

## VAWG and Hate Crime Team

# 16 Days of Activism against Gender Based Violence Campaign

**25<sup>th</sup> November – 10<sup>th</sup> December**



The '16 Days of Activism' run from 25th November, UN International Day of Elimination of Violence against Women, to 10th December, Human Rights Day. The campaign spans these 16 Days to highlight the link between violence against women and human rights. Today, women and girls are subjected to many forms of human rights violations solely based on their gender.

25th November also marks White Ribbon Day. The White Ribbon Campaign was first launched by a group of men in Canada, in 1991 after the brutal mass shooting of 14 female students at the University of Montreal. The White Ribbon Campaign is now an international effort of men and boys working to end violence against women. Its basic principle is the importance of men and boys speaking out against all forms of violence against women.

Tower Hamlets actively supports both campaigns.

We would love to hear your ideas or about any events you are hosting! Please call 0207 364 4986 or email [domesticviolence@towerhamlets.gov.uk](mailto:domesticviolence@towerhamlets.gov.uk) for more information or to get involved.





Date		Time	Location	Event Details	Contact Details	Open or closed event
November	Friday 25	10:00 – 12.00	Alma Building	<b>RESET Recovery &amp; Treatment:</b> - Women’s Session – Focussing on raising awareness of domestic abuse and local domestic abuse services. Discussions around domestic abuse experiences and journeys.	<a href="mailto:Serita.Myers@towerhamlets.gov.uk">Serita.Myers@towerhamlets.gov.uk</a>	Closed
		9am -5pm	<b>Mulberry Place (reception)</b>	<b>Stall:</b> Domestic Abuse NO Excuse! Information and awareness raising about VAWG. Tower Hamlets Council VAWG & HC Team are encouraging residents to wear a white ribbon to make a promise to never commit, excuse or remain silent about male violence against women. Residents can also make the promise by signing the White Ribbon <a href="#">online pledge</a> .	<a href="mailto:Serita.Myers@towerhamlets.gov.uk">Serita.Myers@towerhamlets.gov.uk</a>	Open
		12:45 – 13:15	<b>East London Mosque (ELM)</b> East London Mosque, 82-92 Whitechapel Rd, London E1 1JQ	<b>Sermon:</b> to be delivered during Jummah prayers.	<a href="mailto:Serita.Myers@towerhamlets.gov.uk">Serita.Myers@towerhamlets.gov.uk</a>	Open

<b>Saturday 26</b>			<b>***No planned activities***</b>		
<b>Sunday 27</b>	14:00 – 17:00	<b>Bow Arts Trust 183 Bow Road London E3 2SJ</b>	<b>The Vavengers Wellbeing &amp; Support Hub for Women &amp; Girls – Tower Hamlets:</b> An afternoon of wellness and support, open to all women and girls affected by or at risk of Gender-Based Violence (GBV) or Female Genital Mutilation (FGM)	Please sign up for this free in person event on Eventbrite: <a href="https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/wellbeing-support-hub-for-women-girls-tower-hamlets-registration-395258006337">https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/wellbeing-support-hub-for-women-girls-tower-hamlets-registration-395258006337</a>	<b>Open</b>
<b>Monday 28</b>	12:00 – 13:00 13:00 – 14:00	<b>Queen Mary University</b>	<b>Domestic Abuse Awareness lunchtime session(s):</b> An interactive domestic abuse awareness raising session	<a href="mailto:Serita.Myers@towerhamlets.gov.uk">Serita.Myers@towerhamlets.gov.uk</a> Ana Flores Reis - Sexual Assault and Harassment Adviser QMU	<b>Closed</b>
	09:00– 17:00	<b>Mulberry Place (reception)</b>	<b>Stall:</b> Male allies will be covering the stall from 9am – 2pm and carrying out a floor walk encouraging the signing of the White Ribbon pledge and wearing of the white ribbon	<a href="mailto:Serita.Myers@towerhamlets.gov.uk">Serita.Myers@towerhamlets.gov.uk</a>	<b>Open</b>
<b>Tuesday 29</b>	10:00 – 12:00	<b>Around Poplar Children’s Centre</b>	<b>Session 4:</b> Healthy Relationship Parenting Programme Sessions on domestic abuse.	<a href="mailto:Serita.Myers@towerhamlets.gov.uk">Serita.Myers@towerhamlets.gov.uk</a>	<b>Closed (participant must be registered with the applicable children’s centre).</b>

Wednesday 30	10:00 – 12:00	Virtual	<p><b>Allyship and Misogyny (Webinar):</b> The purpose of the course is for attendees to review bias and discrimination that they have towards the sexes and encourage people to speak up when they see discrimination happen.</p> <p>The training will cover:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Misogyny</li> <li>• Toxic masculinity</li> <li>• VAWG</li> <li>• Intersectionality</li> <li>• Types and experiences of discrimination</li> <li>• Internalised misogyny</li> <li>• How to be an ally</li> <li>• How to challenge discriminatory behaviour to create safe spaces</li> </ul>	<p><a href="mailto:Serita.Myers@towerhamlets.gov.uk">Serita.Myers@towerhamlets.gov.uk</a></p> <p><b>External staff please apply using this link:</b></p> <p><a href="#">External Partner’s link.</a></p>	Open (Internal candidates please sign up via the Learning Hub).
	13:00 – 15:00	Tower Hamlets Homes	<p><b>Forced Marriage &amp; ‘Honour’ Based Abuse (Webinar):</b></p> <p>This webinar, for THH staff, aims to improve:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• understanding of ‘honour’ based abuse and forced marriage</li> <li>• confidence in identifying the risk factors/indicators and develop safety planning tools</li> <li>• understanding of Forced Marriage legislation and protection orders</li> <li>• understanding of the range of options available in the borough and to identify appropriate referral pathways</li> </ul>	<p><a href="mailto:bethan.ridsdale@towerhamlets.gov.uk">bethan.ridsdale@towerhamlets.gov.uk</a></p> <p><a href="mailto:Flavia.Schofield@thh.org.uk">Flavia.Schofield@thh.org.uk</a></p> <p><a href="mailto:Victoria.Randell@thh.org.uk">Victoria.Randell@thh.org.uk</a></p>	Closed
	10.00- 12.30	Aberfeldy Community Centre (Virtual)	<p><b>Training on domestic abuse and the rights of women.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dynamics of domestic abuse</li> <li>• What does an equal relationship look like.</li> <li>• Legal rights and Responsibilities</li> <li>• Safety Planning</li> </ul>	<p><a href="mailto:Lima.Khanom@towerhamlets.gov.uk">Lima.Khanom@towerhamlets.gov.uk</a></p>	

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Who to approach for help</li> <li>How help is given and what to expect.</li> </ul>		
December	World AIDS Day Thursday 1	13:00 – 16:00	Raines House	<p><b>VAWG Conference – Bringing Perpetrators to Justice</b> - <a href="#">sign up to the event here</a></p> <p>Crimes such as rape and sexual assault, domestic abuse, forced marriage, stalking and harassment are taking place every day. Advancements have been made to tackle offences that disproportionately affect women and girls, but there are still too many instances of victims and survivors being let down</p> <p>The London Borough of Tower Hamlets, Violence against Women &amp; Girls (VAWG) &amp; Hate Crime (HC) Team will be holding a conference on <b>‘Bringing Perpetrators to Justice’</b> on Thursday 1st December 2022 from 1 – 4pm. This event will be at Raines House, Raine St, London E1W 3AU</p>	<p><a href="mailto:Serita.Myers@towerhamlets.gov.uk">Serita.Myers@towerhamlets.gov.uk</a></p> <p><a href="mailto:Lima.Khanom@towerhamlets.gov.uk">Lima.Khanom@towerhamlets.gov.uk</a></p>	Open
		09.30 - 1200	Stebon Primary School	<p><b>Parents Coffee Morning</b> - DA awareness raising. Inviting parents to join training sessions.</p>	<p><a href="mailto:Lima.Khanom@towerhamlets.gov.uk">Lima.Khanom@towerhamlets.gov.uk</a></p>	Closed
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Friday 2	10:00 – 12:30	Queen Mary University	<p><b>Allyship and Misogyny:</b> The purpose of the course is for attendees to review bias and discrimination that they have towards the sexes and encourage people to speak up when they see discrimination happen</p> <p>The training will cover:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Misogyny</li> <li>• Toxic masculinity</li> <li>• VAWG</li> <li>• Intersectionality</li> <li>• Types and experiences of discrimination</li> <li>• Internalised misogyny</li> <li>• How to be an ally</li> <li>• How to challenge discriminatory behaviour to create safe spaces</li> </ul>	<a href="mailto:bethan.ridsdale@towerhamlets.gov.uk">bethan.ridsdale@towerhamlets.gov.uk</a>	Closed
	10:30 – 12:30	SignHealth	<p><b>Open Event for professionals working domestic abuse survivors:</b></p> <p><b>Domestic Abuse in the Deaf Community:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Barriers: Experiences of the Deaf community when engaging with professionals</li> <li>• How to support Deaf people who are experiencing domestic abuse</li> <li>• Deaf awareness to support interaction with a Deaf person</li> <li>• Delivered by Deaf trainers for professionals</li> </ul>	If interested, please contact: <a href="mailto:da@signhealth.org.uk">da@signhealth.org.uk</a>	Open
	12:45 – 13:15	East London Mosque (ELM) East London Mosque, 82-92 Whitechapel Rd, London E1 1JQ	Sermon: to be delivered during Jummah Prayer	<a href="mailto:Serita.Myers@towerhamlets.gov.uk">Serita.Myers@towerhamlets.gov.uk</a>	Open

	Saturday 3			***NO PLANNED EVENTS***		
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	Monday 5	10:00 – 11:30	Virtual	<b>Metropolitan Police</b> - Involuntary Celibates (Incels) Presentation – A presentation on incel ideology, exploring <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• origins of incel ideology,</li> <li>• who are incels,</li> <li>• what do incels want</li> <li>• key studies that have changed the movement and</li> <li>• a look at the UK and how it manifests here</li> </ul>	<a href="mailto:Serita.Myers@towerhamlets.gov.uk">Serita.Myers@towerhamlets.gov.uk</a> Training to be delivered by <b>Police Constable Gareth Nash – Counter Terrorism Case Officer (SO15 – Metropolitan Police)</b>  <b>External staff please apply using this link: <a href="#">External Partner’s link.</a></b>	Open (Internal candidates please sign up via the Learning Hub).
		10:00 – 12:30	Queen Mary University	<b>Harmful Practices (Webinar):</b> This training aims to improve: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• understanding of ‘honour’ based abuse and forced marriage</li> <li>• confidence in identifying the risk factors/indicators and develop safety planning tools</li> <li>• understanding of Forced Marriage legislation and protection orders</li> <li>• understanding of Female Genital Mutilation (FGM)</li> <li>• awareness in recognising the risk factors/indicators</li> <li>• Understand FGM and protection orders</li> <li>• understanding of the range of options available in the borough and to identify appropriate referral pathways</li> </ul>	<a href="mailto:bethan.ridsdale@towerhamlets.gov.uk">bethan.ridsdale@towerhamlets.gov.uk</a>	Closed
		13:00 – 16:30	East London Mosque, Whitechapel (Women’s Entrance) 45 Fieldgate	<b>Women’s Safety Surgery</b> The Women’s Safety Surgery is an opportunity for females from the local community to meet/greet their local officers, express any concerns they may have and highlight any ‘hotspots’ where they feel unsafe.	<a href="mailto:Joshuah.Codjoe@towerhamlets.gov.uk">Joshuah.Codjoe@towerhamlets.gov.uk</a> Safer Communities Manager	Open

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			<b>Street, London, England, E1 1DU</b>	The LBTH Safer Surgeries Engagement Bus will be on site, offering crime prevention advice and offering a variety of informative handouts.		
	<b>Tuesday 6</b>	10:00 – 12:00	<b>Virtual</b>	<p><b>Adult Family Violence (AFV) training:</b> A half day course which aims to enable the learner to grasp a deeper understanding of many different issues associated with adult family violence. A list of some of these issues include, definitions, estimates of the different types of assault, various forms of abuse and theories of AFV, the physical and psychological consequences of family violence, current treatments for both victims and perpetrators, and various policy recommendations aimed at ending family violence.</p>	<p><a href="mailto:Serita.Myers@towerhamlets.gov.uk">Serita.Myers@towerhamlets.gov.uk</a> <b>External staff please apply using this link:</b> <a href="#">External Partner's link.</a></p>	<b>Open</b> (Internal candidates please sign up via the learning hub).
		10:00 – 13:00	<b>Virtual</b>	<p><b>Sexual Abuse Awareness (Webinar):</b> The webinar was developed with the Havens on their procedures and the Survivors Gateway on providing telephone support to survivors. The webinar discusses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The prevalence of sexual abuse nationally and locally</li> <li>• Definitions and dynamics of sexual abuse and consent</li> <li>• Impacts of sexual abuse</li> <li>• Myths and stereotypes around sexual abuse</li> <li>• Enabling and responding to disclosures</li> <li>• To understand the range of options available in the borough and to identify appropriate referral pathways</li> </ul>	<p><a href="mailto:bethan.ridsdale@towerhamlets.gov.uk">bethan.ridsdale@towerhamlets.gov.uk</a> <b>For those who have a Learning Hub log in - please apply via <a href="#">Learning Hub</a></b> <b>External staff please apply using this <a href="#">External Partner's link.</a></b></p>	<b>Open</b>



<b>Wednesday 7</b>	10:00-12:30	<b>Aberfeldy Community Centre</b> (Virtual)	<b>Training on Healthy Relationships</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recap dynamics of domestic abuse</li> <li>Discuss identifying a new relationship that is abusive</li> <li>Breaking the cycle of abuse</li> <li>Healthy relationships and what to expect</li> <li>Self-confidence and self esteem</li> <li>Assertiveness</li> </ul>	<a href="mailto:Lima.Khanom@towerhamlets.gov.uk">Lima.Khanom@towerhamlets.gov.uk</a>	
<b>Thursday 8</b>	10:00 – 12:00	LBTH VAWG Team	<b>Allyship and Misogyny (Webinar)</b>	<a href="mailto:Serita.Myers@towerhamlets.gov.uk">Serita.Myers@towerhamlets.gov.uk</a>	Open
	09.30 – 12:00	<b>Neighbourhood Safety Team/Queen Mary University</b>	<b>Community Awareness Raising:</b> The Community Safety Bus will be targeting age groups that have high incidences of domestic abuse, in addition to marginalised groups and intersectional characteristics.	<a href="mailto:Lima.Khanom@towerhamlets.gov.uk">Lima.Khanom@towerhamlets.gov.uk</a>	Closed  Closed
<b>Friday 9</b>	12:45 – 13:15	East London Mosque (LMC) East London Mosque, 82-92 Whitechapel Rd, London E1 1JQ	<b>Sermon: Sermon: to be delivered during Jummah prayers</b>	<a href="mailto:Serita.Myers@towerhamlets.gov.uk">Serita.Myers@towerhamlets.gov.uk</a>	Open
<b>Human Rights Day Saturday 10</b>	<b>Human Rights Day:</b> World Human Rights Day inspires everyone to speak up and take action to end discrimination in all forms, whenever and wherever it happens.  For more information visit: <a href="https://www.ohchr.org/en/get-involved/campaign/human-rights-day">https://www.ohchr.org/en/get-involved/campaign/human-rights-day</a>				