



ABOUT GREENWICH WOMEN'S AID

Greenwich Women's Aid seeks to work towards an end to violence against women and children in the home and outside. Towards this ultimate end we work to meet the following objectives:

- Provide safe and secure temporary accommodation, advice, support, advocacy and information to women and children fleeing violence inside and outside their homes
- Provide a Floating Support service to women and children who choose not to use the refuge for temporary accommodation, but rather have support within their own homes to sustain their tenancies
- Facilitation of groups to raise awareness of domestic violence issues
- Planning and facilitation of Domestic Violence Awareness and Good Practice training to external agencies at present through the Greenwich Multi-agency Domestic Violence Forum
- Counselling to women (in-house)
- Specific services to children
- Holidays for women and children
- Multi-agency work and networking
- Campaigning

We recognise that not all women are ready to permanently leave abusive relationships. They may use the refuge for respite rather than making a final break, they may want to talk individually to us to get support in order to cope with their lives at home or they may want to join a group. We will support them in any decision they make, providing we believe no child to be at serious risk of abuse.

We know that women from all cultures, races, classes, sexualities, ages and disabilities experience domestic violence. Whilst each woman's experience is unique to her, we are aware that many issues profoundly affect her and are always mindful of each woman as a unique individual and how her difference can affect her life and the choices she makes.

Children account for over fifty percent of our residents and we have a priority to provide services to them. Importantly, in our refuges children know they have a right to live free from violence. We encourage and support women in finding non-abusive ways of sanctioning their children, mindful that recent research has shown proven links between domestic violence and child abuse.

Greenwich Women's Aid is a registered charity and a company limited by guarantee, founded in 1975.