

A photograph of three women sitting at a dark conference table. The woman on the left is partially visible, wearing a blue patterned top. The woman in the center has long dark hair, is wearing a white blazer over a black top, and is looking towards the right. The woman on the right has short dark hair, is wearing a yellow and black patterned blouse, and is looking towards the center. A third woman with glasses and a black leather jacket is partially visible on the far right. The background is a plain light grey wall.

women's aid national conference

2023

Conference Programme

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Wednesday 12th &
Thursday 13th July 2023

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Day 1: Wednesday 12th July

Open to all

09:15 – 10:15 **Registration and refreshments, Fry Lounge**

10:15 – 11:00 **Welcome and keynote speech, Fry Suite**

- Farah Nazeer, CEO, Women's Aid
- Felicity Buchan MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Housing and Homelessness, Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities

11:00 – 11:30 **Break, Fry Lounge**

11:30 – 13:00 **Main session: From words to action – transforming the criminal justice response nationally and locally, Fry Suite**

Chair: Harriet Wistrich, Founding Director, Centre for Women's Justice

Confirmed speakers:

- Jain Lemom, Head of Tackling Violence Against Women and Girls, Mayors Office for Policing and Crime
- Jasmine Mohammad, Director, Safety4Sisters
- DCC Maggie Blyth, National Police Lead for Violence Against Women and Girls, National Police Chiefs' Council
- Shabnam Chaudhri, Independent Consultant and Former Detective Superintendent
- Tom McNeil, Assistant PCC for West Midlands
- Dame Vera Baird DBE KC, British barrister and politician

13:00 – 14:00 **Lunch, Fry Lounge**

14:00 – 15:30 Breakout sessions

15:30 – 16:00 **Break, Fry Lounge**

16:00 – 17:00 **Main session: Speaking their language - engaging with children and young people, Fry Suite**

Confirmed speakers:

- Annie Poland, Policy & Campaigns Manager, End Violence Against Women Coalition
- Joe Cole, Founder and Director, The RightPath
- Phoenix Brown, Model and Influencer
- Simone Pound, Head of Equalities, Professional Football Association
- Surwat Sohail, Chief Executive, Roshni

Day 1: Wednesday 12th July

Open to all

17:00	Conference closes for non-residential delegates
17:30 – 18:30	Fringe sessions
18:30	Drinks reception with special guests, Fry Lounge
19:30	Dinner and National Quality Standards award ceremony, Fry Suite Host: Esther Manito, Comedian Confirmed speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Farah Nazeer, CEO, Women's Aid• Nicole Jacobs, Domestic Abuse Commissioner for England and Wales• Sarah Hill, Chair of Women's Aid

Day 2: Thursday 13th July

Members only

09:00 - 09:30	Registration and refreshments, Fry Lounge
09:30 – 10:15	Welcome and opening speeches, Fry Suite Opening remarks: Sarah Hill, Chair of Women's Aid In Conversation session, confirmed speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nimco Ali OBE, FGM survivor, strategist and author• Rt Hon Yvette Cooper MP, Shadow Home Secretary
10:15 – 11:15	Roundtable sessions
11:15 – 11:45	Refreshment break, Fry Lounge
11:45 – 13:00	Breakout sessions
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch, Fry Lounge
14:00 – 14:30	Keynote speech: Mina Smallman, retired Anglican priest and mother of Nicole Smallman and Bibaa Henry
14:30 - 14:45	Break, Fry Lounge
14:45 – 16:00	Breakout sessions
15:45 – 16:00	Conference ends

A magenta rectangular sign with white text is placed on a wooden surface. The text on the sign reads "until women & children are safe". The sign is tilted slightly to the right. In the background, a white plate and a white cup are partially visible on the wooden table. A magenta vertical bar is located on the right edge of the image.

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Breakout sessions

Wednesday 12th July: 14:00 - 15:30

1. The Safe & Together Model: creating positive cross-system collaboration between survivor services and child protection systems

Corelli, Writers Suite, 1st Floor

Anna Mitchell, Safe & Together Institute UK Regional Manager and Nicola Douglas, Safe & Together Institute UK Delivery Specialist

2. Supporting the needs of Deaf survivors and survivors with disabilities

Macneice, Writers Suite, 1st Floor

Katherine Dean, Senior Research and Policy Officer, Women's Aid and Teresa Waldron, CEO, Deaf-initely women

3. End Abuse Together: building effective community responses for survivors

Lodge, Writers Suite, 1st Floor

Sarah Davidge, Joint Head of Research & Evaluation, Women's Aid; Teresa Parker, Head of Media, Brand and Relationships, Women's Aid and Yasmin Rassool, Delivery Manager, Change That Lasts, Women's Aid

4. What Works: supporting survivors through the family courts

Fry Suite, Ground Floor

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

Carmel Offord, Communications and Engagement, IDAS and Representative (TBC) from Juno Women's Aid; Chikondi Mbewe, Legal Officer (Family and Criminal Law), Rights of Women and Ruth Hudson, Joint Head of Family Justice Reform, Family Justice Policy Unit,

5. What part does the healthcare system have to play in creating a whole-system response to domestic abuse?

Pevsner, 1st floor

Laura Seebohm, CEO, Maternal Mental Health Alliance; Medina Johnson, CEO, IRISi and Rizwana Baleem, Youth Engagement Co-ordinator, Rochdale Women's Welfare

6. Supporting Black women of African and Caribbean heritage

Bantock, Composer Suite, 1st Floor

Christabel Yeboah, Chief Vision Officer; Hersana and Sandra James, Executive Director, Claudia Jones Organisation

7. Affordable Justice for survivors – alternatives to Legal Aid and High Street firms

Elgar, Composer Suite, 1st Floor

Lisa Hilder, Trustee and Treasurer of Winner, the Preston Road Women's Centre

Fringe sessions

Wednesday 12th July: 17:30 - 18:30

1. Building your property portfolio and grants available to help you get there

Elgar, Composer Suite, 1st Floor

Lisa Hilder, Preston Road Women's Centre

2. Economic abuse and the role financial services are taking to support victim-survivors

Bantock, Composer Suite, 1st Floor

Surviving Economic Abuse (SEA) and TSB Bank (sponsor)



Roundtable sessions

Thursday 13th July: 10:15 - 11:15

1. Media guidance and regulation on sexual offences – improving reporting standards together

Pevsner, 1st floor

Rosemary Douce, Standards Officer, Independent Press Standards Organisation (IPSO) and Teresa Parker, Head of Media, Brand and Relationships, Women's Aid

2. Effective campaigning: taking urgent action to get domestic abuse on the political agenda

Composer Suite, 1st floor

Caroline Bernard, Head of Influence, Respect; Celeste Sangster, Senior Campaign Communications Officer, Women's Aid and Katrina McDonnell, Campaigns Consultant

3. Hostile environment: the rights of minoritised women and rights breaching legislation

Writer's Suite, 1st floor

Chair: Alphonsine Kabagabom, Director, Women for Refugee Women
Habiba Molvi-Pathan, Domestic Violence and Abuse Specialist Practitioner, No Women Turned Away, Women's Aid; Sarah McGrath, CEO, Women for Women France and Selma Taha, CEO, Southall Black Sisters

4. The impact of housing policies and legislation on survivors of domestic abuse

Fry Suite, ground floor

Chair: Isabella Lowenthal-Isaacs, Senior Policy and Practice Officer, Women's Aid

Gabriela Quevedo, Advocacy, Community and Learning Director, Latin American Women's Aid and Jasmine Basran, Head of Policy and Campaigns, Crisis

Breakout sessions

Thursday 13th July: 11:45 - 13:00

1. New Level 5 managers qualification for the sector

Bantock, Composer Suite, 1st floor

Jacqui Kilburn, Head of Training and Education, Women's Aid

2. 'Commissioning doesn't always mean procurement': roundtable on domestic abuse commissioning

Fry Suite, ground floor

Kathy Evans, Chief Executive, Children England and Priya Chopra, Chief Executive, Saheli

3. National Quality Standards review and refresh consultation

Corelli, Writers Suite, 1st floor

Laura Rainsford, Quality Assurance Manager, Women's Aid, and Yasmin Rehman, CEO, Juno Women's Aid

4. Supporting survivors of faith

Pevsner, 1st floor

Aasifa Usmani, Faith and VAWG coalition and Sahdaish Pall BEM, CEO Sikh Women's Aid

5. Anti-oppression in practice – How to facilitate belonging

Elgar, Composer Suite, 1st floor

Amna Abdullatif, Anti-racism lead, Rape Crisis England; Firoza Mohmed, Chief Executive Officer, Humraaz and Huda Jawad, Intersectional Muslim Feminist and Anti-Racist Activist

6. CYP: What Works in preventing VAWG

Lodge, Writers Suite, 1st floor

Naana Otoo-Oyortey, Executive Director, Foreward; Nikki Holmes, Founder and CEO creator of Safer Together and Raperin Almohammad, CYP Services Manager, Women's Aid

7. Best practice in writing case notes

Macneice, Writer's Suite, 1st floor

Rosie Lewis, Independent VAWG Consultant

Breakout sessions

Thursday 13th July: 14:45 - 16:00

1. Needs-led, strength-based, and trauma-informed approach to needs assessment and support planning

Bantock, Composer Suite, 1st floor

Bianca Petkova, Training Officer, Women's Aid, and Laura Rainsford, Quality Assurance Manager, Women's Aid

2. The role of the domestic abuse specialist in immigration cases: how to use your expertise to support Domestic Abuse Rule applications

Corelli, Writers Suite, 1st floor

Radha Ruskin, Training Officer, National Training Centre, Women's Aid and Simran Kaur, Domestic Violence and Abuse Specialist Practitioner, No Women Turned Away, Women's Aid

3. Recruiting and retaining staff in challenging times

Pevsner, 1st floor

Fiona Jeremiah, Associate Director, Caritas Futures

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4. Strategic litigation – the power of the law to challenge and change commissioning

Fry Suite, ground floor

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

Penny Thomas, The Halo Project and Sasha Rozansky, Solicitor, Deighton Pearce Glynn

5. Survivor-centred responses to tech abuse

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Andrea Simon, Director, EAW and Muthoni Maingi, Acting CEO, Chayn

6. Collecting data for the Statutory Duty needs assessment

Macneice, Writer's Suite, 1st floor

Emma Clark, Senior Research and Evaluation Officer, Women's Aid and Hannah Williams, Evaluation and Learning Manager, Women's Aid

7. CEO only session: Feminist leadership and non-competition agreements

Lodge, Writer's Suite, 1st floor

Sarah Hill, Chief Executive, IDAS and Chair of Women's Aid and Yasmin Rehman, Chief Executive Officer, Juno Women's Aid

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