

**WOMEN'S COALITION
STATEMENT OF INTENT SIGNING EVENT & PRESS LAUNCH
THURSDAY 6th DECEMBER**

Since September MSP's and organisations have been signing the Statement of Intent and the event on 6th December was the public launch of the campaign with the First Minister, Alex Salmond signing the statement publicly on behalf of the Government.

Elaine C Smith, as trustee of the Zero Tolerance Trust hosted the event and the audience was made up of representatives from all the organisations involved in the Women's Coalition and MSP's who came to sign the statement and show their support on the day.

In his speech the First Minister talked of his shock at the statistics which show that on average a woman will suffer 35 instances of domestic violence before she will report it to the police and restated the governments commitment to do all they could to end this culture of violence.

The event was sponsored by Cathy Peattie MSP on behalf of the Cross Party Group on Men's Violence Against Women and was given financial support from Unison Scotland.