

'Hidden in Plain Sight'

At Basildon Women's Aid we are proud of our reputation for hosting domestic abuse conferences that challenge our delegates and broaden their knowledge of all aspects of gender based violence. Our programme for 2011 is entitled 'Hidden in plain sight'. The 2011 keynote speakers are at the forefront of national and local domestic abuse issues.

Once again the training sessions are aimed at individuals and organisations and provide comprehensive local, regional and international information and networking. Intended for professionals and service providers from the statutory and voluntary sectors, the 2011 Training Sessions are designed to raise awareness of the dynamics and diversity that have an impact on domestic abuse victims and the community.

All our sessions feature the services that are available to victims (and perpetrators) and how YOU can make a positive difference

Training Day Calendar

▶ 15th April 2011 (9.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m.)

Featuring respected international speakers, the conference will investigate how the Criminal Justice System handles diverse domestic violence victims from 'Honour Based' survivors to the Travelling community, including Specialist Domestic Violence Courts.

Keynote **Nazir Afzal OBE**, National Director, Crown Prosecution Service

Speakers: **Liberty Aldrich**, Director of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault and Family Court Programs at the Centre for Court Innovation in New York, USA

Willem Marx, Producer of 2011 TV documentary relating to 'Honour Based Violence in the UK' for legendary US Anchor man, Dan Rather

In addition to our confirmed speakers, the conference will feature a selection of international domestic violence 'survivors' from countries and cultures that feature 'Honour based violence' and 'female genital mutilation' including representatives from the gay and travelling communities and the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, Forced Marriage Unit.

▶ 22nd July 2011 (9.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m.)

'750,000 children in the UK witness abuse each year'. Too many children remain 'Hidden in plain sight'. The hour long programme 'Don't hit my Mum', featuring Alesha Dixon's journey investigating all aspects of domestic abuse and children is at the core of the summer conference.

Keynote **Joanna Sharpen** - nationally respected author and children's specialist from the AVA Project, London

Speakers: **Linda Finn** - highlighting the Local Government and London Borough response to children involved in domestic abuse

Learn about national and local initiatives and place yourself as a child or teenage victim in an abusive household or relationship. Sharing and networking specialist knowledge and contacts is at the core of this conference.

▶ 18th November 2011 (9.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m.)

'It's time to talk'. Domestic abuse doesn't stay at home, it impacts your workplace and affects employers and employees. It may be 'Hidden in plain sight', but at some stage it will surface. Have you, or your employer considered the options if an employee is being stalked, assaulted, isolated. Are you, and your employer prepared for the consequences? Learn from corporate leaders and 'survivors' as we explore the issues that remain 'just below the surface'. Sharing experiences and solutions, our keynote speakers and guests will outline practical ways of identifying the signs of domestic abuse in workplaces, highlighting examples of 'best practice' and 'best policies'.

- **Speakers to be confirmed**

The Training Days will be held at: Ford Research & Engineering Centre, Dunton, Essex
Further details about Keynote Speakers are available at www.basildonwa.org

EVENT PRE-REGISTRATION IS ESSENTIAL: Visit www.basildonwa.org (choose 'training') to download registration form
 E-mail the registration form to: saraht@basildonwa.org or post to: Basildon Women's Aid, PO Box 51, Basildon, Essex SS14 0ND

How much will it cost?

The cost per delegate per Training Day is £70.00. Registration fee includes full conference information packages, refreshments and tea/coffee and access to recognised domestic abuse specialists. Full details and directions to the venue will be sent following registration.

Training day outcomes and objectives

Awareness and confidence in identifying, assessing risk and dealing with incidents involving domestic abuse at home and in the workplace or community. To understand and have confidence in identifying, assessing risk and dealing with domestic abuse issues.

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