

Greenwich Women's Aid Children's Services

At Greenwich Women's Aid we offer extensive services to children

We have 1 full-time qualified children's worker who works with the local agencies, schools and social services to provide services to up to 100 children a year, including the children residing at our refuges, ex-residents and outreach children in the Borough of Greenwich. We provide the following services.

Play Sessions, Outings
Group work for children who experienced violence in their homes
Parenting workshops
Annual Holidays
Teenage Groups

Play Sessions and Outings

We hold 3 sessions each week after school from 3.15 to 5.45. The Activities include Park Trips, Golf, Swimming, Play Centres, Arts & Crafts, and Cooking. We also organise regular outings. In the past we visited a variety of places with children. We went to central London to Imax Cinema, visited the London Eye, Madam Tussauds and many other visits to historical sights. During the summer holidays we have play schemes for three days a week.

Group Work for Children

We run an ongoing group for children affected by domestic violence. It runs for 6 weeks. A typical timetable would include music therapy, yoga, mask making, children's rights and understanding the effects of domestic violence.

We also hold weekly children's meetings where we listen to suggestions and comments that the children make and we act on them.

Parenting Workshops

We run regular 6 weeks long parenting workshops for our service users, which are designed to raise awareness on good parenting.

Annual Holidays

We organise regular holidays for mums and children using our services. We provide caravan holidays in various locations in the UK for up to eight families. We also have activity holidays for boys.

Teenage Groups

We work with teenagers on a regular basis. We visit St Albans theatre in Greenwich, which often has plays featuring issues related to young people. Teenagers decide what activities to do and we act on their suggestions. Ice-skating is one popular activity with the teenagers we work with. Where necessary, we refer teenagers to counselling and other agencies.

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