

PROJECTS 2022/23

INFORMATION GUIDE

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All sessions are FREE to attend however registration is required in advance.

Please note dates will be updated on an ongoing basis
Please visit www.belfastdvp.co.uk for updates

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DOMESTIC ABUSE AWARENESS SESSIONS



Standard domestic abuse awareness raising sessions for the wider Belfast community. We will be hosting four sessions. Two co-facilitated by Belfast and Lisburn Women's Aid & HereNI and two co-facilitated by Men's Advisory Project & The Rainbow Project. (One of each in person and online)



DATES

- **Wednesday 21st September 2022, 2pm**
Focus on female victims
Belfast & Lisburn Women's Aid and HereNI
Agape Centre, Lisburn Road, Belfast
- **Tuesday 11th October 2022, 10am**
Focus on male victims
MAP & The Rainbow Project
NICVA, Conference Room B, North City Business Centre
- **Tuesday 7th February 2023, 10am**
Focus on female victims
Belfast & Lisburn Women's Aid and HereNI
Online via Zoom

Additional date for online male session to be added for early 2023.

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DOMESTIC ABUSE WORKPLACE POLICY SEMINAR

With domestic abuse rates continuing to rise it is essential that businesses have policies in place to support employees experiencing domestic abuse and that they are aware of employee's entitlements under new legislation.

The seminar will address the importance of having a workplace policy on domestic abuse aimed at the business community facilitated by BADSVP members – Belfast & Lisburn Women's Aid, Trade Unions, HR within BHSCT and will also feature a number of case studies. The Seminar will also raise awareness of the new 'Safe Leave' provisions for victims of domestic abuse as well as new guidance currently being developed by Irish Congress of Trade Unions & the Labour Relations Agency.



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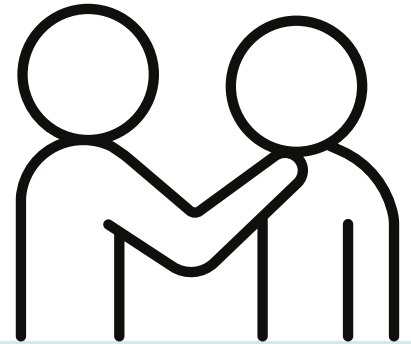
- **Wednesday 8th February 2023, 10am-12pm**
Richmond Suite, Balmoral Hotel Belfast

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NON-FATAL STRANGULATION SESSION

Dr Farah Yusuf, Forensic Physician (St Mary's SARC Manchester) will be delivering a session on non-fatal strangulation aimed at **first responders**.

With new legislation, there is a need to ensure first responders are trained to recognise the impacts of non-fatal strangulation and know how to respond. It's also crucial that victims and potential victims of domestic abuse are aware of changes in legislation, the impacts and the dangers associated with non-fatal strangulation.



DATE

- **Tuesday 29th November 2022, 10am**
Newforge Sports Complex
18b Newforge Lane , Belfast

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DOMESTIC HOMICIDE TIMELINE TRAINING

Domestic Homicide Reviews were introduced in Northern Ireland in 2020. A number of Partnership Members sit on the panels and the recommendations from the reviews will have an impact on all member agencies and organisations throughout the Belfast Area.

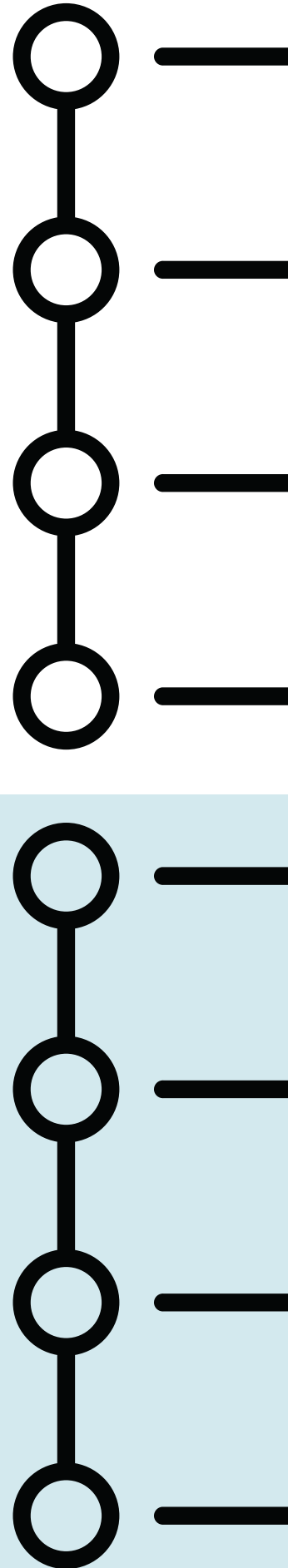
Professor Jane Monckton Smith will be delivering a session based on her ground-breaking research on coercive relationships and detectable signs that lead to domestic abuse and homicide. Her research has led to the creation of the Eight Stage Homicide Timeline, laying out identifiable stages in which coercive relationships can escalate to murder and revolutionising understanding of them.

DATE

- **Wednesday 1st March 2023, 9.30am-3.30pm**

The MAC, Belfast

Please get in touch to register your interest



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DOMESTIC ABUSE AND THE LGBTQIA+ COMMUNITY



The Rainbow Project's State of the Community results has shown Domestic Abuse is a big issue for the LGBTQIA community and goes massively unreported. The survey has shown:

- 42% have been in a relationship that was harmful or hurtful, either verbally, physically or sexually.
- 68% never reported any experiences of violence, abuse, intimidation or coercion to the Police or any other services.
- 32% have felt pressured to have sex or to perform sex acts when they didn't want to.
- 58% have experienced controlling behaviour by a partner and or someone at home.
- 42% have experience violence at home from a partner or someone at home.
- 16% have experience financial control.

Facilitated by The Rainbow project, the seminars will look at specific issues around domestic abuse affecting the LGBTQIA+ community. One seminar in person and one online.

DATE

- Monday 30th January 2023
Conference Room A, NICVA, North City Business Centre, 61 Duncarin Gardens, Belfast
A further online session to take place end of March 2023.



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STALKING CONFERENCE

With the introduction of new Stalking legislation in NI under the Protection from Stalking Act (Northern Ireland) 2022, it is important that we raise awareness of what stalking is within the context of domestic abuse and Intimate Partner Violence.

The conference will bring together a range of local and UK experts on the issue of stalking and will highlight the impact of this type of crime on victims as well as the protections that the new legislation provides.

We will hear from key criminal justice agencies in Northern Ireland along with experts in the field of stalking and support for victims.



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- Tuesday 21st February 2023
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18b Newforge Lane , Belfast

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INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE TRAINING

Research suggests a strong correlation between sexual and physical intimate partner violence, with the most severe patterns of IPV involving sexual coercion and sexual assault. Forced sexual contact is also associated with more severe patterns of intimate partner violence and femicide, with victims/ survivors reporting greater fear associated with sexual coercion.

Practitioners and clinicians are often required to assess risk and to formulate plans to reduce or manage the risk of intimate partner violence that in individual may present.

This one-day educative training event focuses on understanding the components of Domestic and Sexual Violence linked to severe physical harm, psychological trauma and/or life threatening injury. The training will also consider the research on the correlation between sexual and physical violence within an intimate partner relationship including patterns of abuse involving sexual coercion and sexual assault.

This educative training is aimed at practitioners within the voluntary, community and statutory sectors.

DATE

- **Tuesday 7th March 2023, 9.30am-4pm**

The Auditorium, Skainos Centre
241 Newtownards Road, Belfast



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COERCIVE CONTROL AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Coercive control legislation is still relatively new to Northern Ireland and unfortunately much of our society still thinks of domestic abuse occurring when there is physical abuse. This training will highlight the nuances of coercive control, the insidious nature of this form of abuse, and the impact it has particularly on young people.

For many young people this abuse, which is invisible to friends and family, has devastating effects. Young people affected are often encouraged to use drugs or alcohol or turn to these as a coping mechanism. The impact of coercive control on a person's mental health can be detrimental and often leads to self-harm and unfortunately suicide. In addition to these devastating effects, we know that this type of abuse, mental-ill health, and addictions are also linked to homelessness. Coercive control almost always isolates the victim from support and when the person impacted.

Four training sessions will be made available, focused on Young People and Coercive Control by Belfast and Lisburn Women's Aid targeted to those people working with young people in the community. This will be offered to a wide range of community groups, hostels, residential settings, and other organisations working with vulnerable young people.



DATES

- **Wednesday 16th November 2022, 9.30am-11.30am, Skainos Centre, Newtownards Rd, Belfast**
- **Tuesday 13th December 2022, 9.30am-11.30am (via Zoom)**
- **Monday 20th February 2023, 2pm-4pm (via Zoom)**
- **Tuesday 21st March 2023, 2pm-4pm (Crumlin Rd Gaol)**



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BLACK, ASIAN, MINORITY ETHNIC AND REFUGEE (BAMER) WOMEN FACING DOMESTIC ABUSE, HONOUR BASED VIOLENCE AND FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION (FGM) SEMINAR



This seminar will highlight the particular issue facing BAMER women in Belfast and throughout Northern Ireland who are experiencing domestic abuse. It will promote a greater cultural understanding of these obstacles and raise awareness of the legal remedies available with regards to both civil and immigration law. It will discuss the increasing threat of Honour-Based Violence experienced by women in Northern Ireland and raise awareness of the frequency of Female Genital Mutilation in the U.K.

DATE

**Wednesday 25th January 2023, 10am - 1pm
NICVA, North City Business Centre, 61 Duncairn
Gardens, Belfast**

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DOMESTIC ABUSE AWARENESS RESOURCES

Funding is also allowing for the printing and planned dissemination of covert awareness raising materials (lip balms, pocket mirrors and nail files) to front line agencies and the general public.

Please get in touch if your organisation/ agency would like a supply.

**domestic and
sexual abuse
helpline**
0808 802 1414



ANIMATIONS TO BRITISH SIGN LANGUAGE

Funding is also allowing for the translation of two PCSP/ BCC funded animations in to BSL, widening our reach and creating more inclusivity with awareness raising.



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The Belfast Area Domestic & Sexual Violence and Abuse Partnership brings together agencies, organisations, groups and individuals who want to improve services and support for all victims of domestic & sexual violence and abuse.