**Her Centre campaigns to stop sexual harassment in Britain’s late-night venues**

In our work we often see women who have experienced abuse from complete strangers in late-night bars and clubs. We believe that currently the Government is not doing enough to address the rising levels of sexual harassment that women face in these venues, leading the Her Centre to campaign for change.

Two years ago, we ran training for local pubs with A Good Night Out, in How to Respond to Complaints of Sexual Harassment. During this training it was clear that some establishments were not taking the message seriously. Then, at one pub, the attending bar staff - nearly all young women - raised that they themselves regularly experienced harassment from customers. These responses were worrying and led us to believe that to bring about real change in such venues, we need change in legislation.

Greenwich is now introducing a **Women’s Safety Charter**, which means all businesses (including these late-night venues) can pledge to make their establishment safe for everyone. Yet harassment-response training remains a voluntary extra to the pledge. Our experience of training and our understanding of the high turnover of staff in such venues has convinced us that the licensing laws for any late-night venue should require both a written policy on dealing with harassment and annual training for staff in responding to harassment to make a real difference to women’s safety. This is the change that we are petitioning for.

As the local provider of sexual and domestic violence advocacy and support to women, we are all too aware of the risks that some of our local late-night bars pose for women. But we also know that with a culture of positive responses to harassment reports, we can reduce these attacks and create an environment where perpetrators of sexual assault are challenged and removed from bars or arrested before an incident becomes an attack. That is why we urge you to join our campaign.

**Want to put a stop to sexual harassment in Britain’s late-night venues?**

**Then sign below the Her Centre’s petition today.**

**Campaign to Change Licensing Laws to Challenge Sexual Harassment:**

Please click on this link to [**Sign the Petition**](https://www.change.org/p/teresa-pearce-mp-end-sexual-harassment-in-late-night-venues?recruiter=650679812&utm_source=share_petition&utm_medium=copylink&utm_campaign=share_petition&utm_term=share_email_responsive).

**Government needs to require Harassment Training for late night venue licenses:**

Please click on this link to [**Sign the Petition**](https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/217822)

Stacy Smith,

CEO

Her Centre

**About Her Centre**

Her Centre provides free and confidential advocacy, counselling, outreach, advice and training to women in Greenwich. For more information about Her Centre services, please visit our website at [**www.hercentre.org**](http://hercentre.org/) or call us on **0203 260 7715**.

**Her Centre Women’s Group**

Would you like to meet other women in the community?

Would you like to learn new skills?

**Then come and join our drop-in women’s group and**

**Take part in 5 Week Cookery Classes**

**Every Wednesday – From 6th June 2018**

**10am to 12pm**

At, YMCA, Antelope Road, Woolwich - SE18 5QL

**For more information and to register, please contact Julia Ssengooba on:**

**Tel no: 020 3260 7772 / 07960 755 191**

**Email: julia@hercentre.org**

**Weekly One Stop Shop for women experiencing abuse**

Her Centre runs a weekly one-to-one drop-in offering practical, emotional and legal support to women affected by abuse.

The service is free and confidential with advisors from Her Centre, Housing 4 Women and solicitor Angela Simpson from Hudgell & Partners.

**Every Friday,10am to 12pm @YMCA Thames Gateway Antelope Road Woolwich, SE18 5PQ.**

Alternatively, please call us on **0203 260 7772** to make an appointment for advice



HER Centre offers free weekly English language classes for Non-English-speaking women. New session will commence on **Tuesday 5th June 2018 for 12 weeks**.

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**Her Centre’s Open Forum**

Topic: Supporting Young People to Achieve their Best

**When: Thursday, 28th June 2018**

**Where:** YMCA, Antelope Road, Woolwich - SE18 5QL

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**Her Centre’s - AGM**

**Come Learn About Our Campaign Against, Sexual Harassment**

On Thursday 24th May 2018 at 5.30pm

(Clockhouse Community Centre, Woolwich Dockyard Estate – SE18 5QL)

Key Note Speaker – Teresa Pearce (MP)

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**Donations**

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