

**Cross Party Working Group on Men's Violence  
Against Women & Children**

**16th January 2013  
Scottish Parliament**

**Present/Apologies:**

**Present:**

Christina McKelvie MSP (Chairing)  
Nadine Jassat (Scottish Women's Aid, Minutes)  
Lily Greenan (Scottish Women's Aid)  
Ellie Hutchinson (Scottish Women's Aid)  
Callum Hendry (White Ribbon Scotland)  
Jenny Kemp (Zero Tolerance)  
Linda Thompson (Women's Support Project)  
Graeme Richards (Circle Scotland)  
Isy Hart (Postgraduate Student)  
Claudia Beamish MSP  
Malcolm Chisholm MSP  
Carrie Holt (Engender)  
Marsha Scott (Engender)  
Mhairi McGowan (ASSIST)  
Anne Hayne (NHS Lanarkshire)  
Sandy Brindley (Rape Crisis Scotland)  
Kathryn Dawson (Rape Crisis Scotland)  
Paula Dunn (Glasgow Rape Crisis Rosey Project)  
Graham Goulden (National Anti-Violence Campaign Co-Ordinator)  
Laura Thomson (Zero Tolerance)  
Liz Ely (Zero Tolerance)  
Jacquie Morgan (Central Scotland Rape Crisis and Sexual Abuse Centre)  
Laura Kemp (Central Scotland Rape Crisis and Sexual Abuse Centre)  
Kim Smith (YWCA Scotland)  
Rachael O'Byrne (YWCA Scotland)  
Annie Taylor (Children 1<sup>st</sup>)  
Megan Bastick (WILPF)  
Rachel Barr (Portobello High School)

Declan McGee (Community Mentors)  
Scott Fraser (Community Development Worker)  
Alysha Kelly (Student, Portobello High)  
Dariush Black (Student, Portobello High)  
Alex Ross (Student, Portobello High)  
James Dornan MSP  
Drew Smith MSP

**Apologies:**

Louise Johnson (Scottish Women’s Aid)  
Christine Gray  
May Chamberlain (Relationships Scotland)  
Girijamba Polubothu (Shakti Women’s Aid)  
Talat Yaqoob (White Ribbon Scotland)  
Francine Orr (A Life Less Ordinary)  
Yvonne Scott (Strathclyde Police Domestic Abuse Task Force)  
Rhoda Grant MSP  
Maureen Wylie (Improvement Service)  
Anne Meikle  
Alison Johnstone MSP

Christina Welcomes group, co-convenor Malcolm Chisholm MSP and Claudia Beamish MSP introduced. Nadine Jassat to minute.

**1/2 Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising** **Action:**

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.  
  
Support for CPG was added into Agenda at request of Marsha Scott.  
  
There were no other matters arising.

**3 A) Young people leading the way - mentoring to prevent violence: Graham Goulden, VRU; Rachel Barr, Community Learning and Development, and young people from the Portobello High School Mentors in Violence Prevention project** **Action:**

Graham Goulden from the VRU welcomes students and evaluates current successes of the MVP Mentoring scheme in Inverclyde. Rachel Barr introduces students from Portobello High School, welcoming them and congratulating them on their work on the project.  
  
Alex Ross (mentor) presents on the learnings from the project, including: the assurance that not all men are violent, the learnings surrounding the impact of socialisation in particular in relation to masculinity, the experience of team building and leadership training, and pupils enjoyment of programme.  
  
Alysha Kelly (mentor) presents on the aims of the project, including: discussion of scenario format of workshops - starting with bullying and harassment and moving onto gender - encouragement of bystander stance, benefits of being involved in the project, including life skills and awareness. Alysha reflects on the importance of the project.

<p>Dariush Black (mentor) presents on the delivery of the project to S1. Dariush reports that many S1's find the experience to be an eye-opener with regards to the reality of VAW, raising awareness of what can happen and the best ways to cope with challenging situations. Dariush also records the challenges surrounding masculinity in young men.</p> <p>Rachel Barr presents on plans for the school. Mentors will deliver 4 pilot scenarios, with a total of 32 mentors in Portobello. MVP to be written into students' group time with their class tutor.</p> <p>Declan McGhee (Community Mentor) presents on community mentoring at the Jack Kane Centre, Craigmillar. Presentation attached in circulation.</p> <p>Graham thanks pupils and evaluates the successes of the group and future partnership potential for the MVP. He looks forward to the coming years' aims of giving mentors the skills base to take the project to a national level. Researchers to go into schools to deliver focus groups with S1s and S2s. North Lanarkshire, East Ayrshire, Perth and Kinross aim to recruit 55 mentors, following the lead of Inverclyde and Portobello.</p> <p>Christina thanks the pupils for their excellent presentations, and expresses that she is glad to reconnect with peer-education and groundwork. Questions raised by the CPG included:</p> <p>What reaction have mentors had from friends/ family/ fellow young people with regards to their involvement?  Alysha answers that responses have been positive.  What work has been undertaken to target LGBT Youth?  Rachel answers that project workers do additional training on this, and scenarios which cover homophobic bullying are included in the programme.  How to deal with disclosures and upset trainees?  Dariush cites gendered peer support, Graham answers that mentors can report serious cases.  Claudia Beamish raises interests in setting up a meeting with Declan with regards to VAW and Young People in Gaza and Palestine. Rachel Barr highlights Shakti WA are also involved in training.</p> <p>Drew Smith MSP enters and is welcomed.</p>	
<p><b>B) Challenging gender stereotypes: Laura Thomson, Zero Tolerance and Kim Smith, YWCA</b></p>	<p><b>Action:</b></p>
<p>Kim introduces YWCAs aims, the existence of VAW in young people's relationships, and the decision taken to work with younger children to tackle systematic gender oppression. Kim outlines their prevention strategies' understanding that gender stereotyping (GS) in young children sets the stage for normalising of VAW and relationship abuse. Kim highlights how social media is also used to influence this. Kim reports that gender stereotypes are often used as a justification for violent or abusive</p>	

<p>behaviour, and calls for resilience building and empowering young people to make informed decisions. YWCA aims to challenge GS and encourage confidence building, changing attitudes in the process.</p> <p>Laura cites findings from Gena Davis institute which highlights the widespread gender segregation in children’s entertainment. This reinforces the importance of challenging GS with early years’ children. ZT aims to see GS as part of early years education in order to set the scene for future prevention work. ZT releasing a guide on GS to nursery nurses with advice on how to challenge GS. ZT will support parental grassroots campaigns.</p> <p>Questions:  Is there an opportunity to put this into legislation?  Is there an opportunity to get involved with parent organisations such as ‘Dads Rock’?  How do we get this onto the curriculum in nurseries?  Christina highlights that University of West Scotland may be available to contact with regards to conducting research on the impact of gender stereotyping.</p>	
<p><b>C) Adults speaking out: Callum Hendry, White Ribbon Scotland</b></p>	<p><b>Action:</b></p>
<p>Callum Hendry presents on White Ribbon Scotland’s speaker network, with male speakers engaging with other men on violence against women and the role men have in preventing it. Callum highlights the aims of the network to build capacity in local areas. Callum gives details on how campaign members are trained. Callum examines and evaluates specific projects. Callum shares feedback from Clydebank college and Dumfries HM prison, and evaluates how this has influence training. Callum outlines the project’s next steps.</p> <p>Questions:  How do you explain VAW in one day’s training?  Callum answers that the first session is very focused on presentation education, whereas the afternoon session is as interactive as possible. In total 4 sessions are run over 2 days.  Did speakers who work in schools have additional training?  Callum confirms they did and that they worked with facilitators also.</p>	
<p><b>D) Working with Young People on ‘Consent’:</b>  - Ellie Hutchinson, Scottish Women’s Aid  - Kathryn Dawson, Rape Crisis Scotland, and Paula Dunn, Glasgow Rape Crisis Rosey Project.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b></p>
<p>Ellie Hutchinson presents on healthy relationships and consent. Presentation circulated with minutes. Ellie stresses the importance of young people’s contributions and anecdotes to inform our actions, and how the experiences reported by CYP make</p>	

<p>lobbying effective and legitimate. Ellie also highlights concerns around online threats, and concludes that often the biggest danger to CYP is their peers. Ellie’s work aims to convert young people from sympathisers into activists, and looks to new ways to participate in future.</p> <p>James Dornan MSP joins.</p> <p>Kathryn and Paula present. PowerPoint circulated with minutes. Kathryn discusses the creation of a resource pack which will cover consent, sexualisation in the media, law, and how CYP can contribute to the movement. Paula discusses the Rosey Project in high schools and youth groups. Paula highlights that the amount of workshops the Rosey Project can provide has now shrunk to 30 workshops per year due to cut funding.</p>	
<p><b>4. AOB</b></p>	<p><b>Action:</b></p>
<p>a. Information sharing</p> <p>Sandy Brindley (Rape Crisis) updates the group that the Strathclyde Police External Scrutiny Group has been set up to improve responses to rape, including the development of Advocates.</p> <p>Kim Scott (YWCA) updates the group on the training offered to youth and community workers, on their website:  <a href="http://www.ywscotland.org/news/85/43/Forthcoming-YWCA-Scotland-Training-Courses/d,News">http://www.ywscotland.org/news/85/43/Forthcoming-YWCA-Scotland-Training-Courses/d,News</a>. YWCA will also be rolling out ‘no pressure’ training with Zero Tolerance.</p> <p>Marsha Scott (Engender) updates the group on the launch of L.I.S.A.</p> <p>Lily Greenan (Scottish Women’s Aid) updates the group on SWA’s work with the police. Lily confirms that the Domestic Abuse Task Force approach used in Strathclyde will be used by the Single Police Force. Lily also shares her invite to speak at the UN convention for VAW.</p> <p>b. EWL call for European Year on VAW and MEPs in Scotland (Marsha Scott)  Marsha updates the group on the Convention for the Council of Europe. There is a call for the EU to sign up. Marsha asks group to email their MEP to sign.</p> <p>c. Abolish Prostitution Campaign (Marsha Scott)  Marsha circulates the Brussels call to sign to abolish prostitution.</p> <p>d. Marsha asks that support for the CPG is added to the next agenda. Lily asks that all requests for Agenda items to be sent to  <a href="mailto:Nadine.jassat@scottishwomensaid.org.uk">Nadine.jassat@scottishwomensaid.org.uk</a> by 27<sup>th</sup> of February. Lily proposes the next CPG will focus on prostitution.</p>	<p><b>Marsha Scott to circulate further information. Lily to circulate further information about the convention and speak to CM about support. Marsha to circulate information. Marsh to circulate ‘Brussels’ Call’ Flyer.</b></p>

<p>e. Christina McKelvie has been asked to speak at the UN Peace Federation Women's convention in South Korea, to speak about Scotland's contribution to global peace. Calls for CPG to send contributions from their organisation's work to Christina.</p> <p>f. Dates for future CPG meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>i. 27<sup>th</sup> February 2013, 5.30pm to 7pm</li><li>ii. 15<sup>th</sup> May 2013, 5.30pm to 7pm</li></ul>	<p><b>All to send contributions on their work to bring peace to Christina McKelvie.</b></p>
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