



## Cumbria Domestic Abuse Champions' Network newsletter #83 11-01-24

Hello everyone – hope you are all keeping safe and well. Please find latest information below and attached. If you have any information or updates you would like to share in this newsletter please send it in. **Happy New Year to you all!**

*Content Note: some of the articles and information in this newsletter may include detailed discussion of physical, emotional and sexual abuse, please be mindful of your own triggers, safety and feelings and of those with whom you might share some of this content – take care.*

### **Domestic Abuse Champions' Training – Kendal 19<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

The next domestic abuse champions' training session will be in Kendal in partnership with Springfield Domestic Abuse Support. The session will be at the Springfield premises in Stricklandgate House on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March, 9.30am-4.30pm. **Bookings can be made by emailing [cfj@springfieldsupport.org](mailto:cfj@springfieldsupport.org)**

**Surviving Economic Abuse have launched their new Banking Support Directory**, a one-stop shop where survivors can see what support their bank offers and how to contact them.

[Banking Support Directory \(survivingeconomicabuse.org\)](https://survivingeconomicabuse.org)

### **A new report from Faith and VAWG Coalition reflects on role of faith leaders in ending VAWG (Violence Against Women and Girls)**

Find out more here <https://www.faithandvawg.org/publications/the-role-of-faith-leaders-gate-openers-or-gate-closers-in-ending-violence-against-women-and-girls/>

### **Courses from Hourglass - Hourglass (wearehourglass.org)**

1. Sexual abuse of older people – the last taboo? - 25 January 2024 from 10am to 11.30am  
*This webinar will explore the nature and extent of sexual abuse of older people, the unique challenges and barriers victim-survivors face when accessing support, and the range of options available.*  
[Sexual abuse of older people – the last taboo? Tickets, Thu 25 Jan 2024 at 10:00 | Eventbrite](#)

### **In the news ...**

['We must stop blaming mothers in child protection social work' - Community Care](#)

[Coalition holds government to account on commitment to address violence against women and girls | Respect](#)

<https://domesticabusecommissioner.uk/domestic-abuse-commissioner-welcomes-governments-2million-flexible-funding-pot-for-domestic-abuse-survivors/>

[Most victims of domestic homicide have contacted police or NHS, review shows | Domestic violence | The Guardian](#)

[Services should do more to stop domestic abuse killings, says Domestic Abuse Commissioner - Domestic Abuse Commissioner](#)

[More lawyers sought to stop domestic abusers interrogating victims - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

[New phase of campaign encourages students to say Enough to abuse - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

[Women who have survived domestic abuse and their experiences of temporary safe accommodation in England - Office for National Statistics \(ons.gov.uk\)](#)

### **Update from Cumbria Modern Slavery Champions Network**

1. Plans to restart a **modern slavery partnership** are progressing well. We plan to hold our first meeting at the end of January 2024. This will be the place of strategic discussion and planning between many statutory bodies and third sector agencies. We hope this will make a big difference in progressing work on this issue in the region. If you want to know more about this, or feel you should be involved at this level, do get in touch.

#### **2. Asylum Seeker Hotel Closures in Carlisle**

You may already know about this issue, but I wanted to ask that we all be vigilant to the extra vulnerabilities for this group of people in our midst at this time. Struggling to find housing and to meet other needs, these individuals are wide-open to risk of exploitation. Penrith and Eden Refugee Network are spreading the word and doing what they can: [Housing and Homelessness - Penrith And Eden Refugee Network](#) / [Rent a Room Scheme - Penrith And Eden Refugee Network](#) .

Contact Jo Phillips at [jo@churchestogethercumbria.org.uk](mailto:jo@churchestogethercumbria.org.uk) for further info re: Cumbria Modern Slavery Champions Network.

### **Book of the month**

Mandel D (2024) Stop blaming mothers and ignoring fathers, Legitimus Media

### **Quote of the month**

*"Africans have this thing called UBUNTU. It is about the essence of being human, it is part of the gift that Africa will give the world. It embraces hospitality, caring about others, being able to go the extra mile for the sake of others. We believe that a person is a person through another person, that my humanity is caught up, bound up, inextricably, with yours. When I dehumanise you, I inexorably dehumanise myself. The solitary human being is a contradiction in terms and therefore you seek to work for the common good because your humanity comes into its own in belonging".* Desmond Tutu Archbishop Emeritus

<https://tutufoundationuk.org/>

**Cumbria Domestic Abuse Champions' Network social media** – you can follow Cumbria Domestic Abuse Champions' Network on social media for regular posts/updates. On Twitter [@AbuseCumbria](#) and on [Facebook](#) [@CumbriaDomesticAbuseChampionsNetwork](#)

**Champions' Network newsletters** - You can find all the previous copies of these newsletters in PDF format at <http://www.womenscommunitymatters.org/cumbria-domestic-champions/>

Kind Regards, Steve

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