

**Cross Party Working Group on Men's Violence
Against Women & Children
4th December, 17.30 – 19.00, Q1.03
Scottish Parliament.**

Present/Apologies:

Present:

Sandie Barton (Rape Crisis Scotland)
 Rosalind Greig (University of Strathclyde)
 Amrita Ahluwalia (Roshni)
 Claire Gibson (Streetwork)
 Graeme Richards (Circle)
 Paul McCourt (Working With Men Project)
 Stephen Madill (Working With Men Project)
 Maclean Khoury (Public)
 Claudia Beamish MSP
 Alison Johnstone MSP
 Lily Greenan (SWA)
 Malcolm Chisholm (MSP)
 Alison Johnstone (MSP)
 Marsha Scott (Engender/ West Lothian Council)
 Stacey Devine (NUS Scotland)
 Callum Hendry (White Ribbon Scotland)

Apologies:

Maureen Wylie (Improvement Service)
 Ann Hayne (NHS Lanarkshire)
 Jenny Kemp (ZT)
 Melanie McCarry (UCLAN)
 Nadine Jassat (SWA)
 Kathy Norrie (Open Secret)
 Christina McKelvie (MSP)
 Girijamba Polubothu (Shakti Women's Aid)
 May Chamberlain (Relationships Scotland)
 Kieran Watson
 Jacquie Morgan (Central Scotland Youth Project)

2 Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising

Action:

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Lily Greenan noted that Christina McKelvie is following up with Kenny McAskill to secure his attendance at the next CPGMVAWC meeting.

3. UN Special Rapporteur on Violence Against Women to carry out UK country mission in April 2014. Lily Greenan.

Action:

<p>Lily Greenan reported to the meeting that the UN Special Rapporteur for VAW will visit the UK in April 2014. SWA will circulate information to NGOs about plans to develop NGO briefings to support her visit, and events to invite her to as it is expected that she will visit Scotland.</p>	
<p>4. University of Stirling Lad Culture – debate introduced by Rosalind Greig</p>	<p>Action:</p>
<p>Rosalind Greig presented some thoughts about the recent incident involving the University of Stirling hockey team and the subsequent media coverage.</p> <p>Stacey Devine spoke about her experience of training students on Get SAVI bystander training programme. It was very positive and the training will continue.</p> <p>The training is being integrated into the structures of the council students' association.</p> <p>Marsha Scott asks Rosalind if she can clarify what she would like the group to do. Rosalind Greig thought this was a venue for within which to raise the concerns of students and seek advice on how to respond. Alison Johnstone suggests that 'we' should write to the Cabinet Secretary for Education and Minister for Equalities. It was agreed that a letter should go to the Cabinet Secretary – drafted by Lily Greenan and signed by Malcolm Chisholm.</p>	<p>LG, MC</p>
<p>5. Information Sharing</p>	<p>Action:</p>
<p>Claudia Beamish MSP has lobbied on PQ on Forced Marriage/ LCM which Kenny McAskill answered this afternoon. Sandie Barton spoke to the group about RCS lobbying for ILR for rape survivors if request is made for their medical records – the V+W bill stage 3. Rhoda asks if there is potential for a human rights test case. Marsha raised possible optional protocol.</p> <p>Action: Sandie will circulate their briefing.</p> <p>Marsha Scott – French law on prostitution passed. Expressing sadness that the CPG 16 Days events not happening, proposal that the CPG looks at how to lobby for implementation of Istanbul convention. She has paper copies of the council of Europe FAQs on the Istanbul Convention.</p> <p>Callum Hendry – would it be useful to ask the Scottish Government to look at how to benchmark attitudes.</p> <p>It is agreed that the next CPGMVAWC will feature presentations from HMP Addiewell and from White Ribbon Scotland regarding working with men in prisons.</p> <p>Marsha Scott returned to previous discussion about COG attendance and how to reinvigorate. It was agreed that it would be useful to have a pre meeting to look at this in more detail, Marsha Scott, Lily Greenan, Christina McKelvie MSP and Malcolm Chisholm MSP will look at this in more detail.</p> <p>Lily Greenan suggests that people may want to lobby their MSPS regarding the Corroboration/Criminal Justice Bill.</p>	<p>SB</p> <p>MS, LG, CM, MC</p>
<p>7. AOCB</p>	<p>Action:</p>
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<p>7. Date of Next Meeting</p>	<p>Action:</p>
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