



women's aid

public policy conference

2023



Conference Programme

Mary Sumner House, Westminster

Tuesday, 28th February 2023

10:00 - 19:00





Morning

09:15 – 10:00 Registration and refreshments (Conference Hall)

10:00 – 10:30 **Introduction: Farah Nazeer**, Chief Executive, Women's Aid
Room: Conference Hall

10:30 – 11:00 **Keynote speech: A 'whole system' response to domestic abuse**
Sarah Dines MP, Minister for Safeguarding, Home Office
Room: Conference Hall

11:00 – 11:15 Refreshment break (Conference Hall)

11:15 - 12:45 **(Breakout sessions)**

Panel discussion: Digital harms and corporate responsibility
Room: Mary Sumner Room, First Floor

Confirmed speakers:

- **Alex Davies-Jones MP**, Shadow Minister for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport
- **Emma Pickering**, Tech Abuse Manager, Refuge
- **Morgane Taylor**, European Lead, Public Policy, Bumble

Chair: **Andrea Simon**, Director, End Violence Against Women (EVAW)

Panel discussion: Ensuring justice for survivors in the family courts

Room: Conference Hall

Confirmed speakers:

- **Jenny Beck KC (Hon)**, Solicitor and Director, Beck Fitzgerald
- **Rt Hon Sir Robert Buckland KC MP**, Former Lord Chancellor and Justice Secretary
- **Jess Phillips MP**, Shadow Minister for Domestic Violence and Safeguarding
- **Hannana Siddiqui**, Head of Policy and Research, Southall Black Sisters
- **Vicky**, Expert Witness

Chair: **Lucy Hadley**, Head of Policy, Women's Aid

Panel discussion: Policing and migrant women – breaking the silence

Room: Princess Victoria Room, Second Floor

Confirmed speakers:

- **Apsana Begum MP**, Chair of the APPG on Domestic Violence and Abuse
- **Gisela Valle Garcia**, Director, Latin American Women's Rights Service (LAWRS)
- **AC Louisa Rolfe OBE**, NPCC Lead for National Crime Coordination Committee including Violence & Public Prosecutions

Chair: **Isabelle Younane**, Head of External Affairs, Women's Aid





Afternoon

12:45 – 13:30 Lunch break and refreshments (Conference Hall)

13:30 – 15:00
(Breakout sessions)

Workshop: Comms Lab – the role of men in challenging misogyny

Room: Conference Hall

Confirmed speakers:

- **Manrika Khaira**, online personality
- **Tom McNeil**, Assistant Police and Crime Commissioner for the West Midlands
- **Toby-Alexander Smith**, Actor and Women's Aid Ambassador
- **Jo Todd**, CEO, Respect

Chair: **Molly Horsburgh**, Communications Manager, Women's Aid

Panel discussion: A duty to deliver – ensuring genuine collaboration at a local level

Room: Mary Summer Room, First Floor

Confirmed speakers:

- **Shabana Kausar**, Programme Manager, Domestic Abuse Supported and Specialist Housing Team, Greater London Authority
- **Alex Norris MP**, Shadow Minister for Levelling Up, Future of the Union and Elections
- **Lisa Townsend**, Police and Crime Commissioner for Surrey

Chair: **Lizzy Dobres**, Policy and Practice Manager, Women's Aid

Workshop: Policy Lab: How can we ensure good health outcomes for women on a stretched NHS budget?

Room: Princess Victoria Room, Second Floor

Confirmed speakers:

- **Feryal Clark MP**, Shadow Minister for Primary Care & Patient Safety
- **Catherine Hinwood OBE**, NHS England Lead, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence
- **Medina Johnson**, Chief Executive, IRISi

Chair: **Isabelle Younane**, Head of External Affairs, Women's Aid

15:00 – 15:30 Refreshment break (Conference Hall)

15:30 – 16:30 Panel discussion: The Criminal justice response

Room: Conference Hall

Confirmed speakers:

- **Rt Hon Edward Argar MP**, Minister of State for Victims and Sentencing, Ministry of Justice
- **Deputy Chief Constable Maggie Blyth**, National Police Lead for Violence Against Women and Girls
- **Nicole Jacobs**, Domestic Abuse Commissioner for England and Wales

Chair: **Claire Cohen**, Journalist





Afternoon continued

16:30 – 17:30 **Panel discussion: Is the cost of living costing lives?**

Room: Conference Hall

Confirmed speakers:

- **Baljit Banga**, Director, Imkaan
- **Katie Osiadacz**, Head of Responsible Business, TSB
- **Nicola Sharp-Jeffs**, Director, Surviving Economic Abuse

Chair: **Katie Binns**, Journalist

17:30 – 18:00 Drinks reception (Conference Hall)

18:00 – 19:00 **In conversation with:**

Room: Conference Hall

Confirmed speakers:

- **Melanie Brown MBE**, Women's Aid Patron
- **Farah Nazeer**, Chief Executive, Women's Aid
- **Rt Hon Sir Keir Starmer KC MP**, Leader of the Labour Party

Chair: **Victoria Derbyshire**, Journalist and Broadcaster

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