

Strategic Partnership Boards

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Spotlight on...

16 Days of Activism Against Gender Based Violence

Violence against women and girls (VAWG) is both a form of discrimination and a violation of human rights. The United Nations Declaration on Elimination of Violence against Women defines violence against women as: 'Any act of gender-based violence that results in, or is likely to result in, physical, sexual or psychological harm or suffering to women [or girls], including threats of such acts, coercion or arbitrary deprivation of liberty.' (1993, Article 1). Abuse can happen to anyone regardless of their economic status, gender, religion, ethnicity, age. Each year Waltham Forest works together with partners to raise awareness of VAWG, amplify the voices of survivors and

VAWG includes the following strands

- Domestic Abuse
- Sexual Violence
- Harmful Practice
- Female Genital Mutilation (FGM)
- Forced Marriage
- So-called 'Honour Based Violence'
- Child Sexual Exploitation
- Stalking and harassment
- Prostitution
- Trafficking



For further information on the VAWG work and to join the mailing list: vawg@walthamforest.gov.uk

71% of human trafficking victims around the world are women and girls

11 women and girls are raped or sexually assaulted in each London Borough every week

1 in 6 women experience stalking in their lifetime. Victims of stalking do not tend to report to police until the 100th incident

85% of women involved in sex work have experienced abuse from a family member and 75% have been physically assaulted by someone other than a family member

Victims of 'Honour' based violence are **7x** more likely to have multiple perpetrators

85% of young women experience sexual harassment in public places

1 in 4 women experience domestic violence in their lifetime

77.8% of possible forced marriage victims were women

