



16 Days Events in West Lothian

25 November

10:00 am - 12:00 pm
Howden Park Centre

Art for Equality Exhibition

The exhibition will include the work of young people from Broxburn Academy, Linlithgow Academy and Whitburn Academy. This exhibition will mark the beginning of the 16 days of action to raise awareness of gender inequality and violence against women in West Lothian. Councillor Peter Johnston, Leader of the Council, will be opening the event with Sandra Paton, national expert on domestic abuse and its impacts on children and young people.

To register please contact CivicCentreAdminTeam@westlothian.gov.uk

29 November

1:30 pm - 4:30 pm
Lantern Community Centre

Domestic Abuse, Housing and Homelessness: what does the evidence say?

The seminar will explore what research says about the links between domestic abuse and homelessness and practical implications for practitioners around identifying women experiencing domestic abuse and exploring barriers women may face when accessing services. By drawing on extensive national and international evidence and local oral testimonies, this seminar will give voice to women and children's experiences and lead reflection on effective intervention. The event will conclude with an interactive panel discussion.

To register please contact LearningGateway@westlothian.gov.uk

1 December

10:00 am - 1:00 pm
Conference Room 3
West Lothian Civic Centre

"...and for 39 years I got on with it": Older Women & Domestic Abuse in Scotland

Domestic abuse is often seen as a problem that affects younger women only. As a consequence, much research on domestic abuse focuses on the experiences of women under the age of 50, while a clear picture of older women's experiences of domestic abuse is largely unavailable.

The seminar will look at: What do we know about older women and domestic abuse? Who are they? Do their experiences and needs differ significantly from those of younger women? What are the support implications around adult protection?

To register please contact Miranda Pio miranda.pio@westlothian.gov.uk or 01506 281075.

5 December

10:00 am - 1:00 pm
Conference Room 2, Civic Centre

The Myth of Disinhibition: a discussion of what we (don't) know about substance misuse & domestic abuse.

Mark Twain's comment that "It ain't what you don't know that gets you into trouble. It's what you know for sure that just ain't so" is a useful place to start when thinking about substance misuse and domestic abuse. Phrases such as "alcohol-fuelled violence" and "drug-related violence" abound in the policy and practice worlds. What do we know about the relationship (if any) between substance use and violence? How do we interpret the litany of data that links domestic abuse and alcohol misuse? The session will offer a sample of conclusions from the literature and support what will undoubtedly be a lively discussion about the problems and promise of addressing the co-occurrence of domestic abuse and substance misuse.

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7 December

6:00 pm - 8:30 pm
Civic Centre Chambers

Consent

Special screening of the drama documentary "Consent" followed by a panel discussion in partnership with Rape Crisis Scotland.

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8 December

10:00 am - 1:00 pm
Civic Centre Chambers

BME women's experience of gender based violence

Screening of a film and discussion facilitated by Mridul Wadwha from Shakti Women's Aid.

The seminar will explore Black and Minority Ethnic Women specific experiences of gender based violence.

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