

If it were between countries we'd call it a war...

A series of practitioner seminars and an international conference exploring gender violence

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ANN'S STORY - SURVIVING STALKING

The seminar will provide practitioners with a unique opportunity to hear Ann, a local woman, share her story 'In the Dark'. Ann will talk in detail about her ordeal, which lasted almost three years before her stalker was identified.

Hamish Brown MBE is the recognised leading authority on the interpretation and application of stalking legislation in the UK and an advisor on the formulation of UK policy.

Tuesday 31st March 2009 ● Princess Royal Conference Centre, Ayr ● 9 for 9.30am – 1pm

March

NOT FOR SALE! - COMMERCIAL SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF WOMEN AND GIRLS IN SCOTLAND

Linda Thomson of the Women's Support Project has been funded by the Scottish Government to raise awareness of commercial sexual exploitation. A dynamic presentation examining the extent of commercial sexual exploitation in Scotland and its impact on women and girls.

Wednesday 29th April 2009 ● Park Hotel, Kilmarnock ● 9 for 9.30am – 1pm

April

ENDING THE SILENCE - VOICES FROM THE MARGINS OF GENDER VIOLENCE

LGBT Scotland will explore the impacts and support implications for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered people's experiences of domestic abuse. The Women's Support Project will outline the extent and impact of trafficking in Scotland. The Amina Project will detail the specific issues and needs of BME women survivors of gender based violence and highlight the personal and cultural constraints involved for them when seeking help.

Thursday 14th May, 2009 ● Gales Hotel, Irvine ● 9 for 9.30am – 1pm

May

THE INVISIBLE MAN - MALE PERPETRATORS OF DOMESTIC ABUSE

Moira Andrew and Rory McCrae of the 'Working with Men' Project, Edinburgh will explore the motivations and experiences of male perpetrators of domestic abuse highlighting the importance of keeping the perpetrator visible in working practice in order to keep women and children safe.

Wednesday 3rd June, 2009 ● Park Hotel, Kilmarnock ● 9 for 9.30am – 1pm

June

FINALLY FREE? - CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND DOMESTIC ABUSE

Domestic abuse through the eyes of a child: Sandra Paton, Training and Prevention Worker, South Ayrshire Women's Aid.
Child Protection – A Continuum: Janette de Hann, Women's Support Project
Piloting the Canadian Model in Scotland: The Cedar Project, a group-work recovery programme for children and their mothers affected by domestic abuse

Tuesday 1st September, 2009 ● Princess Royal Conference Centre, Ayr ● 9 for 9.30 – 1pm

September

MEETING THE CHALLENGE - RESPONDING TO VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN IN AYRSHIRE

Presentation from Ann Rosengard Associates on their research into the factors behind the high levels of violence against women in North Ayrshire and guidance on what action is now needed by all services and agencies to tackle this issue more effectively.

Additional presentations to be confirmed.

Wednesday 14th October, 2009 ● Gales Hotel, Irvine ● 9 for 9.30am – 1pm

October



International one-day conference

November

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Exciting opportunity to hear keynote speaker Dr. Michael Kaufmann, co-founder of the White Ribbon Campaign, the largest effort in the world of men working to end violence against women.

An educator, writer, consultant and trainer focussed on innovative approaches to engaging men and boys in promoting gender equality, Dr. Kaufman has worked extensively across six continents with various governments and NGO's, the UN, Oxfam, International Red Cross and Amnesty International. Known for his educational, entertaining and inspirational presentations at conferences and meetings, Dr. Kaufman weaves stories and humour and charts an optimistic pathway for women and men to work together to end violence against women.

25th November 2009 ● Princess Royal Conference and Events Centre, Ayr Racecourse ● 9.00am – 4.30pm

Presented by **Ayrshire and Arran Violence Against Women Training Consortium**: a multi-agency partnership to deliver violence against women training and awareness raising throughout Ayrshire and Arran.

All seminars FREE. Subsidised conference fee to be confirmed.