



BDAF Newsletter
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Special Announcement: Ellen Pence

Ellen died on 6th January, of breast cancer. Ellen was a pioneer in combating domestic violence and abuse. She was key in setting up the Duluth model of intervention with perpetrators, on which all Respect-accredited programmes (including our Splitz programme in Bristol) are based, she pushed statutory agencies like the police and health services to recognise the importance of a "coordinated community response." Above all, she made us see that we get nowhere if we don't listen to survivors: her concept of social audit - women going to the police stations and other agencies to show them what it's like to report abuse and get support - rocked us. She was a frequent visitor to Bristol and it was my privilege to hear her speak a few times - who can forget how much we laughed, as she pinpointed our shortcomings! Quite a feat, considering we were talking about violence and abuse. I am so thankful for the enormous contribution she made to all our lives. More obituaries and information on -
<http://www.guardian.co.uk/society/2012/jan/19/ellen-pence?INTCMP=SRCH>
<http://www.theduluthmodel.org/events.html>

Lesley Welch

News

Bristol Domestic Abuse Forum's campaign: 13 -19 February:

This February's campaign theme is understanding domestic violence and abuse in a faith and religious context. In February, BDAF and partners will be working closely with religious groups in Bristol to tackle the problem of domestic violence and abuse. A series of events will take place across the city over this period. For more information, please visit www.bdaf.org.uk or contact BDAF Coordinator Shabana Kausar: shabana.kausar@peoplecan.org.uk

Against Violence and Abuse: Call for Artists: AVA is developing an exhibit of various art projects that explore the effects of violence against women and girls and are currently doing a call out for artist's submissions. The exhibit will take place in central London in April/May.

For more information, please email sophie.taylor@avaproject.org.uk

Events/Meetings

Freedom Programme in Southmead: The group will be starting again on 10th February. If you'd like to refer anyone across to the group, please email Emily Moreton on emily.moreton@peoplecan.org.uk or 07990558593.

Developing Bristol HealthWatch stakeholder meeting, 6 February: A stakeholder meeting is to be held at the Council House from 10am to 12.30 for Bristol HealthWatch, which will be established from October 2012. Bristol HealthWatch will be commissioned by the City Council and will be a new independent consumer champion building on the experience and knowledge. To attend this meeting, please contact Suzanne Ogborne by email Suzanne.ogborne@bristol.gov.uk or by phone on 0117 922 2080 by Friday 20 January 2012. Tea, coffee, fruit juice and fruit will be available.

Everywoman Safe Everywhere, Labour's Commission on Women's Personal Safety and Security Tuesday 7th February 2 - 4pm, University of Bristol Students Union, Queen's Road, Bristol, BS8 1LN : invitation from Vera Baird QC to local individuals and organisations from Bristol and the surrounding areas, to present issues and concerns on the topics raised in relation to proposed funding cuts and legislative changes that seem likely to have a negative impact on women's safety. To confirm attendance, please email james.greenhalgh@parliament.uk and copy qc@verabaird.com, or send written evidence on any of the areas detailed in the Terms of Reference, to personalsafetycommission@labour.org.uk until 24th February 2012, or visit <http://fresh-ideas.org.uk/safetyconsultation> and fill out an online form

The Care Forum Mental Health event, 23 February: The Care Forum will hold an event which will focus on the re-commissioning of mental health services in Bristol and Primary Care Psychological Therapies (IAPT) engagement at the Vassall Centre from 9.45 to 1pm (to include lunch). To attend, please contact: Katharine Gonzales, on 0117 958 9345 or events@thecareforum.org.uk

International Zero Tolerance to Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) Day: On Wednesday 29th February, FORWARD and Refugee Women of Bristol will be holding a community conference at Muller Hall from 10.00am to 3.00pm to strengthen the stand against FGM. A crèche will be available and lunch and refreshments will be provided. To book, please contact Layla Ismail: laylalayla12@gmail.com or mobile: 07983428077.

Bristol Drugs Project International Women's Day even, 7th March: Bristol Drugs Project will be hosting an event on the 7th March from 10.30am -3.00pm, at the Unitarian Church on Brunswick Square. The event will consist of workshops, food and a range of services to support women in their health and social needs. It will be an open session and women are welcome to drop in at any time. For more information, please contact Karen Black on 07980863673.

Women's only aqua aerobics and swimming time at St Mary Redcliffe School swimming pool: This is in addition to the swimming sessions available at Easton Leisure Centre Pool. On some Saturdays there is swimming at both Easton and Redcliffe. For more information, contact Kate Cooke 0117 9841706.

Opportunities and Job Vacancies

Job vacancy: Independent Domestic Violence Advisor: Fixed Term one year contract - pilot project, potential to extend. Applications are sought from Domestic Violence workers or experienced registered professionals from a health and social care, police service or from the voluntary or public sector with a special interest in domestic violence. The position will be part of an existing IDVA service based within the Emergency Department at the Bristol Royal Infirmary. For more information or to apply, visit <http://www.jobs.nhs.uk/cgi-bin/vacdetails.cgi?selection=912806597>

Closing date: not fixed, but the Hospital has said that they will close applications once enough have been received, so get your application in as soon as you can!

Training

NEW Bristol Domestic Abuse Forum Level 3 Training: Training can now be booked through the BDAF website for the following training sessions:

- DVA, Children and Young People
- Forced Marriage and so called 'honour' violence
- Practical Tools
- Supporting Parents
- Working with Perpetrators
- Gypsy and Traveller Women

To book, or for more information, please visit <http://bdaf.org.uk/professionals/training>

Alcohol Brief Advice Training, February - March 2012: Free training in being offered in the South West around alcohol misuse. The training will cover: current evidence and practice, recognising the risks alcohol can present to an individual's health, how to use screening tools and how and when to provide brief interventions. For more information, or to book, please contact Phillip Gallagher: philip.gallagher@dh.gsi.gov.uk or call on 0303 44 46730.