Her Centre – Autumn Newsletter October 2018





"To engage, enable and empower women to move away from abuse and to move forward with their lives"

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 or call us on 0203 260 7715.

Women's safety charter launched in Greenwich to tackle Sexual Harassment

Greenwich has launched a Women's Safety Charter to send out a clear message that sexual harassment will not be tolerated in the borough. The Greenwich Council has joined forces with the **Her Centre** to invite businesses and organisations to sign up to the charter and pledge to uphold its principles at the venues or places they are responsible for.

The campaign aims to raise awareness and challenge all kinds of sexual harassment across the borough, so everyone can freely enjoy getting out and about.

Speakers at the launch, led by **Cllr Jackie Smith** the cabinet member for community safety and integrated enforcement, included **Stacy Smith** from the Her Centre, **Bryony Beynon** from the Good Night Out campaign and Detective Superintendent **Andy Furphy** from the Met Police.

The vision is for all women and girls to feel comfortable and safe from any intimidation or sexual violence whether they are having a night out, taking part in a social event or attending an education or healthcare premises.

The initiative aims to support staff and provide training, so they can respond to women reporting of sexual harassment in a sensitive and professional manner and challenging men who harass women effectively.







Let everyone know you don't tolerate sexual harassment at your place. Sign up to the Charter and help keep women and girls safe in the Royal Borough.

By signing up to and displaying the charter businesses and organisations can showcase that they are proud to promote a culture of zero-tolerance of sexual harassment and that they take all reports from victims and bystanders seriously.

The campaign aims to highlight that sexual harassment is not a trivial matter and, in many cases, incidents are criminal offences.

To sign up email, **community-safety@royalgreenwich.gov.uk**For more information visit, **www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/womenscharter**

See coverage in the local press,

https://www.newsshopper.co.uk/news/16690570.womens-safety-charter-launched-in-greenwich-to-tackle-sexual-harassment/

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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, Lewisham Refugee Migrant Network and Solicitor Angela Simpson from Hudgell & Partners.

Housing & Benefits Advice for Migrant Clients.

Every Friday, 10am to 12pm

@ YMCA Thames Gateway Antelope Road Woolwich, SE18 5QG.

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

Buses (161,177, 180, 472), DLR and Train to Woolwich



HER Centre offers free weekly English language classes for Non-English-speaking women. New session commenced on **Tuesday 11**th **September 2018 for 12 weeks**.

No classes during School Holidays / No Creche Facility

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

Tel no: 020 3260 7772 / 07960 755 191 Email: julia@hercentre.org

Immigration Advice

The service is free and confidential with advisors from Her Centre and Lewisham Refugee Migrant Network.

Immigration Advice for Migrant Clients.

Appointments Only.

Alternative Wednesday – 10am to 12pm @ YMCA, Antelope Road, Woolwich - SE18 5QG

Please call us on 0203 260 7772 to make an appointment for Immigration Advice

Violence Against Women and Girls Advocacy - (VAWG)

- Promotes awareness of abuse such as Forced Marriage, Honour-Based Violence, Stalking, Sex Trafficking and FGM, and how to access support for women and girls experiencing these types of abuse.
- Support with Legal Actions that protect from specific abuse.
- Refuge access, including signposting women with no recourse to public funds who experience abuse.

Her Centre's Open Forum

Changes in Welfare Benefits and how that affects you!

Housing Benefits, Working Tax Credit, Child Tax Credit, Income Support, Job Seekers Allowance, Employment & Support Allowance

When: Tuesday, 30th October 2018

@ YMCA, Antelope Road, Woolwich - SE18 5QG

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Donations

Her Centre greatly appreciates donations to help us continue our work supporting women.

Donations can be made online at

Virgin giving OR via JustTextGiving: simply text the code HERS11 plus £1, £2, £3, £4, £5 or £10 (e.g. HERS11£5) to 70070

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