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Public training courses January - March 2012

The Tayside Violence Against Women Training Consortium provide training for public and professionals. Most courses are free at point of access, however we do levy a cancellation fee of £30 for free courses* if cancellation is within 5 full working days of the course, and if we are unable to fill the space (you are very welcome to make your own substitution at no charge).

In addition to the courses outlined below, we would be happy to discuss your organisational training needs, and to work with you on providing training to your team. We are particularly committed to the mainstreaming of training, and can provide training for trainers on a variety of topics. Please make contact at the address above for further details.

Exploring the roots of Violence Against Women
(Formerly 'An Introduction to Violence Against Women')
9am - 12.45pm
Free Event*

This half day foundation level course covers the root causes and consequences of violence against women, drawing the links between such diverse forms of violence such as forced marriage, sexual abuse and domestic abuse. Participants will be given the opportunity to explore their own attitudes and beliefs, define violence against women, and explore the underlying foundations of Violence Against Women.

Trainer: Sarah Watts (Tayside Violence Against Women Training Consortium)

28th March East District Housing Office, 169 Pitkerro Road, Dundee

A Practitioner's Guide to Understanding Domestic Abuse
(formerly 'An Introduction to Domestic Abuse')
9:00 - 4:15 - Free Event*

This full day foundation level course looks at one specific form of violence against women, domestic abuse, in detail. The course explores the dynamics of domestic abuse, and common myths and attitudes around domestic abuse. Participants consider the additional barriers and vulnerability of particular populations, and explore routes to accessing help.

Trainer: Sarah Watts (Tayside Violence Against Women Training Consortium)

19th January East District Housing Office, 169 Pitkerro Road, Dundee

1st February Salutation Hotel, Perth

7th March Canmore Room, Forfar Access Office, Forfar

Risk identification in domestic abuse
9am - 12:45pm - Free Event*

This two-part course supports practitioners to effectively identify risk when working with clients experiencing domestic abuse, and to apply these skills to practice. In Part A of the training, participants will explore the theory of risk identification, including high risk factors. Part B of the course offers the opportunity to put learning into practice, using the model to risk identify a case. This session looks at the fluid and dynamic nature of risk assessment, and highlights the challenges of safety planning.

Participants may attend Part A alone, or both parts of the training. We ask, however, that all participants attend part A prior to attending part B.

Trainers: Sarah Watts (Tayside Violence Against Women Training Consortium)

Part A: 16th February - Canmore Room, Forfar Access Office, Forfar

Part A: 22nd February - East District Housing Office, 169 Pitkerro Road, Dundee

Part A: 23rd February - Salutation Hotel, Perth

Part B: 28th February - Salutation Hotel, Perth

Part B: 14th March - East District Housing Office, 169 Pitkerro Road, Dundee

Supporting lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people experiencing domestic abuse
9.15 - 4.00pm - Free Event*

This full day course is brought to Tayside by LGBT Youth Scotland, and has been designed for delegates who already have an understanding of the dynamics of domestic abuse and wish to learn more about its impacts and support implications for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people. By the end of the session delegates will have had the opportunity to:

- Increase their awareness of the issues facing lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) people
- Reflect on the nature of homo/bi/transphobia and heterosexism and consider ways in which to challenge discrimination
- Reflect on current practice and policy, including legislative changes affecting LGBT people
- Increase their understanding of the dynamics and impacts of LGBT people's experience of domestic abuse.

Trainer: Amy Roch (LGBT Youth Scotland)

20th March - Canmore Room, Forfar Access Office, Forfar

Stronger Together: Developing more inclusive practice with transgender women
9am - 4pm
Free Event*

This full day course offers participants a basic awareness of issues which affect transgender women experiencing domestic abuse. Participants will spend the day exploring and developing inclusive practice at practitioner and service level when working with and for transgender women. Toolkits will be provided to allow participants to begin making positive changes in their own workplace.

Trainers: Amy Roch (LGBT Youth Scotland) & Sarah Watts (Tayside Violence Against Women Training Consortium)

14th February - Salutation Hotel, Perth

Focusing on Male Perpetrators of Domestic Abuse

9.30 - 4.30 - Free Event*

This course is not aimed solely at professionals whose role involves directly working with perpetrators, but is suitable for all professionals working with families or children in any context. The course will provide delegates with an opportunity to define the problem of domestic abuse and explore the reasons as to why some men abuse. It will facilitate a discussion around 'Can perpetrators change?' and allow delegates the opportunity to experience an example of perpetrator group work.

Trainers: Alastair Robertson (Consultant Trainer)

27th March - Adam Room, Salutation Hotel, Perth

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*For courses which bear a cost, we charge 50% of the course fee if cancelling prior to two weeks before the course, or the full fee if cancelling within two weeks - if we are able to fill your place, there will be no charge.