

# Newsletter

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### 16 Days of Activism

The 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence is a global campaign observed from November 25th to December 10th, dedicated to raising awareness and driving action to end Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG). At the heart of AWRC's mission, this campaign reflects our unwavering commitment to standing with survivors, amplifying their voices, and advocating for a safer, more equitable world.

For this year's campaign, we channeled our efforts into impactful initiatives aimed at awareness, support, and transformation:

**Awareness Campaigns:** Across our social media platforms, we shared educational posts, life-saving helplines, and updates from conferences our team attended to advocate for women's rights.

**Events for our Service Users:** We hosted a week-long wellness program, offering facials, reflexology, hair styling, henna, and nail treatments to uplift and care for our service users.

**Specialized Training on Harmful Practices:** Our team delivered critical training sessions to professionals, invited by partners such as the Church of England, Harrow Council, and Barnet Council, to address harmful practices and build community resilience.

**Conferences & Advocacy:** We proudly lent our voice and expertise at key conferences, championing women's issues and pushing for systemic change.

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### Want to attend AWRC events?

AWRC's dedicated Community Engagement Officer (CDO) offers various community services, including presentations and outreach to community services, various events/workshops, community events, and focus groups. Some activities are also offered online.

If you want to know more about our future events, email [sahar@awrc.org.uk](mailto:sahar@awrc.org.uk)

### Harmful Practice Independent Domestic Violence Advocate Course

The Harmful Practice Advocate (HPA) Programme is a pioneering initiative by AWRC, equipping practitioners with the specialised skills needed to address harmful practices within the Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) sector. As the only UK-accredited course focused on harmful practices, it is endorsed by NCFE and accredited by AAL.

Rooted in a Black Feminist and intersectional perspective, the programme empowers frontline workers to navigate challenges, understand the impact on marginalised communities, and provide informed, effective interventions.

Learners will gain skills to identify harmful practices, support survivors, analyze systemic inequality, and apply intersectional responses. They will expand their knowledge and refine specialist skills to create meaningful individual and sector-wide impact.

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For more information,  
email:  
[training@awrc.org.uk](mailto:training@awrc.org.uk)

### Co-Produced Guidance: Strengthening Domestic Homicide Reviews

Coaction Hub (a partnership project between AWRC and Standing Together Against Domestic Abuse) are proud to announce the release of The Role of Expert Panel Members in Domestic Homicide Reviews (DHRs): Guidance for By and For Agencies. Co-produced with an incredible coalition of partners, this guidance highlights the critical role of "by and for" agencies in ensuring DHRs reflect the intersectional realities of survivors' lives.

Partners who co-produced this guidance include:

Asian Women's Resource Centre (AWRC), STADA, Jewish Women's Aid, Sikh Women's Aid, Kurdish and Middle Eastern Women's Organisation, FORWARD, IKWRO Women's Rights Organisation, The Traveller Movement, Coaction Hub, The Lioness Circle, Latin American Women's Aid (LAWA), Pilas Resettlement: The Vital Link, Al-Hasaniya Moroccan Women's Centre, and The Sharan Project.

Why this guidance is vital:

- It addresses systemic barriers and underrepresentation of "by and for" agencies in DHRs.
- It offers insights into how race, culture, and faith intersect with violence against women and girls (VAWG).
- It provides actionable recommendations to ensure survivor-focused, culturally competent, and intersectional practices in DHRs.

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# PROJECTS

## Partnership Projects led by AWRC

**Greater London Authority (GLA) Safe Accommodation Housing Project** : The project provides a Pan-London NRPF Helpline, acting as a single point of entry into specialist refuge provision and floating support services to improve access to safe accommodation to survivors with No Recourse to Public Funds (NRPF).

**ASCENT Ending Harmful Practices** : The project aims to improve service provision for those affected by sexual and domestic abuse, specifically Female Genital Mutilation, so-called 'honour'-based abuse, forced marriage and other harmful practices.

**MOPAC Prevention and Action Through Community Engagement and Training (P&ACT) Ending Harmful Practices Project**: This partnership with 12 'by and for' led organisations tackles harmful practices across London. Funded by MOPAC, AWRC provides vital support to survivors and combats harmful practices as part of the UK's largest 'by and for' led initiative.

## AWRC Standalone Projects

**Surviving Abuse and Thriving Project (SAAT)**: In addition to providing intensive advocacy and support to women and girls experiencing or previously affected by domestic abuse, the project provides community services such as presentations, outreach, events, workshops, focus groups, and online activities.

**The Harmful Practice Advocate (HPA) Programme**: AWRC's pioneering initiative equips practitioners in the VAWG sector with specialised skills to address harmful practices. As the UK's only NCFE-endorsed and AAL-accredited course, it empowers frontline workers to support marginalised communities with effective, informed interventions.

## Partnership Projects

**London Whole Housing Service Partnership (LWHSP)**: LWHSP works to address and enhance the pathways of housing support for women experiencing domestic abuse. The partnership works to remove immediate harm, provide safe, sustainable and borough- specific support around housing needs and aid recovery and resettlement of women.

**Identification and Referral to Improve Safety (IRIS)**: IRIS, delivered by Advance in partnership with AWRC, trains GP practices to understand, identify, and respond to domestic abuse, including appropriate questioning, referrals to specialists, and safeguarding.

**The London Holistic Advocacy Wrap Around Service (LHAWAS)**: The project aims to meet the needs of women and children who are survivors of domestic and sexual abuse and other forms of gendered abuse, including prostitution, trafficking, and harmful practices, who have insecure immigration status and are subject to NRPF.

**Coaction Hub**: This partnership between AWRC and STADA strengthens the Co-ordinated Community Response (CCR) to better support BME survivors of domestic abuse and harmful practices, fostering an equitable collaboration between BME-led and white-led organisations.

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Referrals from voluntary, community and statutory agencies - [referrals@awrc.org.uk](mailto:referrals@awrc.org.uk)

# DONATE

AWRC continues to fundraise and welcomes all donations big or small. Any support that we receive helps us to continue our work against domestic abuse and support women.

# VOLUNTEER

AWRC is looking for volunteers who share our vision of empowering women. Interested? Contact our Community Development Officer, Sahar: [sahar@awrc.org.uk](mailto:sahar@awrc.org.uk)

\*This post is open to female applicants only as this is deemed a genuine occupational requirement under Schedule 9, Paragraph 1 of the Equality Act 2010.\*

## RECAP: 16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM

