
Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG)

Training Programme

April – September 2022

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The VAWG Training Programme is open to practitioners who work in statutory, voluntary, private and/or independent agencies and organisations, including faith and community groups within Lambeth. If you are providing a service to residents of Lambeth, you can attend these courses. All courses are FREE of charge.

The outcomes of this multi-agency VAWG training programme are:

- Promote a zero-tolerance approach to VAWG
- Practitioners are able to provide an appropriate and safe response to disclosures of VAWG
- Improved service provided to survivors of VAWG from service providers
- Perpetrators are held to account
- Ensure that survivors are provided with the right support at the right time.

All the courses in this training programme follow the same simple model; they will equip participants to **identify** abuse that is taking place, or that an individual is at risk from abuse; **assess** the individual's needs and **respond** appropriately (including referral pathways).

This year's programme is designed to reflect the goals and commitments set out on our current [Lambeth VAWG strategy 2021-27](#), which puts the principles of intersectionality, anti-racism, accessibility and cultural relevance at the heart of all VAWG training delivered to practitioners. It is also aligned to some of the priorities in the Lambeth Made Safer Strategy which focuses on reducing violence that impacts on our children and young people.

It will enable practitioners in services across the partnership and community to recognise abuse, understand the impact of trauma, make the links between different forms of VAWG, understand the dynamic nature of risk, understand the specific risks faced by marginalised groups, provide an appropriate response to disclosures, and know what support is available to victims and survivors.

The training programme is a tool under the second of our five priorities - 'Working Together' focussed on better understanding the needs of all our communities to effectively tackle VAWG, create equal access to support and ensure that the outcomes achieved are equitable for all victims and survivors.

The learning in this programme aims to provide a better understanding of those individuals experiences within some of the over and underrepresented groups of Lambeth’s residents in services. Their experiences of VAWG do not exist in isolation and often mean they are impacted by multiple discrimination and disadvantage.

The programme provides a wide range of learning to better understand these challenges faced by people from Black, Asian and multi-ethnic communities; migrant residents; those with no recourse to public funds; those with insecure immigration status; Gypsy, Roma and Traveller communities; trans, non-binary and gender non-conforming residents; those who are LGBTQ+; those with disabilities; working class residents; younger and older people; and those experiencing multiple disadvantages.

We want to create a truly coordinated community response, and for that we need to work together, listen, learn and act!

Reflective Space

We are offering a monthly “reflective space” hosted by the VAWG Team with an expert guest. These are open to all Lambeth practitioners who would like to discuss an area of VAWG, ask questions, reflect on cases, and gain advice on good practice. They are unstructured and informal sessions which will be led by participants needs.

Training and Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Due to the impact of covid on training delivery the majority of this programme will be delivered entirely online via Zoom or Microsoft Teams. Each session will begin with information about how the session will run.

For useful resources around domestic abuse within the context of Coronavirus please see the [Lambeth Council VAWG website](#).

Joining our sessions remotely

- ****Learners must save the session joining link and details in the confirmation email to your email calendar****
- **All sessions will begin promptly, so we ask all learners to join 5-10 mins before the start of the session. You will not be permitted to join the meeting 10 minutes after the meeting has started.**
- Learners will need to download either Microsoft Team or Zoom in advance which can be done easily for free [here](#).
- Learners can also access the session by opening the link in their browser.
- The session link for each course will be sent to learners once you have registered and booked for the chosen session via Eventbrite. Learners are advised to save the Eventbrite invite to your calendar before the session as a reminder.
- **You will be required to complete a two-minute evaluation post-training and again in six months. This allows us to analyse whether classroom training is effective and impacts on your longer-term working practice.**
- **If you are unable to attend the course you have booked onto you must give at least five working days' cancellation notice. If you fail to give adequate notice, you may be restricted from booking onto future VAWG courses.**

Training Courses Available

April 2022

7 th April	An introduction to a trauma-informed approach when working with autistic people and people with a learning disability	10:00 – 13:00
14 th April	Supporting Older People and VAWG	10:00 – 15:00
21 st April	VAWG Reflective Space: VAWG and disability	11:00 – 12:30
25 th April	Understanding Protective Orders	14:00 – 3:30
26 th April	Women and girls impacted by the Criminal Justice System	10:00 – 13:00
27 th April	Stalking Awareness – Live Webinar	10:00 – 11:30
28 th April	Kind Removals – Women with children removed from their care and VAWG	09:30 – 12:30

May 2022

4 th May	Domestic Abuse in the deaf community	10:00 – 13:00
10 th May	Supporting Black, Asian, multi-ethnic survivors	10:00 – 14:00
17 th May	Understanding Economic Abuse and Privately Owned Housing	10.00 – 14.00
19 th May	VAWG Reflective Space: Sexual Harassment in the workplace and public	11.00 - 12.30
25 th May	Understanding Tech Abuse	10:00 – 12:00

June 2022

6 th June	VAWG Reflective Space: Supporting victims of trafficking and exploitation	11.00 - 12.30
14 th June	Working with Perpetrators of Domestic Abuse	10:00 – 15:00
28 th June	Key Principles in Responding to Disclosures of Sexual Violence	10:00 – 13:30
30 th June	Child and Adolescent to Parent Violence and Abuse (CAPVA) and Teenage Relationship Abuse	09.30 - 12.45

July 2021

5 th July	‘So Called’ Honour Based Abuse Workshop	10:00 – 12:00
7 th July	Faith and VAWG	10:00 – 13:00
14 th July	LGBT+ Peoples Experiences of Domestic Abuse	10.00 - 12.30
21 st July	Domestic Abuse Awareness (Introduction)	10.00 - 14.00
21 st July	VAWG Reflective Space: Working with Perpetrators	11.00 – 12.30

August 2021

18 th August	VAWG Reflective Space: Supporting VAWG Survivors from Faith Communities	11.00 - 12.30
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September 2021

15 th September	VAWG Reflective Space: VAWG and Anti-oppressive practice	11.00 - 12.30
22 nd September	Key Principles in Responding to Children and Young People's lived experience of Sexual Violence	09:30 – 13:30
27 th September	Understanding Protective Orders	10:00 – 11:30

[Recorded Training Webinars](#) We have a number of recorded learning sessions available digitally on request, covering a range of VAWG topics.

April Courses

An introduction to a trauma-informed approach when working with autistic people and people with a learning disability

Trainer: Respond

Founded in 1991, Respond is a national charity providing therapy and specialist support services to people with learning disabilities, autism or both who have experienced abuse, violence, or trauma.

Date: 7th April 2022

Time: 10am – 1pm

This webinar will give learners the opportunity to consider how best to support autistic women or women with a learning disability – primarily in an advocacy role. It will look at ways to communicate and some of the myths attached to autism and learning disabilities. It will also consider these issues within the context of violence against women and girls and the way in which harm is framed for this group of women. The webinar aims to be interactive for a positive learning and shared experience.

Objectives

By attending this course, participants will learn about:

- To have a better understanding of life trauma and its impact in the context of learning disability, autism and intersectionality.
- To explore communication barriers and accessibility.
- To feel more confident when supporting autistic people and people with a learning disability.

Capacity: 15

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Supporting Older People and VAWG

Trainer: Solace Women's Aid

Solace Women's Aid has been working for more than 40 years to support women and children in London to build safe and strong lives - futures free from male abuse and violence. Solace provides 1:1 advocacy and support to victims and children, refuge accommodation, counselling, and sexual abuse services as well as training for professionals. Solace also provides 1:1 and group behaviour change work with perpetrators of domestic abuse.

Date: 14th April 2022

Time: 10am-3pm

To date, little consideration has been given to the specific needs of older survivors in the UK who are experiencing domestic and sexual abuse. Traditionally, older people have been considered low risk for domestic abuse and consequently, research and policy has largely developed without them in mind. What we do know

however is that older survivors are disproportionately at risk of serious harm, with 25% of domestic homicides involving a victim aged 60 and over.

So what does this mean for you as a practitioner? This training was created in partnership with The Visible Women Project and through consultations and focus groups with Adult Social Care. The robust research behind this training aims to give participants the most relevant and up to date knowledge around how to support and safeguard older survivors.

This is a live webinar rather than an interactive training and is shorter than other sessions. There will be a presentation delivered online with some time for questions at the end.

Objectives

By attending this course, participants will:

- Power and control dynamics of domestic abuse and older people
- Impacts of domestic abuse and possible barriers to disclosing for older people
- Responding to a disclosure
- Safety planning options for older survivors
- Signposting to sources of support

Capacity: 30

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VAWG Reflective Space – These are run every month

Coordinated by: Lambeth VAWG, Safer Communities Team

Dates: 21st April, 19th May, 16th June, 21st July, 18th August, 15th September 2022

Time: 11am- 12.30pm

The monthly VAWG reflective spaces provide an opportunity for professionals in Lambeth to come together to discuss VAWG issues, gain advice and share best practice. These are informal and unstructured sessions where any issue or query can be discussed including:

- Information about local support services and pathways
- Information about different types of VAWG (domestic abuse, sexual violence, sexual exploitation, stalking, female genital mutilation/cutting (FGM), so called ‘honour’ based violence, forced marriage)
- Advice on cases (please ensure you don’t share any personal or identifiable information)
- Peer support & signposting for those affected by VAWG in their personal lives
- Sharing tips and advice

Objectives

Our VAWG reflective sessions aim to:

- Raise awareness about VAWG support available
- Raise awareness about different forms of VAWG
- Increase confidence in identifying and responding to VAWG
- Bring practitioners together and increase networking

You can come to discuss any area of VAWG, however, each month we will be joined by a specialist to help answer your queries on particular areas, as below.

Capacity: 30

Month	Reflective Space Topic	Booking Link
Thursday 21 st April	VAWG and disability	BOOK HERE
Thursday 19 th May	Sexual harassment in a workplace and public	BOOK HERE
Thursday 16 th June	Supporting victims of trafficking and exploitation	BOOK HERE
Thursday 21 st July	Working with perpetrators	BOOK HERE
Thursday 18 th August	Supporting VAWG Survivors from Faith Communities	BOOK HERE
Thursday 15 th September	VAWG and Anti-oppressive practice	BOOK HERE

Understanding Protective Orders

Trainer: Bowling Law

Bowling Law is a leading Legal 500 firm specialising in domestic abuse and all areas associated with Family Law. They operate 24-hour emergency line 7 days a week and operate throughout London, assisting in several One Stops Shops/Legal Surgeries around the city.

Date: 25th April 2022 *This course is being run again in September

Time: 2 - 3:30pm

This course is for any professional who supports survivors or perpetrators of violence against women who would like to gain an understanding of the function and purpose of protective orders including non-molestation orders and occupation orders. This course will include information about no recourse to public funds and recent legal updates and changes in process.

Objectives

By attending this course, participants will:

- Understand the different types of protective orders available to survivors of violence against women
- Understand how protective orders are applied for, obtained, served and utilised
- Understand the strengths and limitations of different protective orders
- Understand what happens when a protective order expires and how to support a service user whose protective order has expired
- Understand the differences between bail conditions, restraining orders, non-molestation orders and occupation orders
- Understand what rights and processes are available for no recourse to public funds service users
- Understand how the system of public funding (Legal Aid) works for service users

Capacity: 30

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Women and girls impacted by the Criminal Justice System

Trainer: Women In Prison

We are Women in Prison: we support women affected by the criminal justice system in prisons and communities. We work in the community in Surrey, Manchester & London. We are independent, trauma-informed, women centred, holistic services including through women's centres in Manchester & London. We also campaign to end harm of prison and for investment in community solutions to address roots causes.

Date: 26th April 2022

Time: 10am - 1pm

Objectives

By attending this course, participants will:

- look at the needs of women and girls impacted by the Criminal Justice System.
- discuss trauma informed practice, the perception of women and girls in contact with the CJS.
- look at the prevalence of VAWG within the population of women and girls in prison and how we view women and girls who have broken the law but are also victim/survivors.

Capacity: 18

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Stalking Awareness – Live Webinar

This is a live webinar rather than an interactive training and is shorter than other sessions. There will be a presentation delivered online with some time for questions at the end.

Trainer: Solace Women's Aid

Solace Women's Aid have been working for more than 40 years to support women and children in London to build safe and strong lives - futures free from male abuse and violence. Solace provides 1:1 advocacy and support to victims and children, refuge accommodation, counselling and sexual abuse services as well as training for professionals. Solace also provides 1:1 and group behaviour change work with perpetrators of domestic abuse.

Dates: 27th April 2022

Time: 10am – 11.30am

This specialist webinar will help learners to improve their awareness & understanding around stalking. It will improve learner's confidence in identifying and responding effectively to stalking at the earliest opportunity and support learning to practice within their organisation.

Objectives

By attending this course, participants will learn about:

- Stalking Behaviours
- Impacts on victims/survivors
- Barriers for victims/survivors
- Legislation
- Case studies
- Advice for victims/survivors
- Civil/criminal remedies/police

Capacity: 30

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Kind Removals - Women with children removed from their care and VAWG

Trainer: *Flourish Team – Lambeth council*

Flourish work with parents who have had one or more children removed from their care. They provide intensive and assertive outreach to assist this client group to make positive changes to their lives.

Date: 28th April 2022

Time: 9.30am - 12.30pm

This workshop is for all providers of services, wanting to explore how to work with women, experiencing complex trauma around the removal of a child from their care. through the family courts, primarily resulting from domestic abuse.

The practice framework we will be applying is trauma sensitive and systemic, you do not need any experience of these frameworks to attend this session, in fact we welcome key workers across the VAWG network.

Objectives

By attending this course, participants will:

- To explore what best practice could look like, when working with women who have had their children removed and experienced complex trauma primarily resulting from domestic abuse.
- This session will include breakout and wider group discussions, reflection, narrative application, and research-based evidence to support this approach.

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May Courses

Domestic Abuse in the deaf community

Trainer: SignHealth's Domestic Abuse Service

SignHealth's Domestic Abuse Service support people in the Deaf community who are experiencing or have witnessed domestic abuse. We support all genders, sexualities and religions for people 11yrs and over. We have a team of IDVAs (support for adults), YPVAs (support for young people) and a Children & Family worker who communicate in fluent British Sign Language and can adapt to International Sign Language for people where English or BSL is not their first language – we are able to fit to the needs of the client. We are a Pan-London service.

Date: Wednesday 4th May 2022

Time: 10am - 1pm

Objectives

By attending this course, participants will:

- Explore the experiences and fears of the Deaf Community when working with hearing professionals
- Know more about the Deaf Culture and the difference between English and British Sign Language.
- Understand some of the barriers when interacting in a hearing world.
- Learn how to support Deaf people who are experiencing domestic abuse.
- To increase your awareness on how to communicate with a Deaf person.
- Gain information about the Deaf community and where to find additional resources.
- Learn how SignHealth can support you and your clients.

Capacity: 50

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Supporting Black, Asian and Multi-Ethnic Survivors of VAWG

Trainer: Asha, Refuge and The Gaia Centre

Asha is a South Asian organisation that works to end violence against women and girls. Asha and Refuge provide Lambeth's commissioned specialist safe accommodation for Black, Asian and multi-ethnic survivors. The Gaia Centre is Lambeth's gender-based violence and abuse support service.

Date: 10th May 2022

Time: 10am – 2pm

Participants attending this course will gain a deeper understanding of the particular experiences of Black, Asian and multi-ethnic survivors of VAWG and the barriers they may experience when seeking support from services

Objectives

By attending this course, participants will:

- Understand how VAWG is defined
- Understand the types of abuse experienced by survivors of VAWG
- Have a greater understanding of the prevalence, issues, and barriers faced by Black, Asian and multi-ethnic survivors of VAWG
- Understand what Intersectionality is
- Know how to respond to risks faced by Black, Asian and multi-ethnic survivors of VAWG and how to safety plan effectively
- Explore the ways in which services can meaningfully address and support Black, Asian and multi-ethnic survivors of VAWG.
- Have a range of resources to be able to refer survivors of VAWG to appropriate support

Capacity: 30

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Understanding Economic Abuse and Privately Owned Housing

Trainer: Surviving Economic Abuse (SEA)

Surviving Economic Abuse (SEA) is the only UK charity dedicated to raising awareness of and transforming responses to economic abuse. They undertake awareness-raising work, provide training and resources for professionals, review systems and policies to ensure they do not inadvertently facilitate abuse and influence national policy.

Date: 17th May 2022

Time: 10am – 2pm

This course aims to increase the understanding of stakeholders in London about the immediate and long-term impact of economic abuse on the housing security and physical safety of affected women and children.

Objectives:

By attending this course, participants will have:

- An increased understanding of economic abuse as described by the Domestic Abuse Act
- Knowledge of how economic abuse operates within the context of domestic abuse
- Increased motivation to respond to economic abuse
- Understanding of and ability to describe examples of post-separation abuse
- Increased knowledge of privately owned housing systems and how they impact on victim survivors of domestic abuse
- Confidence to support and effectively signpost victims and survivors to navigate the highly complex privately owned housing systems
- Access to specialist guidance after training on cases where they are supporting victims and survivors of domestic abuse who are owner occupiers

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Understanding Tech Abuse

Trainer: Refuge Tech Abuse Team

The Refuge tech abuse and empowerment team supports survivors who have had technology used against them as a weapon of domestic abuse. They empower survivors so they can use technology positively and safely and take back control of their lives.

Date: 25th May 2022

Time: 10am – 12pm

Modern technology gives perpetrators every growing ways to stalk, isolate and control survivors using the tools of everyday life. This workshop is aimed at professionals who work with families to help them identify different ways in which technology can be used to facilitate the abuse.

Objectives

By attending this workshop attendees will be able to:

- Explain what is meant by the term “Tech Abuse”
- State examples of the emerging trends, and ways in which perpetrators misuse technology
- Explore ways to offer support and advice to victims of tech abuse

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June Courses

Working with Perpetrators of Domestic Abuse

Trainer: Solace Women's Aid

Solace Women's Aid have been working for more than 40 years to support women and children in London to build safe and strong lives - futures free from male abuse and violence. Solace provide 1:1 advocacy and support to victims and children, refuge accommodation, counselling, and sexual abuse services as well as training for professionals. Solace also provides 1:1 and group behaviour change work with perpetrators of domestic abuse.

Date: 14th June 2022

Time: 10am – 3pm (lunch break included)

This training is designed for practitioners from health, housing, and social care (including those in the voluntary sector) who are likely to come into contact with domestic abuse perpetrators and want to know more about how to respond appropriately.

Objectives

By attending this course, participants will:

- better identify perpetrators of domestic abuse
- understand the dynamics of perpetrators use of violence
- better understand the risks posed by perpetrator to (ex) partners and children
- undertake initial motivational work with perpetrators to help explore their use of violence
- understand the differences between empathic and collusive working in a domestic abuse context
- make appropriate referrals to other agencies upon identification

Capacity 30

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Key Principles in Responding to Disclosures of Sexual Violence

Trainer: Rape Crisis South London (RASASC)

South London Rape Crisis centre offers help, information and support to women and girls who have experienced sexual violence.

Date: 28th June 2022

Time: 10am – 1.30pm

Participants in this online workshop can expect to examine the myths and realities of sexual violence within a framework of violence against women and girls. Participants will be introduced to a model of best practice in working with sexual violence and will identify key principles in responding to disclosures of sexual violence sensitively and appropriately.

Objectives

By attending this course, participants will:

- consider the impact of societal attitudes and myths about sexual violence on survivors
- know how rape, sexual assault and consent are defined in law
- identify barriers to disclosure and seeking support for survivors
- name and understand key principles in responding to disclosures of sexual violence
- increase awareness of specialist support services available
- be introduced to Rape Crisis South London model of empowerment as best practice in working with sexual violence

Time spent on each area may vary to ensure topics of direct relevance to participants' support work are given priority. All participants receive an in-depth training resource pack after the session.

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Child and Adolescent to Parent Violence and Abuse (CAPVA) & Teenage Relationship Abuse

Trainer: Respect

Respect are a pioneering domestic abuse organisation developing safe, effective work with perpetrators, male victims and young people who use violence. They run the Men's Advice Line, a helpline for male survivors of domestic abuse and the Respect Helpline, a helpline for perpetrators of domestic abuse which offers advice on changing harmful behaviour.

Dates: 30th June 2022

Time: 09.30am – 12:45pm

Although most people know about domestic abuse, less attention is given to Child and Adolescent to Parent Violence and Abuse (CAPVA). This makes it very difficult for parents to work out whether their child's behaviour is abusive or just part of normal development.

The definition of domestic abuse covers young people 16 and above, however we know teenage relationships and abuse in these relationships can happen at an earlier age and may require a different response.

Objectives

This briefing will provide a foundation to enable participants to:

- Develop an understanding of the causal factors of Child and Adolescent to Parent Violence and Abuse (CAPVA)
- Enable participants assess risk and identify potential trigger points for abuse to enable a safer parental response
- To explore the subject of relationship abuse with between young people
- To approach violence in young people's relationships using a contextual safeguarding approach

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July Courses

Honour Based Abuse Workshop

Trainer: Karma Nirvana

In 1993, Karma Nirvana became the first specialist charity for victims and survivors of Honour Based Abuse in the UK. Since then, we have led the campaign against Honour Based Abuse – supporting, empowering, and educating those impacted, so they can live a life free of abuse.

We run the national Honour Based Abuse Helpline, we train frontline practitioners and professionals, and we campaign for change, working with parliamentarians and policymakers.

Date: 5th July 2022

Time: 10am – 12pm

Objectives

By attending this course, participants will:

- Build confidence in identifying and challenging Honour Based Abuse and Forced Marriage
- Build resilience when challenging issues of 'cultural sensitivity'
- Recognise HBA/FM as a safeguarding matter
- Increase professional confidence through education
- Improve effective supportive responses for victims
- Encourage critical thinking to challenge justifications of abuse based on tradition, culture or religion
- Develop victim pathways for safe and effective responses

This is achieved through the sessions which.

- Explain the support KN offer to victims, survivors and professionals
- Definitions of HBA and FM and the triggers for these abuses
- Dispel common misconceptions
- Offer an insight into understanding honour systems & honour codes within family dynamics
- Identify HBA and FM and explain the warning signs and indicators
- Clarify best practice when dealing with HBA and FM
- Provide an insight into FM law and FMPOs
- Explain the prevalence nationally and statistics for Professionals
- Demonstrate how HBA and FM is happening in emerging communities

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LGBT+ People's Experiences of Abuse

Trainer: Galop

Galop has been making life safe, just and fair for LGBT+ people for close to 40 years. We support lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, non-binary, asexual, queer, and intersex people who have experienced hate crime, domestic abuse and sexual violence. We are run by LGBT+ people, for LGBT+ people, and provide a space for survivors of abuse to get the help they need. Our support services are independent, confidential and trauma informed.

Date: 7th July 2022

Time: 10am – 12.30pm

This half day course aims to improve service providers' understanding of LGBT+ service users' needs and specific safeguarding concerns. It aims to increase the confidence and awareness of professionals so they can better support LGBT+ victims and survivors of domestic abuse.

Objectives

The session will cover the following topics:

- An overview of LGBT+ Experiences of Gender-Based Violence in the UK including Domestic Abuse, Sexual Violence, so-called Honour-Based Violence and Hate Crime.
- LGBT+ identities
- The prevalence of domestic abuse experienced by LGBT+ people
- Unique dynamics of abuse linked to homophobia, biphobia, and transphobia
- Specific forms of domestic abuse experienced by young LGBT+ people
- Barriers in accessing support faced by LGBT+ survivors
- Best practices
- Useful resources and support

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Faith and VAWG - Tackling Harmful Practices : a culturally competent approach to VAWG intervention

Trainer: Faith and VAWG Coalition (at Standing Together) and Asian Women's Resource Centre

This harmful practice specialist training co delivered by the Faith and VAWG Coalition (at Standing Together) and Asian Women's Resource Centre is designed to build a layered understanding of how harm is located and identified within the understanding of VAWG from a feminist, anti-oppressive lens.

Date: 14th July 2022

Time: 10am – 1pm

It encourages practitioners to reflect on notions of culture and intersectionality before understanding the various types of harmful practices including misuse of faith and spirituality, so called 'honour' based abuse, forced marriage and FGM. It is a CPD course that will give learners a culturally competent toolkit to respond to women and girls at risk of harmful practices.

Objectives

By attending this course, participants will:

- Understand Harmful practices, including misuse of spirituality and faith, as forms of VAWG perpetrated within the power and control of patriarchies
- Understand Intersectionality and cultural competence, including role of faith and communities in responding to DA and VAWG
- Knowledge and understanding of VAWG, Multiple Disadvantage and structural barriers, relating to harmful practices
- Be able to understand and assess Risk Indicators relating to harmful practices
- To able to know about safety planning and respond with appropriate actions, and refer to specialist DVA/VAWG support service
- Gain knowledge about perpetrators exercising harmful practices, and know where to refer

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Domestic Abuse Awareness (Introduction)

Trainer: Lambeth Council Safer Communities Team - VAWG Team Officers

Lambeth Council Safer Communities Team coordinates Lambeth's response to Violence Against Women and Girls by commissioning services, running campaigns, delivering training and leading partnership projects including coordinating the MARAC. For more information see our [Lambeth Made Safer VAWG Strategy 2021-2027](#)

Date: 21st July 2022

Time: 10am – 2pm

This course is designed for practitioners who would like to understand the definition of domestic abuse and gain insight into the dynamics of domestic abuse within intimate partner and adult familial relationships. The course will consider why people stay in abusive relationships and the barriers to reporting family members and intimate partners. Attending the course will help practitioners recognise indicators of domestic abuse, learn how best to ask about domestic abuse and effectively provide support to those who have disclosed abuse. The course will include an overview of understanding risk, basic safety planning options for survivors and information on specialist support in Lambeth.

Objectives

By attending this course, participants will:

- understand how domestic abuse is defined, what it includes and know its prevalence
- appreciate and examine the barriers faced by survivors in disclosing and/or leaving an abusive relationship
- describe indicators of abuse
- ask the right questions and respond appropriately to disclosures of domestic abuse
- understand what “high risk” in relation to domestic abuse means
- have gained knowledge of Lambeth’s services and be able to refer appropriately

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August Courses

VAWG Reflective Space – These are run every month

Coordinated by: Lambeth Safer Communities Team

Dates: 18th August 15th September 2022

Time: 11.00 - 12.30

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Month	Reflective Space Topic	Booking Link
Thursday 18 th August	Supporting VAWG Survivors from Faith Communities	BOOK HERE
Thursday 15 th September	VAWG and Anti-oppressive practice	BOOK HERE

September Courses

Key Principles in Responding to CYP's lived experiences of Sexual Violence

Trainer: Rape Crisis South London (RASASC)

South London Rape Crisis centre offers help, information and support to women and girls who have experienced sexual violence. To find out more about RASASC and the support they provide please take a look at their website: <https://www.rasasc.org.uk/>

Dates: 22nd September 2022

Time: 9.30 – 13.30pm

This free 90-minute webinar facilitated by Rape Crisis South London / Rape and Sexual Abuse Support Centre (RASASC), is for practitioners in Children's Social Care who work with children and young people.

Objectives

By attending this course, participants will:

- hear from specialist front-line practitioners about the social context and reality of children and young people's experiences of sexual violence.
- explore key messages to support sexual violence prevention,
- Introduce a model of best practice in responding to sexual violence.

Capacity 15

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Understanding Protective Orders

Trainer: Bowling Law

Bowling Law is a leading Legal 500 firm specialising in domestic abuse and all areas associated with Family Law. They operate 24-hour emergency line 7 days a week and operate throughout London, assisting in several One Stops Shops/Legal Surgeries around the city.

Date: 27th September 2022

Time: 10 - 11.30am

This course is for any professional who supports survivors or perpetrators of violence against women who would like to gain an understanding of the function and purpose of protective orders including non-molestation orders and occupation orders. This course will include information about no recourse to public funds and recent legal updates and changes in process.

Objectives

By attending this course, participants will:

- Understand the different types of protective orders available to survivors of violence against women
- Understand how protective orders are applied for, obtained, served and utilised
- Understand the strengths and limitations of different protective orders
- Understand what happens when a protective order expires and how to support a service user whose protective order has expired
- Understand the differences between bail conditions, restraining orders, non-molestation orders and occupation orders
- Understand what rights and processes are available for no recourse to public funds service users
- Understand how the system of public funding (Legal Aid) works for service users

Capacity: 30

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Contact Information

For VAWG course administration enquiries, enquiries about VAWG course content, or your suitability for a VAWG course, please contact: VAWGevents@lambeth.gov.uk.

For information related to the Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC) or the Sexual Exploitation and Harm Panel (SEHP) please contact the MARAC Coordinator on lambethmarac@lambeth.gov.uk.

Here are some useful links for more information regarding VAWG in Lambeth

- [Lambeth Made Safer VAWG Strategy 2021-2027](#)
- [Ending VAWG animation](#)
- [Lambeth VAWG Strategy webpage](#) *This includes the full video from the VAWG partnership launch event held on 25th November 2022*
- [Lambeth VAWG website](#)
- [Lambeth Safer Spaces – Commonplace](#)

If you are experiencing gender-based violence and need support, you can contact the Lambeth specialist support provider the Gaia Centre on 0207 7733 8724 between 9am-5pm. Outside of office hours and on the Bank Holidays, you can contact them on 07725 245 779.

In an emergency call 999”.

Frequently Asked Questions

Who can attend these courses?

The VAWG Training Programme is open to practitioners who work in statutory, voluntary, private and/or independent agencies and organisations, including faith and community groups within Lambeth. If you are providing a service to residents of Lambeth, you can attend these courses. All courses are FREE of charge.

Where do the courses take place?

Online via Zoom or Microsoft Teams. Agencies delivering training have complied with Lambeth Council's Online Video Call Policy to ensure security.

How much will it cost me?

These courses are provided FREE of charge to practitioners providing a service to residents of Lambeth.

How do I book onto a course?

All courses must be booked via [Eventbrite](#).

How will I know my booking is confirmed?

Once you have booked your ticket through Eventbrite you will receive confirmation and an e-ticket

You will be asked to complete an evaluation post-training and again in six months. This allows us to analyse whether classroom training is effective and impacts on your longer-term working practice.

What if I can't attend the course I'm booked onto?

Please give at least five working days' notice if you are unable to attend a course you are booked onto. If you fail to give adequate notice, you may be restricted from booking onto future courses.

Cancelling your attendance on a course

1. You must cancel your attendance on a course five working days before the course date. If you do not attend the course without prior cancellation, you may not be able to book onto future VAWG training courses
2. You can cancel your order via Eventbrite by logging in to Eventbrite, going to the 'Tickets' page, and locating your order. Click your order to view order details, and then select "Cancel Order" to cancel your registration.
3. Eventbrite will send you and the event organizer an email confirming the cancellation.