrid’. Or visit www.womensphere.wordpress.com

	<p><i>Independent choices have prepared this timetable to assist the 16 days of Action which Internationally calls for the Elimination of violence towards women. We take no responsibility for the content or organisation of any event shown unless we have publicised our involvement.</i></p> <p><i>New web address:- www.wdchoices.org.uk . (replaces www.wdvh.org.uk until 3rd December)</i></p> <p><i>Contact 0161 636 7535. admin@independentchoices.org.uk</i></p>
	<p><i>Women's Domestic Abuse Helpline 0161 636 7525</i></p>

The International 16 days of activism campaign has been gaining momentum over the years and in 2004 over 1,000 organisations in approximately 130 countries participated in the campaign. - Join an event this year to support the campaign in Greater Manchester!!

N.B Due to the newsletter being sent out on 30th November we have not publicised the events prior to this date.