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## News

- **Next link Domestic Abuse and Violence Community-Based Support Service will launch in November:** The new service will be based in north and south Bristol and will be called Northern Ark and Southern Ark. It will provide support to men and women victims/survivors of domestic violence and abuse.
- **BDAF November campaign:** To coincide with the UN International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women (November 25<sup>th</sup>), BDAF has booked the Council House from the 21<sup>st</sup> to the 25<sup>th</sup> of November to showcase work being done in Bristol around ending violence against women and girls. Organisations are invited to be part of the week by displaying posters reflecting the positive work they have done. If your organisation is interested, or for more information, please contact Shabana Kausar at [Shabana.kausar@peoplecan.org.uk](mailto:Shabana.kausar@peoplecan.org.uk).

## Events/Meetings

- **Reclaim the Night March is taking place on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November at 6pm at College Green:** Bristol Feminist Network has organised the march to demonstrate the right to walk the city, free from the fear of sexual harassment, abuse and violence. The March will start at 6pm at College Green for a vigil to remember the victims of violence before marching through the city: <http://www.bristolfeministnetwork.com/reclaim-the-night.html>
- **Gendered Violence Conference:** Timed to coincide with the *International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women*, this conference – a partnership between University of the West of England, Bristol City Council, statutory and voluntary sector organisations in Bristol - will promote cross-disciplinary and cross-sector debate about the causes and prevention of gendered violence. For more information, or to book on, please visit: <http://genderedviolence.com/>
- **Care Forum AGM:** The Care Forum are holding their Annual General Meeting and Annual Conference on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November, 1.30pm to 3.30pm. The keynote speaker is Laura Stoll, New Economics Foundation. To attend, please contact Katharine Gonzales on 0117 958 9345.
- **Bristol Rape Crisis:** Are holding an Open Day on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December from 2.00pm to 5.00pm. If interested in attending, please call 0117 929 9556 or email [aileenmeek@bristolrapecrisis.org.uk](mailto:aileenmeek@bristolrapecrisis.org.uk)

## Training

- **Legal Advice and Domestic Abuse Training offered by Right of Women:** Right of Women are offering statutory and voluntary organisations training in better understanding the law in order to support women victims of domestic violence and abuse. Training is £42 per participant. For more information, please visit: <http://www.rightsofwomen.org.uk/customised.php>
- **BDAF Level 2 Training in Understanding Domestic Violence and Abuse:** The next BDAF training is on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October. This training is FREE. To book, please use our online booking system: <http://www.bdaf.org.uk/forms/training-booking-form>

## Miscellaneous

- **Recovery Toolkit:** A move-on group for women who've gone through the Freedom Programme, or left a domestic violence relationship is soon to be running in South Bristol. The programme runs over 12 weeks every Tuesday (times and location to be confirmed).. For more information, please contact Emily Moreton at [Emily.moreton@peoplecan.org.uk](mailto:Emily.moreton@peoplecan.org.uk)
- **Trafficking Awareness and Training survey:** The Poppy Project is conducting a survey into the awareness levels and training needs of agencies and organisations that may be coming into contact with potential victims of trafficking. Organisations/ agencies that complete the questionnaire will be eligible for 25% discount on their London-based Trafficking Awareness workshops (usual cost £75 voluntary agencies/ £100 statutory agencies per individual) in November and December. For details, please email: [sally.montier@eaveshousing.co.uk](mailto:sally.montier@eaveshousing.co.uk)
- **Reducing Barriers Toolkit - Support for Women Fleeing Violence :** The British Columbia Society of Transition Houses (BCSTH) has published a new piece of guidance on supporting survivors of domestic violence who are also affected by substance use and/or mental health problems. The guidance is primarily for individuals working in domestic violence support services but will be of use to many other professionals who come into contact with survivors who have multiple needs <http://www.bcsth.ca/>