

The Social Work Role in Domestic Abuse

Wednesday 22nd March 2017

Venue: Dovecot Studios, 10 Infirmery Street, Edinburgh EH1 1LT

Time: 12:30 (for lunch) – 16:30

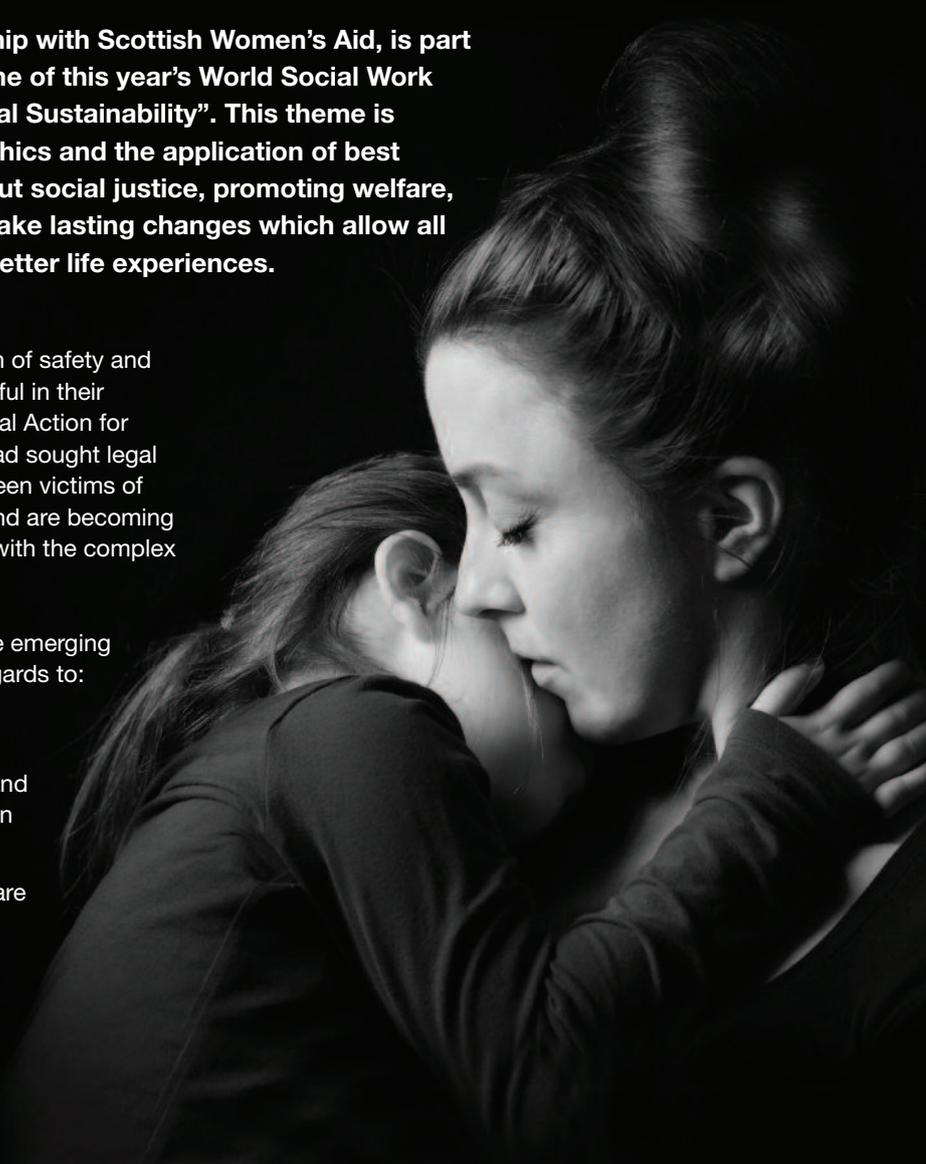
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This participative event, delivered in partnership with Scottish Women's Aid, is part of a week of SASW activity related to the theme of this year's World Social Work Day "Promoting Community and Environmental Sustainability". This theme is grounded within social work; its values and ethics and the application of best practice in Scotland today. Social work is about social justice, promoting welfare, and supporting people and communities to make lasting changes which allow all our citizens to have equal opportunities and better life experiences.

Social work systems cannot achieve their core mission of safety and wellbeing of families without being competent and skilful in their response to domestic abuse. A recent report from Legal Action for Women (in England) showed out of 56 mothers who had sought legal advice about their children taken into care 71% had been victims of domestic abuse and/or rape. Social workers in Scotland are becoming increasingly aware of how domestic abuse intersects with the complex needs of the people we work with.

SASW and Scottish Women's Aid would like to explore emerging themes of good social work practice in Scotland in regards to:

- holding perpetrators accountable
- aligning the interests of domestic abuse survivors and child protection social workers to eliminate safety and risk concerns regarding domestic abuse
- recognising the complex needs of the people who are affected by domestic abuse.



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Speakers:

- **NEL WHITING**, Learning & Development Coordinator at Scottish Women's Aid will outline current theoretical framings of domestic abuse.
- **STEPHEN MADILL**, Senior Social Worker from Safer Families Edinburgh, will explore what happens when perpetrators are made visible and held accountable for their behaviour, and how this impacts on survivors and potentially improves outcomes.
- **ANNA MITCHELL**, Domestic Abuse Lead Officer from City of Edinburgh Council and Social Worker, will introduce Safe and Together Model. It is a field tested, promising best practice model designed to improve competencies and cross system collaboration related to the intersection of domestic abuse and child welfare. It provides a framework for partnering with domestic abuse survivors and intervening with domestic abuse perpetrators in order to enhance the safety and well-being of children.
- **CATRIONA GRANT**, Independent Social Worker, will discuss the importance of identifying the complex needs of perpetrators and survivors. She will also examine how trauma informed practice can support recovery and help manage high risk concerns.



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