

Welcome to the End Violence Against Women (EVAW) bulletin for September

This month:

- **Take action to end violence against women!**
- **UN calls for UK violence against women strategy**
- **EVAW at party conferences**

Plus.....Holly Dustin's [Comment is Free](#) article about lessons from the American elections on tackling violence against women

Take action to end violence against women!

3 million women in the UK experience rape, domestic violence, forced marriage or other violence *each year* and many more are living with the legacy of past abuse. Yet the response in most of the UK is [fractured](#) and fails women. We've published a [template strategy](#) which includes:

- public campaigns to challenge attitudes, similar to road safety campaigns
- long-term funding for Rape Crisis Centres and other specialised women's support
- training on the reality and impact of violence for doctors, social workers, civil servants and other key professionals
- schools to address consent to sex, healthy relationships and sexist bullying
- violence against women to be mainstreamed into key policies such as social exclusion, poverty, healthier lives and community cohesion

Email holly.dustin@amnesty.org.uk for our campaign postcards. Click [here](#) to take action and call for national and local governments to take a strategic approach to this issue. Trevor Phillips calls this a 'war against women'. With your help we can make real change for women.

UN calls for strategy to eradicate violence against women in the UK

The UN's [CEDAW Committee](#) has called once again for a national strategy and programme to eradicate violence against women in the UK. The Committee praised evidence by EVAW and other women's organisations.

EVAW is at party conferences - come and debate the issue with Ministers and opposition spokespeople

Liberal Democrat Conference - 8pm, 13th September, Westcliffe Brasserie, Bournemouth

Amnesty/Women Liberal Democrats *Trapped in violence and abuse - is the UK government failing to tackle violence against women?*

Chris Huhne MP, Kate Allen, Finn Mackay, Miranda Whitehead

Labour Party Conference -12.30pm, 21st September, Manchester Central, Charter 5

EVAW/Compass/Amnesty *Pervasive but preventable: How do we eradicate violence against women?*

Rt Hon Vera Baird QC MP, Fiona Mactaggart MP, Baroness Helena Kennedy QC, Kate Allen, Holly Dustin

Conservative Party Conference - 8pm, 29th September, Jury's Inn, Broad Street, Birmingham

Amnesty/Policy Exchange *New approaches to ending violence against women*

Rt Hon Theresa May MP, Prof Liz Kelly, Kate Allen, Natalie Evans

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