THIFF steering roup meeting

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Stace Ingrassia

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Naz

Paril Begum

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Zainab Ibrahim – domestic abuse at WiT

Karen Wint

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Pstr Steady – Zimbabwe,

Andrew Carnegie

Victoria Miller – Social Streets – not for profit org

Graham

Debra Wilson

Laura Cullen

WiT

Sahra – Aashadinni Mosqu

23 in all

Veronica Simpson- Back in Control

Founded in 2017 – FBO specialised in sage gurading and D abuse, enhancing awareness within faith groups and communities

Partend with Faith forum London and women inter fait newtowrk- faiths against domestic abuse (2021) – helpline, emotional and racticalupport. Online siter hub, just launched, training, workshops

Challenge and barriers for those affected within faith communities.

Personal story – Her Story isMy Story

Definition: DA can affect anyone, regardless fo how they are identified, the community they belong to, or how they are seen by others.

Slide 2 – more than just physical abuse – can inc various other forms.

DA stats – 2 women killed each week. One in foru 4 women exp DA in lifeltime.

Faith is a source of comfort. Spritual and moral strength. Wider community motivated by fait hshould provide support shelter and safety from DA

Research in 2017 – The Churches Response to Domestic Abuse – findings – many people aware of DA in their faith community, Only a small number churches actively covered the subject (Cumbria)

Affects all cultures, relgions and ethnic backgorunds, inc disalbel, LGBT, elderly

10% of Muslims have experienced physical abuse

What are the issues? Misoginy, patraicarhal views, sexism etc……

Media environment etc – learnt behaviour. Cannot be explaid away asan anger aissue or inability to manage emotinos. Perps intention is to withdraw the spuses human rights.

Stop justifiying

Stop minimsing

Never sya victim is their fault

Relgious beleifs does not change theabusive behaviour – consqueunces do

There is no excuse for DA – believe its wrong and say tis wrong

Call for action – ets work together – faith – vital to take steps to under sattnd the dynamics

Get trained andeducated on the effects

Become aDV champion

Work in partnership with orgs lik Bic

Establih s ervice providers in loal community

How to respond to a disclosure? You may be first person that they have ever disclosed to

‘Im sorry to hear what youre going through

It isn’t acceptable

Im glad ou felt you can share, I really want ot help

Ensure clint feels respected and dignified and autonomy is retained .

Normailise discussions. Open conversations. Domestic abuse should not be taboo – prea ch and teach –

Let us create safe havens, use you rvoice as the proehtic voice that can be heard. Display DV services I nbathroo. Share practices – inte fait hwork, educate the community, develop protocol in the same way as safeguarding

Role of the faith leader – Identify DV – be alert

Be equipped to respond

Risk asses

Act – know when it is appropriate to signpost

Tke away – Never support bot hvictim and and abuser – no joint counceliing

Do not share the disclosure to the perpetrator

[ADMIN@Backincontrolconsultancy.com](mailto:ADMIN@Backincontrolconsultancy.com) – sign up for the call to action!

Solace

Trauma informed, consent based – key aspects fo how they support survivors

Support at all stage of the jounrye – even to find out their options, or unsure if they are experiencing DA.

Comissioned service in the borough – range of services – may be relevant for people that come to you

Salheti speakers and partnered with WiT – providing support for Somal icommunity

DWP project – works alsongside job centred and supports those experiencing economic abuse – a wide category, ranging from restricting money to preventing someone having a anmae on the property etc.

Housing project – for people presenting as homeless ecxp DA – often places outside of borough in temporary accommodation – no support systems, so the housing support officers helps them to fee less isolated etc

Mental health had case workers – longer term holistic support fo rthose with hgher support needs in mental health eg depression, PTSD. Als otrain mmental health hprofessionals eg to Mind

GP surgery project – supporting DA and training staff in how to respond to discilosres

City of London – a specialist Bangaldeshi advocate – providing support in Salheti and Bengai – support all – men and women 16 and over

Also support Sancytary scheme – for those who want to stay at home but hneed more help – eg securing locks, windows wtc

One Stop Shop – restarting after covid

IDVA – provides emotional support, risk assess and support plan. Trauma informed approach and providing holistic support – making sure other agencies are hearing what that service user is saying – agencies need to have a joint effort. Empowerment work, support through court tocess – a

Also advise professionals – if you ever experience a disclosure you can call them (contact details in the chat)

DR – topic s like this that can impact the whole wider community

Dhriti – Duting 16 days of Acitvism – had a stall at ELM – happy to do this elsewhere – good way t engage with community too.

Stacey Ingrassia – Happy to see the word survivor/victim – unhappy with the term victim.

Jan McHarry – Do you work with schools?

Dhriti – 16 and over but there are referrals from schools, will be speaking at an event – they do have a young person team – happy for partnership working.

Q to Veronica – Christianity and overlap with Judaism scriptures – misuse of scriptures – contains language of women being submissive and clear stories about the abuse of women. Not good enough just to erase them, have to find the means of speaking about it - but how weapproach it and speak about hese stories that perpetuate?

V – God hating violence and the nature of who he is, we know he would not condone DA. Scripture are in context – a perp of abuse is not going to use words such as submission in context – in terms of ministering – we need to expand the word as how it was written in context.

Sufia – Many things are misunderstood within Muslim faith – have taken ana cative response where Imams say what Islam says about DA, Important to have an active response – get the message over. Hopes that it helps people understand scripture and iron out misunderstandings. Heard too many stories of victioms of DA where they have been failed.

Pastor Steady – In Zimbabwe, DA – misues of biblical text.

Naz – 32 hate crimes – majority towards Jewish community. Christianity – 1 in October. Muslim – 14 in total. Jewish crimes included graffiti, near synagoues. Working with synagoues to help them, work with the council to remove any graffiti the same day if possible. Good system of hate team working with faith team, crossover

Alan – Met issued statement about the hostage taking – offering support here as a result of that incident.

Naz – Saturday will have police presence at sysnague – call hi m24 hours a day

Info Sharing –

Stacey – church still doing reverse advent calendar,another two weeks….will go to TH foodbank. Or is there another place it could go to?

Sigrid – Antismeitsm – zoom, on the memorital in the street to commemorate the people that were taken to the concentration camps LINK IN CHAT

Leon – This year – HMD Day – annual TH Inteffaith on council lwebsite – last year it was recorded. Usually held at Nelson St Synagogue which is still not repaired. FIND A LINK\*\*\*\*\*\*Alan, Jan and more have taken part – Inter Faith Speakers

Alan – Vital that Nelson Street is preserved.