



Bristol Domestic Abuse Forum Training 2011-12

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Your emotional health and safety

These courses look at domestic violence and abuse; if this is a subject that is close to you, you may find it distressing. Trainers will support you, but we advise people to think carefully before joining a course. Employers are advised to be flexible with members of staff who express discomfort at the prospect of attending a course. Courses run throughout the year – you may feel better attending a later session.

Time-keeping

Because of the nature of these courses, which can be difficult for participants and trainers alike, we ask all participants to commit to attend the full day, not arrive late or leave early. If you are more than fifteen minutes late, you will not be permitted to join the course. However, you can contact the training team, who will fit you into the next available course. If attending to the end is difficult for you (e.g. because of childcare) please let us know, and we will attempt to help you find a solution.

Non-attendance

If you are unable to attend a course, we require at least one week's notice, or you will be charged the full rate for the course (where applicable). You may choose to send someone else from your agency instead.

For free courses, a charge of £50 will be levied if you do not attend and do not give at least one week's notice, except in exceptional circumstances. No charge will be made if: you give us notice that you will not be attending or you send someone else in your place.

Food and refreshments

Refreshments (tea and coffee on arrival and during breaks) are provided on all courses. Free courses (Understanding Domestic Violence and Abuse) DO NOT provide lunch – you must provide your own. Paid for courses (anything level 3) do provide lunch.

More information

More information about training can always be found on our website:
www.bdaf.org.uk/professionals/training.

A copy of our Training Standards Document can also be downloaded from that page.



What is Bristol Domestic Abuse Forum?

The Bristol Domestic Abuse Forum (BDAF) is a multi-agency forum made up of representatives from both voluntary and statutory organisations as well as members of the community who come together to promote a coordinated approach to tackling domestic abuse in Bristol. It is coordinated by the domestic abuse forum development and training coordinator with support from Safer Bristol.

The aims of the forum are:

- To act as a lobbying and pressure group with decision-makers and the public
- To fundraise for service provision and prevention work in Bristol
- To share good practice and create actions to take forward to improve services
- To effectively collaborate with the strategy group and wider strategic structure, including two-way feedback

If you'd like more information or to join the Forum, contact the Forum Administrator on BDAF@bristol.gov.uk.

What You Need To Know: Level 2

- For anyone who has contact with people affected by domestic violence and abuse as part of their work
- Free to attend
- One-day at various venues around Bristol
- Multi-agency
- Basic level awareness raising; no prior knowledge necessary
- OCN Level 2 accreditation available - £100 per person (you must register and pay within one week of your training date, or incur a £25 late fee)
- Facilitated by two qualified trainers with domestic violence and abuse work backgrounds
- Book in advance - this popular course fills up very fast

Understanding Domestic Violence and Abuse: An Introduction

Course aims: the learner will:-

- Understand the impact of domestic violence and abuse on women, men and children
- Understand what prevents women leaving abusive relationships
- Understand the impact of domestic violence and abuse on children
- Understand the importance of a multi-agency response to domestic violence and abuse

Course dates for 2011-12

Day	Date	Venue
Thursday	19 th May 2011	@symes
Tuesday	7 th June 2011	Gatehouse Centre
Monday	11 th July 2011	Vassal Centre
Tuesday	26 th July 2011	Greenway Centre
Wednesday	21 st September 2011	Pierian Centre
Thursday	13 th October 2011	Barton Hill Settlement
Tuesday	15 th November 2011	Gatehouse Centre
Wednesday	7 th December 2011	Vassal Centre
Tuesday	24 th January 2012	@symes
Thursday	9 th February 2012	Gatehouse Centre
Monday	12 th March 2012	Greenway Centre

Please note: due to the multi-agency nature of this course, we can only accept a maximum of three people from the same agency to each session. If you would like to train a larger group of staff in one session, please contact Emily.Moreton@bristol.gov.uk to discuss cost and requirements.

To book a place on this course, please go to:
<http://www.bdaf.org.uk/forms/training-booking-form>.

What You Need To Know: Level 3

- Designed to develop your knowledge and understanding of one area of domestic violence and abuse
- Fee to attend: £50 statutory, £30 voluntary/charitable; reduced by 50% for half-day courses
- One-day at various venues around Bristol
- Multi-agency
- You must have attended the Level 2 course to join this course, or work closely with people affected by domestic violence and abuse on a frequent basis
- Facilitated by two qualified trainers with domestic violence and abuse work backgrounds

Level 3 courses we offer:

- Working with perpetrators
- DVA and children, young people, and parents
- Forced marriage and so-called 'honour' violence (half-day)
- DVA and Gypsy and Traveller communities (half-day)
- Practical Tools for Working With Victims & Survivors

Please note: some of these courses are only available to certain areas or groups. Please check the course requirements carefully before attempting to book. We are extremely unlikely to be able to waive these requirements.

We do not currently have arrangements set to run any of these courses. If you are interested in being kept informed of when they will run this year, please email bdaf@bristol.gov.uk and ask to be added to the BDAF email list.



External courses

Please note: the courses on the following pages are coordinated by agencies external to BDAF. Places must be booked with, and enquiries made to, the coordinating agency. All information on these courses is correct at time of print, however, we advise you to check with the coordinating agency before booking a place.

Freedom Programme Facilitator Training

The Freedom Programme is a 12-week rolling programme for women still living with domestic violence and abuse. Groups run across Bristol, B&NES and South Gloucestershire.

This two-day course provides an introduction to facilitating a Freedom group. The course runs throughout the year at venues throughout Bristol. Please contact the Survivor Groupwork Coordinator on the number below for details of the next available course.

Please note: you must have attended the level 2 Understanding Domestic Violence and Abuse course before attending Facilitator training. To receive training at the subsidised rate of £70 you must also sign up to assist with one 12-week run of Freedom, and co-facilitate at least one 12-week run of Freedom. If you are unable to do so, please contact the coordinator to discuss alternative options.

Cost: £70

Enquiries: Emily.Moreton@novassarman.org or 07990 558593

More information about Freedom Programme: <http://www.bdaf.org.uk/help-and-support/womens-groupwork-programme>

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Bristol Safeguarding Children Board training

The Bristol Safeguarding Children Board is committed to providing a comprehensive and effective training programme to agencies within Bristol. The distinctive character of inter-agency child protection training is a result of a complex web of individual, professional and organisational differences and the challenging nature of child protection. Training people together can make a significant contribution to building mutually respectful and trusting relationships, which form the foundation of any partnership working; therefore the process and experience of the courses, are as important as the content. The BSCB Training Programme aims to increase participants' knowledge and skills in the field of Child Protection and Safeguarding in order to provide high quality services and improve outcomes for children, young people and their families and carers (*from Bristol Safeguarding Children Board training brochure*)

Courses include:

- Levels 1, 2 and 3 child protection
- Child protection for managers
- Working with fathers
- Emotional abuse and neglect
- Sexually harmful behaviour
- Child protection and specialist topics, including domestic violence and abuse

Courses run throughout the year at Bristol 600.

Cost: £70 per day

Contact to book: Bristol Safeguarding Children Board 0117 353 2505

More information: <http://www.swcpp.org.uk/>



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Working Together on DVA in Vulnerable Groups

Developed in collaboration between Bristol Domestic Abuse Forum and Bristol Safeguarding Adults Board, this course aims to equip social services workers and district health workers to engage effectively with members of vulnerable groups experiencing domestic violence and abuse.

Course Aims:

- To improve key staff knowledge and awareness about domestic violence and abuse in vulnerable groups
- To improve practice in assessment and intervention in DVA safeguarding cases
- To inform key staff of systems e.g. MARAC, IDVAs, legal issues

Please note: this course is only open to social services workers and health workers. If you are not sure if this applies to you, please contact Bristol Safeguarding Adults Board on the number below.

Cost: Free

More information: michele.winter@bristol.gov.uk / 0117 35 32516

Book: <http://www.bristol.gov.uk/acctraining/>

For other courses related to Safeguarding Adults, please refer to Health and Social Care's Learning and Development section's website: <http://tinyurl.com/yyk5v5w>

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4yp sex and relationships training

Bristol's Multi-disciplinary Sex & Relationships and Substance Misuse Training Programme:

We offer a number of training courses for those working with young people in Bristol. The courses aim to increase workers' confidence and skills to respond appropriately to young people's queries, refer them to appropriate sources of support and advice and to carry out effective sex and relationships and substance misuse work. All the courses are free of charge and are facilitated by members of a multi-agency sex and relationships and substance misuse trainers' network (*from the 4yp website*)

Courses run throughout the year around the city, and cover a wide range of related topics.

Cost: Free

More information: http://www.4ypbristol.co.uk/training_entries



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Introduction to Domestic Abuse Risk Assessment and MARACs

A one day course to help you build your skills, knowledge and confidence in identifying and working with victims of domestic abuse, as well as supporting your work in relation to Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC).

This training is suitable for all frontline professionals who come into contact with victims of domestic violence and abuse and do not feel confident in identifying the level of risk faced by these victims. These might include children/education services, housing, health, adult protection, alcohol or drugs; however this course is not aimed at specialist DVA workers.

The training will cover:

1. The skills needed to encourage victims to disclose DVA
2. The skills to use and complete the CAADA-Domestic Abuse, Stalking and Honour Based Violence (DASH) Risk Identification Checklist
3. The barriers faced by professionals when working with victims of DVA, and the skills needed to overcome these
4. The effectiveness of a multi-agency response to high risk victims of DVA, and how to make appropriate referrals to MARAC.

The following agencies have workers trained to deliver this training: Avon and Somerset Probation; Bristol City Council Housing; Safer Bristol; NHS Bristol Public Health Team; MARAC Coordinator.

If you are interested in receiving in-house training, or would like to enquire about hiring in a trainer, please contact:

Michelle.Cunningham@avonandsomerset.police.uk or 0117 945 4322.