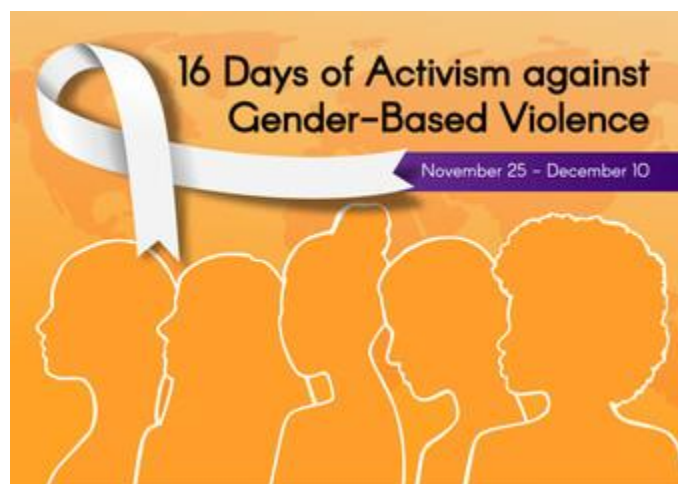




Calderdale  
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# 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence 2024



## Programme of Events

## Welcome to 16 Days of Activism

The 16 Days of Activism is an international campaign that began in 1991 at the inauguration of the Women's Global Leadership Institute and takes place from 25<sup>th</sup> November to 10<sup>th</sup> December each year.

It's a time to raise awareness about violence against women and girls as a human rights issue, and to advocate for change. The campaign starts on the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women, and ends on December 10<sup>th</sup>, which is International Human Rights Day.

The campaign's goals include:

- Calling for the prevention and elimination of violence against women and girls
- Demonstrating citizens' concern about ending violence against women and girls
- Encouraging governments to invest in gender-based violence prevention

"I'm really pleased that this year we are doing more to support the 16 days of activism campaign. A campaign that calls for the elimination of all forms of gender-based violence and abuse. We have got some really great events that are planned, and I do hope you can join us for one or more and to take part in the conversation. 16 days is an important campaign, but I also want to use the opportunity to say a huge thank you to practitioners to people that work tirelessly day in and day out to support victim survivors of Domestic Abuse, to hold perpetrators to account and where necessary to bring them to justice. Thank you".

Director of Public Service, Ian Day.

Chair of the Domestic Abuse Strategic Board.

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## MONDAY 25th NOVEMBER 2024

### Non Fatal Strangulation delivered by Locala

**Time of Session:** 9.30am

**Audience:** This event is open to all practitioners and managers, volunteers and community groups across West Yorkshire.

**Booking:** Please register by contacting [Vicky.Rodwell@locala.org.uk](mailto:Vicky.Rodwell@locala.org.uk)

### Opening Speech delivered by Chief Executive of Calderdale Council.

**Time of Session:** 10.30 to 10.45 via Teams

**Audience:** This event is open to all practitioners and managers, volunteers and community groups across West Yorkshire.

**Booking:** Please register with Naz Mukhtar [naz.mukhtar@calderdale.gov.uk](mailto:naz.mukhtar@calderdale.gov.uk)

### Ryan Hart will be sharing his family's story of coercive control and domestic homicide, before then opening up for a 'no question off limits' Q&A.

He will be exploring a number of key elements of his story, including:

- How, even without physical violence, his father managed to trap the family, take away their freedom and have them live in fear of him
- Even having suffered for 25 years, how they became so normalised to the abuse that they never saw themselves as victims
- How the abuse moulded their behaviours and personalities, and how that affected their time at school, university and work
- The aftermath of the murders and how the Domestic Homicide Review revealed crucial information about the start of his mum's and father's relationship; this information helped them to piece together and make sense of his life
- Much more, including anything and everything that the audience would like to discuss in the Q&A

**Time of Session:** 11.00 to 12.00pm via Teams

**Audience:** This event is open to all practitioners and managers, volunteers and community groups across West Yorkshire.

**Booking:** Please register with Naz Mukhtar [naz.mukhtar@calderdale.gov.uk](mailto:naz.mukhtar@calderdale.gov.uk)

## TUESDAY 26<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2024

### DHR/Safe and Together model delivered by Locala

**Time of Session:** 4pm

**Audience:** This event is open to all practitioners and managers, volunteers and community groups across West Yorkshire.

**Booking:** Please register by contacting [Vicky.Rodwell@locala.org.uk](mailto:Vicky.Rodwell@locala.org.uk)

## WEDNESDAY 27<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2024

I would like to say a massive thank you to everybody in the Borough who work so hard everyday to tackle gender-based violence. In children service we know very sadly the devastating effects this can have on families and lots of the work that comes into Childrens Social Services and the Youth Justice team are for children who have been living in a Domestic Abuse situation. So please take part in the activities and the events that will be on during the 16 days of Activism and lend your support to this too. Thank you.

Director of Children and Young Peoples Services- Julie Jenkins.

## THURSDAY 28<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2024

The 25<sup>th</sup> November is the United Nation's International day for the elimination of violence against women and begins a two week period where Calderdale will be campaigning on the issue.

It also marks the beginning of 16 days against gender-based violence. This year in Calderdale we have a range of activities and training on offer to raise awareness.

Our work to end Violence against women does not end there. Whether at work, home or on the streets of Calderdale we want you to know that help is available throughout the year 24/7.

If you or anyone you know is experiencing gender based violence you are not alone please do reach out for support by contacting the Police or Calderdale Staying Safe on 01422 323339.

Councillor Danielle Durrans.

## FRIDAY 29<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2024

### Good practise supporting victims of Domestic Abuse- Calderdale Staying Safe

**Aim of Session:** To challenge practitioners to think about their use of language. To support practitioners to feel more confident in their practice.

**Time of Session:** 12.00 to 1.00pm via Zoom.

**Audience:** This event is open to all practitioners who work with victims of domestic abuse in Calderdale.

**Booking:** Please register by contacting WomenCentre 01422 386500

## Wainhouse Tower lit up in Orange and Purple

From dusk to midnight on the 29<sup>th</sup> November Wainhouse tower will be lit up in the colour Orange and Purple to mark 16 days of Activism campaign.

**MONDAY 02<sup>nd</sup> DECEMBER 2024**

### Spiritual and Ritual Abuse training

**Aim of Session:** This input equips you with the necessary tools to identify, report, and refer instances of spiritual and ritual abuse, ensuring you are confident in handling such concerns in your role to safeguard those at risk.

The course covers various case studies, current statistics on this abuse in the UK, its integration into other more recognised forms of abuse, and specific indicators to be aware of. Jordan will guide you in addressing this abuse, which is intertwined with our beliefs, in a respectful and considerate way, enabling you to protect others from harmful rituals and practices, allowing you to safeguard individuals.

**Time of Session:** 10.30 to 12.00 Kings Centre, HX1 2TS, Halifax.

**Audience:** This event is open to all practitioners and managers, volunteers and community groups across West Yorkshire.

**Booking:** Please register on [Enable](#)

### Bystander training

**Aim of Session:** Driving awareness of harassment, as well as upskilling and empowering bystanders across various settings such as public transport, educational institutions, festivals, public spaces, and workplaces, to help defuse situations, discourage harassers, and support victims.

**Time of Session:** 2.00-3.30pm Orange Box, HX1 1AF, Halifax.

**Audience:** This event is open to all practitioners and managers, volunteers and community groups across West Yorkshire.

**Booking:** Please register on [Enable](#)

### Lucy Russell : Women in Prison

**Aim of Session:** Why are we criminalising Women Domestic Abuse Survivors?

**Time of Session:** 11am via Zoom

**Audience:** This event is open to all practitioners who work with victims of domestic abuse in Calderdale. This will be an online event.

**Booking:** Please register by clicking on [www.womencentre.org.uk](http://www.womencentre.org.uk)

## TUESDAY 03<sup>rd</sup> DECEMBER 2024

Nearly one in three women experience violence in their lifetime. Girls are at particular risk of violence 1 in 4 adolescent girls is abused by their partners.

The 16 Days of Activism is an opportunity to refresh commitments, call for accountability and action from decision-makers to end gender-based violence. We need to invest in solutions that will end violence against women and girls.

A big thank you from me to all front-line staff who support victim/survivors of Domestic Abuse.  
Councillor Janet Scullion.

## WEDNESDAY 04<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2024

### Domestic Abuse: Understanding Risk training

**Aim of Session:** This course is aimed all professionals who need to be able to identify domestic abuse and draw out pertinent risk factors. The training will then focus on how to assess the level of risk involved.

Covered in this course

- Understanding the difference between parental conflict and domestic abuse
- Exploring the complex barriers people face to accessing support
- Using the Calderdale Multi-agency DASH Risk Assessment and safety planning
- How professionals work together to safeguarding victims and children

**Time of Session:** 9.30 to 4.00pm Halifax Town Hall

**Audience:** This event is open to all practitioners and managers, volunteers and community groups across West Yorkshire.

**Booking:** Please book through [Enable](#)

## THURSDAY 05<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2024

### Jacqueline Gilbank from Domestic Abuse Commissioners Office

**Aim of Session:** The role of lived experience as we shift the scales of Justice.

**Time of Session:** 11am via Zoom

**Audience:** This event is open to all practitioners who work with victims of domestic abuse in Calderdale. This will be an online event.

**Booking:** Please register by clicking on [www.womencentre.org.uk](http://www.womencentre.org.uk)

## FRIDAY 06<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2024

### **Domestic Abuse: Homelessness prevention and the Duty to refer**

**Aim of Session:** Short presentation on the Homelessness prevention act and the Duty to refer. This will be followed by a chance to ask questions.

**Time of Session:** 10.30 to 11.30am via Teams

**Audience:** This event is open to all practitioners and managers, volunteers and community groups across West Yorkshire.

**Booking:** Please register by contacting Claire O'Neill [Claire.O'Neill@calderdale.gov.uk](mailto:Claire.O'Neill@calderdale.gov.uk)

## MONDAY 09<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2024

We know that far too many individuals have their lives destroyed by domestic abuse.

However, for so many, their experience of abuse has been stigmatised, diminished, or worse still, ignored.

We also know domestic abuse has a devastating impact on children and young people. Growing up in a household of fear and intimidation can impact their health, wellbeing, and development, with lasting effects into adulthood.

That is why the Government is committed to transforming the response to this terrible crime, seen through the introduction of the landmark Domestic Abuse Act 2021 and the accompanying statutory guidance. The 2021 Act is expected to help millions by strengthening the response across all agencies - from the police and courts to local authorities and service providers.

It provides further protections for those who experience domestic abuse and enhances measures in place to bring perpetrators to justice.

In Calderdale we ensure that we abide by the statutory guidance from the 2021 Act and that tackling Domestic Abuse is high on our agenda.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank all frontline staff who support victim/survivors of Domestic Abuse. The work you do is valuable in keeping victim/survivors safe. Thank you to everyone in Calderdale that change the narrative about Domestic Abuse and those who support discussions about healthy relationships and the safety of women and girls. Please remember to look after you and to be caring to yourselves.

Domestic Abuse Co Ordinator- Naz Mukhtar.



**TUESDAY 10<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2024**

### **Domestic Abuse: Peer Support in Calderdale**

**Aim of Session:** Information and support on Calderdale's first Peer Support group for colleagues who are victim/survivors of Domestic Abuse.

**Time of Session:** 11.30 to 12 midday via Teams

**Audience:** This event is open to all practitioners and managers, volunteers and community groups across Calderdale.

**Booking:** Please register by contacting Naz Mukhtar on [naz.mukhtar@calderdale.gov.uk](mailto:naz.mukhtar@calderdale.gov.uk)

### **Wear Orange to Work**

A request for all colleagues and partners to take part in the last day of 16 days of Activism by wearing an item of clothing in the colour Orange.