

**25 NOV-10 DEC 2019: 16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM TACKLING VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS IN EAST Lothian AND MIDLothian (vs 14/11/19).**

Welcome to our VAWG Partnership 16 Days of Activism Calendar 2019. It is full of lots of interesting initiatives - such as: a Motion to Midlothian Council, Flour Power info and fundraiser, our Partnership Coming Together event with exhibitions and presentations, Emily Test event for students, local training and Shakti's No Recourse to Public Funds training in Edinburgh, many partnership Roadshows, White Ribbon Pledge sign-ups and radio as well as social media initiatives.

Date	Event Title	Event Type	Summary	Time	Venue	Organisers	Cost	Booking
All days	<b>16 Ways Over 16 Days</b>	Media campaign / local radio	Throughout the 16 days of activism we will raise awareness of the 16 days campaign with details of how you can get involved in a large of small scale to help tackle violence against women and girls. Partners social media will join up to spread the message.	Throughout the day	<a href="http://www.facebook.com/waeml">www.facebook.com/waeml</a>	Julie Watson, Women's Aid East and Midlothian	Free	NA
All days	<b>White Ribbon Scotland Campaign: Men Working to End Violence Against Women and Girls</b>	Media campaign / local radio	East Lothian Council and Midlothian Council Communications teams will promote the White Ribbon pledge never to commit, condone or remain silent about violence against women and girls with senior male councillors and officials, press releases and interviews and messages for local radio.	Throughout the period	NA	Jane Ogden-Smith, ELC Wendy Fleming, MLC	Free	jogden-smith@eastlothian.gov.uk Wendy.Fleming@midlothian.gov.uk

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Tuesday 12 November	16 Days of Activism to End Violence Against Women and Girls	Cross-party motion to Midlothian Council	Welcomes the 16 Days of Activism; commends the work of activists and organisations providing frontline support for survivors and challenging attitudes and inequalities that perpetuate violence against women and girls; reaffirms support for Equally Safe: Scotland's strategy to prevent and eradicate all forms of violence against women and girls; reflects on Midlothian Council's advancements through the Equally Safe at Work Accreditation Scheme and future plans; calls on communities to stand together with a clear message that violence against women and girls is never acceptable; urges everyone in Midlothian to challenge harassment and abuse, hold perpetrators to account for their behaviour and work together to build a Scotland where everyone can live equally safe."	am	<a href="#">Midlothian Council, Midlothian House</a>	CLlr Kelly Parry and CLlr Stephen Curry	NA	Public event
Wednesday 13 November	Improving our practice on Violence Against Women and Girls: Spotlight on domestic abuse	Training	This introductory session aims to develop understanding of domestic abuse as a form of gender based violence. We explore the root causes of domestic abuse, the impact of domestic abuse on women, the complexities involved in leaving abusive relationships and best practices with women. This training is aimed at people currently working directly or indirectly with those affected by domestic abuse or who are interested in working in this field.	9.30-16.30	Brunton Hall, Musselburgh	Veronica Campanile, EMPPO	Free	<a href="mailto:empp@eastlothian.gov.uk">empp@eastlothian.gov.uk</a>

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Wednesday 13 November	<b>White Ribbon Scotland Speaker Training: Men Working to End Violence Against Women and Girls</b>	Awareness raising workshop	The White Ribbon Scotland Campaign Director leads this workshop with Midlothian Council employees interested in becoming White Ribbon Speakers and taking the Pledge to eradicate Violence Against Women and Girls. The session will consider action to end stereotypical behaviours in communities in Midlothian; to promote gender equality and to be a White Ribbon champion within the workplace. During the 16 days of activism the White Ribbon Campaign will be promoted to all staff.	10.00-15.00	Midlothian Council	Fiona Doyle, Equally Safe At Work working group, Midlothian Council	Free	<a href="mailto:fiona.doyle@midlothian.gov.uk">fiona.doyle@midlothian.gov.uk</a>
Thursday 14 November	<b>Safe &amp; Together Core Practice Training</b>	Training	This 4 day Safe and Together Core Practice Training is for staff who work with children and their families. By focusing on four key skills: assessment, interviewing, documentation and case planning our experiential training provides the foundation for domestic violence-informed practice.	9-4pm 4 days	Brunton Hall, Musselburgh	Veronica Campanile, EMPPO	Free	<a href="mailto:emppo@eastlothian.gov.uk">emppo@eastlothian.gov.uk</a> <a href="#">FULL</a>

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Friday 15 November	Emily Test	Presentation and talk for QMU students and staff	This talk is for Queen Margaret University students and staff. Fiona Drouet is the mother of Emily Drouet who took her own life as a first year student at Aberdeen University in March 2016 following sustained emotional and physical abuse by a fellow student. Fiona will talk openly about her daughter's experiences and consider what may have made a positive difference to Emily's time at University. While it's a difficult listen, it's hugely important to discussions around gender based violence, campus safety and safeguarding and student welfare and support.	12.15-13.45	Queen Margaret University, Musselburgh	Chiara Menozzi, / Kirsten Baird, Queen Margaret University Students Union	Fee	<a href="#">NA</a>
Saturday 23 November	Haddington RFC and Ross High RFC - Signing the White Ribbon pledge	Raising awareness multi-media	Haddington Rugby Football Club and Ross High Rugby Football Club players and officials will show their support for the White Ribbon Campaign by signing the White Ribbon Pledge never to commit, condone or remain silent about violence against women and girls.	13.00-14.00	Neilson Park, Haddington	PC Allen Paul	Free	<a href="#">NA</a>
Monday 25 November	A call to action to end Violence Against Women and Girls - Poster Bomb your Spaces	Poster bombing	We will encourage managers and employees across our services to print, put up and share posters Tackling Violence Against Women and Girls./Coercive Control across public and workplace spaces in East Lothian and Midlothian	NA	Across public and workplace spaces and social media	Veronica Campanile, EMPPO / Comms partners	Free	<a href="mailto:emppo@eastlothian.gov.uk">emppo@eastlothian.gov.uk</a>

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Monday 25 November	Midlothian Council Elected Member Briefing: Equally Safe At Work Employer Accreditation pilot	Presentation	This presentation is for Midlothian Elected Members. Midlothian Council is working with the charity 'Close the Gap' to raise awareness of gender based violence and in particular the prevention of violence against women and girls through the Equally Safe at Work progressive accreditation programme. Midlothian Council is one of seven Scottish councils participating in this programme.	pm	Midlothian Council Committee Room, Midlothian House, Dalkeith	Fiona Doyle / Dawn Farquhar, Midlothian Council	Free	<a href="mailto:fiona.doyle@midlothian.gov.uk">fiona.doyle@midlothian.gov.uk</a>
Monday 25 November	EDF Torness - Signing the White Ribbon Pledge	Raising awareness photo call/media	EDF Torness will show their support for the White Ribbon Campaign with the Plant Manager signing the White Ribbon Pledge never to commit, condone or remain silent about violence against women and girls. This will be promoted in the media.	tbc	EDF Torness, Dunbar	PC Allen Paul, Police Scotland	Free	Call 101 for details
Monday 25 November	Information and advice on Violence Against Women and Girls and the White Ribbon Campaign	Engagement stall	Police officers will be on hand to provide information and advice on Violence Against Women and Girls and encourage men to sign up to the White Ribbon Pledge.	tbc	Musselburgh Race Course, Musselburgh	PS Derek MacDonald / PCs Iain Paterson & Peter Bamford	Racing admission fee	NA
Wednesday 27 November	No recourse to public funds: no recourse, no safety!!	Awareness raising session	This session is for anyone working with Black and Ethnic Minority women and children. All women should be protected regardless of their race, ethnicity, nationality or immigration status. This awareness raising session looks into the additional barriers BME women and children face due to their complex immigration status.	09.30-13.00	Shakti Women's Aid, Norton Park Business Centre, 57 Albion Road, Edinburgh EH7 5QY	Anila Mirza, Shakti Women's Aid	Free	<a href="mailto:info@shaktiedinburgh.co.uk">info@shaktiedinburgh.co.uk</a>

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Wednesday 27 November	<b>Bystander Training to Prevent Sexual Violence</b>	Training	This Bystander Train the Trainer event is for Queen Margaret University staff and students and is facilitated by local police officers. Bystander training is a prevention approach that aims to empower bystanders to make safe and effective interventions to prevent sexual violence.	09.15-11.15	Queen Margaret University, Musselburgh	Kirsten Baird, QMU and PS Paul Allen, Police Scotland	Free	NA
Wednesday 27 November	<b>Tackling Violence Against Women and Girls</b>	Partnership Roadshow	Police Scotland, Women's Aid and Citizens Advice Bureau will be on hand, providing information and advice on violence against women and girls and encouraging men to take the White Ribbon pledge never to commit, condone or remain silent about violence against women and girls.	11.00-13.00	Asda, Straiton	Police Scotland - PS Michele Lindsay	Free	Call 101 for information
Thursday 28 November	<b>Coming Together - Building Wellthy communities</b>	A gathering featuring an exhibition and presentations	This East Lothian and Midlothian VAWG Partnership event will showcase what survivors and partner services are doing to tackle violence against women and girls whilst building Wellthy Communities in East Lothian and Midlothian. The programme included words, music and art by survivors and presentations on current work and future plans from Public Protection, the Police, Health, Rape Crisis, our Local Authorities and Women's Aid including their AGM and plans for the Women's Empowerment Centre.	12.00-16.00	The Function Room, Fisherrow Community Centre, Musselburgh	Nancy Ross, Women's Aid East and Midlothian	Free	<a href="mailto:info@womensaideml.org">info@womensaideml.org</a>

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Thursday 28 November	<b>Domestic Abuse Offence Day of Action</b>	Day of action	In this day of action across East Lothian and Midlothian Police will be targeting domestic abuse offenders with outstanding warrants.	8.00-16.00	East Lothian and Midlothian	John Forrester, DAIU, Police Service of Scotland	Free	NA
Friday 29 November	<b>Public Protection is everyone's responsibility</b>	Training	This training provides basic awareness of child protection, adult support and protection and violence against women and girls. It is for all anyone working in East Lothian and Midlothian. The protection of children, young people and adults at risk of harm is everyone's responsibility and this interactive course aims to ensure that all employees understand what public protection is, what to do and where to go if they have concerns or if they think someone is at risk of harm.	9.30-12.30	Brunton Hall, Musselburgh	Veronica Campanile, EMPPO	Free	<a href="mailto:emppo@eastlothian.gov.uk">emppo@eastlothian.gov.uk</a>
Saturday 30 November	<b>Information and advice on Violence Against Women and Girls and the White Ribbon Campaign</b>	Stall at Christmas lights switch-on	Police officers will be on hand to provide information and advice on Violence Against Women and Girls and encourage men to sign up to the White Ribbon Pledge.	tbc	Bonnyrigg Christmas Lights, Polton St, Bonnyrigg	Police Scotland - PS Michele Lindsay	Free	Call 101 for details
Saturday 30 November	<b>Information and advice on Violence Against Women and Girls and the White Ribbon Campaign</b>	Stall at Haddington Farmers Market	Police officers will be on hand to provide information and advice on Violence Against Women and Girls and encourage men to sign up to the White Ribbon Pledge.	9.00-13.00	Corn Exchange, Haddington	PC Paul Allen and PC Jenny Stewart	Free	

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Sunday 1 December	Information and advice on Violence Against Women and Girls and the White Ribbon Campaign	Stall at Dunbar Garden Centre	Police officers will be on hand to provide information and advice on Violence Against Women and Girls and encourage men to sign up to the White Ribbon Pledge.	tbc	Dunbar Garden Centre	PS Derek MacDonald, PC Gavin Ross, PC Jenny Stewart	Free	Call 101 for details
Monday 2 December	Information and advice on Violence Against Women and Girls and the White Ribbon Campaign	Stall at Musselburgh Race Course	Police officers will be on hand to provide information and advice on Violence Against Women and Girls and encourage men to sign up to the White Ribbon Pledge.	tbc	Musselburgh Race Course, Musselburgh	PS Derek MacDonald, PC Lucy Langford, PC Robbie Stewart	Racing admission fee	Call 101 for details
Tuesday 3 December	A Call to Action: Poster Bomb Your Spaces	Poster bombing campaign	We will encourage managers and employees to print, put up and share posters Tackling Violence Against Women and Girls./Coercive Control across workplace and public spaces in East Lothian and Midlothian	NA	Workplace/public spaces and on social media	Veronica Campanile, EMPPO / Comms partners	Free	<a href="mailto:emppo@eastlothian.gov.uk">emppo@eastlothian.gov.uk</a>
Wednesday 4 December	Domestic and Sexual Abuse Social Media Live Event	Live interactive session on Facebook Messenger.	Police Domestic Abuse staff and VAWG leads will be available to answer questions from the public on Domestic Abuse, Sexual Abuse, Commercial Sexual Exploitation, Disclosure Scheme for Domestic Abuse Scotland, the Domestic Abuse Scotland Act, Honour Based Violence and any other related questions. After the event we will publish the questions with answers through the media.	13.00-14.00 17.00-18.00	Police Facebook Messenger	Keith Mackay, PSOS	Free	NA



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Wednesday 4 December	<b>Information and advice on Violence Against Women and Girls and the White Ribbon Campaign</b>	Partnership engagement and information stall	Staff will be on hand on trains travelling across East Lothian, Midlothian, the Scottish Borders and Edinburgh Waverley and at a stall in the Edinburgh Waverley concourse where the trains terminate providing information on VAWG and the White Ribbon Scotland Campaign. This is a partnership event with Police Scotland, Network Rail, Virgin Trains, Scotrail, British Transport Police	throughout the day	On trains and in the Edinburgh Waverley concourse	PC Allen Paul & PS Michele Lindsay	Free	<a href="#">Call 101 for details</a>
Wednesday 4 December	<b>Tackling Violence Against Women and Girls</b>	Partnership Roadshow	Police Scotland, Women's Aid and Citizens Advice Bureau will be on hand, providing information and advice on violence against women and girls and encouraging men to take the White Ribbon pledge never to commit, condone or remain silent about violence against women and girls.	12.00-13.00	Dobbie's Garden Centre, Dalkeith	Police Scotland - PS Michele Lindsay	Free	<a href="#">Call 101 for information</a>
Thursday 5 December	<b>Information and advice on Violence Against Women and Girls and the White Ribbon Campaign</b>	Engagement	Police officers and Amina In partnership with QMU student Union will be on hand to provide information and advice on Violence Against Women and Girls and the White Ribbon Pledge	12.00-14.00	Queen Margaret University, Musselburgh	PC Allen Paul / Chiara Menozzi, QMU Students Union	Free	

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Friday 6 December	East Lothian Partnership Against Rural Crime - Signing the White Ribbon pledge never to commit, condone or remain silent about violence against women and girls	Raising awareness and photo call	Police officers will be on hand providing information and advice on Violence Against Women and Girls and encouraging partners attending ELPARC to sign the White Ribbon Pledge never to commit, condone or remain silent about violence against women and girls.	tbc	tbc	Police Scotland, PC Paul Allen and PC Jenny Stewart	Free	Call 101 for details
Friday 6 December	Flour Power	Bake off/Coffee Morning	The Champions Group who are care experienced young people are having a Bake Off type competition called Flour Power, while raising awareness for gender equality. The cakes made and donated from staff and public will go to the Coffee Morning. When people come to the coffee morning and make donations for cakes they'll also be invited to sign the White Ribbon Scotland pledge never to commit, condone, or remain silent about men's violence against women in all its forms. All proceeds will go to local support services for women and girls.	10.30	Reception area, Midlothian Children & Families Centre, 7 Eskdail Court, Dalkeith	Rebecca Allan, Social Work Team Leader Ashleigh Stephen, Champions Group organiser John Brown, Family Support	Free	NA

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Saturday 7 December	<b>Information and advice on Violence Against Women and Girls and the White Ribbon Campaign</b>	Engagement Christmas lights switch-on	Police officers will be on hand to provide information and advice on Violence Against Women and Girls and encourage men to sign up to the White Ribbon Pledge.	tbc	Christmas Lights, John St, Penicuik	Police Scotland - PS Michele Lindsay	Free	Call 101 for details
Saturday 7 December	<b>Information and advice on Violence Against Women and Girls and the White Ribbon Campaign</b>	Engagement Christmas Parade	Police officers will be on hand to provide information and advice on Violence Against Women and Girls and encourage men to sign up to the White Ribbon Pledge.	tbc	Christmas Parade, High St, Dalkeith	Police Scotland - PS Michele Lindsay	Free	Call 101 for details
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<b>Monday 9 December</b>	<b>Tackling Violence Against Women and Girls</b>	Partnership Roadshow	Police Scotland, Women's Aid and Citizens Advice Bureau will be on hand, providing information and advice on violence against women and girls and encouraging men to take the White Ribbon pledge never to commit, condone or remain silent about violence against women and girls.	10.00-12.00	Tesco, Hardengreen, Dalkeith	Police Scotland - PS Michele Lindsay	Free	<a href="#">Call 101 for information</a>
<b>Tuesday 12 December</b>	<b>Understanding and responding to trauma in children and young people with experience of domestic abuse</b>	Training	This training is for people working directly or indirectly with children and young people experiencing domestic abuse or with an interest in working in this field. It focuses on the impact of domestic abuse on children and young people and its relevance to child development and child protection and includes skills building exercises for providing direct support.	9.30-16.30	Brunton Hall, Musselburgh	Veronica Campanile, EMPPO	Free	<a href="mailto:emppo@eastlothian.gov.uk">emppo@eastlothian.gov.uk</a>