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**Violence Abuse and Mental Health Network**

**November Newsletter**

**VAMHN Announcements**

**VISION Call for Small Projects**

Our partner organisation [VISION](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fvision.city.ac.uk%2F&data=05%7C01%7Cvamhn%40kcl.ac.uk%7C8c18367f5e7a43f3948c08dbbea80e4f%7C8370cf1416f34c16b83c724071654356%7C0%7C0%7C638313401224413151%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=p%2BJOknOHFYRoZQ4Lx1G2zPBxo84Q6JEntMzMFcysM6g%3D&reserved=0) has announced a [Call for Small Projects](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fvision.city.ac.uk%2Fcall-for-small-projects%2F&data=05%7C01%7Cvamhn%40kcl.ac.uk%7C8c18367f5e7a43f3948c08dbbea80e4f%7C8370cf1416f34c16b83c724071654356%7C0%7C0%7C638313401224413151%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=%2BJNBFRhjCEknTNEtAMeeq6vgXBLCSVdve90pmyYFtT0%3D&reserved=0). They have funding available for a limited number of complementary projects that each contribute to at least one of [VISION’s five core objectives](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fvision.city.ac.uk%2Fresearch%2F&data=05%7C01%7Cvamhn%40kcl.ac.uk%7C8c18367f5e7a43f3948c08dbbea80e4f%7C8370cf1416f34c16b83c724071654356%7C0%7C0%7C638313401224413151%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=7B17LRiln%2BDvmFZwYB0Jzuh2wngVNx%2F%2FNGrpkyNRJqQ%3D&reserved=0). Projects of up to £25,000 should address gaps in existing knowledge and data on violence and health and can use quantitative, qualitative, review, mixed or other methods. Projects can involve research, knowledge exchange, arts and/or other approaches. Projects should start between 1st April – 31st October 2024 and should last up to one year. There is a simple application form to complete which should be emailed to VISION\_Management\_Team@city.ac.uk by 17.00 on 10th January 2024.

This call is a great opportunity for any academics particularly Early Career Researchers, any voluntary and community sector organisation working on violence prevention where money and resources are tight, but research ideas and needs are plentiful, and any partnerships across sectors and organisations working together to reduce violence. More information and the downloadable application form can be found here: [https://vision.city.ac.uk/call-for-small-projects/](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fvision.city.ac.uk%2Fcall-for-small-projects%2F&data=05%7C01%7Cvamhn%40kcl.ac.uk%7C8c18367f5e7a43f3948c08dbbea80e4f%7C8370cf1416f34c16b83c724071654356%7C0%7C0%7C638313401224413151%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=%2BJNBFRhjCEknTNEtAMeeq6vgXBLCSVdve90pmyYFtT0%3D&reserved=0)



**16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence**

*The* [*16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence*](https://www.unwomen.org/en/what-we-do/ending-violence-against-women/unite/16-days-of-activism) *is an international campaign that runs each year from November 25th (The International Day for the Elimination of Violence) – December 10th (Human Rights Day). Below you can find information on some events being run before, during or after this period. If you are running an event as part of the #16daysofactivism and you’d like us to share it, feel free to tag us @VAMHN on Twitter or email us at* *vamhn@kcl.ac.uk**.*

**16 Days 16 Films** will be screening a series of short films online during the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Based Violence beginning November 25th, with one film being released each day. For more information visit their website [here](https://www.16days16films.com/).

**Voice Out Woman (VOW)** are running an event on “Discussing ways to tackle Gender based violence” at the Palace of Westminster on 28th November at 7pm. To find out more and to register your attendance click [here](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/discussing-ways-to-tackle-gender-based-violence-tickets-745577100177?aff=ebdssbdestsearch).

**Forward UK** are running the “Violence Against Women and Girls Workshop” on the 29th November from 11am-1pm at Wilson Hospital, Cranmer Road, Mitcham. The workshop will feature a community discussion on Violence Against Women & Girls and harmful practices and access support for you or someone you know. To find out more click [here](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/violence-against-women-and-girls-workshop-tickets-736585576287?aff=ebdssbdestsearch&keep_tld=1).

**Anglia Ruskin University** are running a joint lecture on “Understanding Honour Based Abuse & Forced Marriage: A victim’s perspective” on the 30th November from 11.30am -1.30pm. To find out more click [here](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/understanding-honour-based-abuse-forced-marriage-a-victims-perspective-tickets-739231710947?aff=ebdssbdestsearch).

**Other Training, Events and Opportunities**

**Durham University** are hosting an online seminar with Fernanda Chacon-Onetto on their emerging PhD findings on a domestic violence perpetrator programme in Chile and a participatory project with young people on addressing sexual violence. The seminar takes place at 6-7pm on 8th November. Tobook your slot click [here](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=i9hQcmhLKUW-RNWaLYpvlKBZwfjGzChLgiLG9IZ2FexUNFU3ODRTQk1YM0JGQUlXUjVQSENMSjFVRi4u).

**AVA** are running a range of training courses across November which you can sign up to. Click below to find out more information about each course:

* 6th November at 10am - 1pm - [Housing and the Domestic Abuse Act](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Favaproject.us8.list-manage.com%2Ftrack%2Fclick%3Fu%3Db6cad4bf28dbfff8f462411a3%26id%3Dd92ca9f7b7%26e%3D9e089c2a1c&data=05%7C01%7Canjuli.1.kaul%40kcl.ac.uk%7C3529881587bb459483d608dbca5d782b%7C8370cf1416f34c16b83c724071654356%7C0%7C0%7C638326275043294527%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=j7YYsCidWLr0p%2FheRTXvb6gX%2FF%2BiWFiT2bBnSsk8SAM%3D&reserved=0)
* 8th November at 10am - 1pm - [Counselling Skills for People Working with Survivors](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Favaproject.us8.list-manage.com%2Ftrack%2Fclick%3Fu%3Db6cad4bf28dbfff8f462411a3%26id%3Dd6a828f43a%26e%3D9e089c2a1c&data=05%7C01%7Canjuli.1.kaul%40kcl.ac.uk%7C3529881587bb459483d608dbca5d782b%7C8370cf1416f34c16b83c724071654356%7C0%7C0%7C638326275043450863%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=mmIMpDHOXx7tWUK%2BzTSsbynpbFhQSnW4iUJN8wwBbJ8%3D&reserved=0)
* 13th November at 10am -1pm - [WiSER Project Level 2 - Trauma Informed Practice: Advancing your Practice with Clients Experiencing Multiple Disadvantages](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Favaproject.us8.list-manage.com%2Ftrack%2Fclick%3Fu%3Db6cad4bf28dbfff8f462411a3%26id%3Dcbc467066d%26e%3D9e089c2a1c&data=05%7C01%7Canjuli.1.kaul%40kcl.ac.uk%7C3529881587bb459483d608dbca5d782b%7C8370cf1416f34c16b83c724071654356%7C0%7C0%7C638326275043450863%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=Yvk%2BXR13s9llhGMZJvj%2BWDBKVOgStAz7RTNePcBUXRw%3D&reserved=0)
* 28th November at 10am -1pm - [Trauma Informed Practice: A Course for Frontline Workers](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Favaproject.us8.list-manage.com%2Ftrack%2Fclick%3Fu%3Db6cad4bf28dbfff8f462411a3%26id%3D1939b61b5e%26e%3D9e089c2a1c&data=05%7C01%7Canjuli.1.kaul%40kcl.ac.uk%7C3529881587bb459483d608dbca5d782b%7C8370cf1416f34c16b83c724071654356%7C0%7C0%7C638326275043450863%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=7AFj8Y5%2BjaG6g8KoVEpTEKCUnMjwgQ5Qww7FQXalF8o%3D&reserved=0)

**NSUN** are hosting an online Network Meeting on the 16th November from 4-5.30pm. The meeting will feature a live performance of poetry and music from Survivors of mental distress and/or trauma in all its forms. For more information and to register your attendance click [here](https://www.nsun.org.uk/news/nsun-network-meeting-november-2023/).

**VISION** have announced they will host a conference on adolescent domestic abuse, with a particular focus on abuse within teenage relationships. The deadline for submitting proposals for oral presentations is the 30th November. Click [here](https://vision.city.ac.uk/news/call-for-proposals-adolescent-domestic-abuse/) for more information.

The **Centre for Academic Primary Care** at the University of Bristol is advertising 4-year fully funded PhD scholarship 'Co-producing a programme theory and framework for evaluating trauma-informed organisational change interventions in UK primary care'. Clinicians can apply through the [NIHR SPCR](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.spcr.nihr.ac.uk%2Fcareer-development%2Fdoctoral-training-programme-for-primary-care-clinicians&data=05%7C01%7Cvamhn%40kcl.ac.uk%7C9645fc5a0ff14b80a9fa08dbdc6e917e%7C8370cf1416f34c16b83c724071654356%7C0%7C0%7C638346140256050085%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=d8o3dPprvB7OeulQ2Tgmx1z%2F62RTe%2BnBnMqMQFQXZIQ%3D&reserved=0) call [here](https://www.spcr.nihr.ac.uk/career-development/career-development/the-doctoral-training-programme-for-primary-care-clinicians/proposed-phd-projects).(closing date 20th December 2023). Non-clinicians can apply through the University of Bristol call [here](https://www.findaphd.com/phds/project/4-year-phd-studentship-co-producing-a-programme-theory-and-framework-for-evaluating-trauma-informed-organisational-change-interventions-in-uk-primary-care/?p161938) (closing date 1st December 2023)

**Job Opportunities**

**Safelives** currently have two vacancies:

1. Head of Communications and Marketing: 37.5 hours per week, £48,512 - £52,000 per annum. Deadline – 9am 17th November 2023
2. Senior Policy, Public Affairs and Communications Officer – The Drive Partnership: 37.5 hours per week, £32,696 - £34,696 per annum, Deadline - 9am 6th November 2023

For more information on both vacancies click [here](https://safelives.org.uk/about-us/work-safelives).

**Traumascapes** are recruiting a Research Coordinator with an interest in trauma, mental health, and interdisciplinary survivor-led research and lived experience involvement. Deadline – 5th November 2023. For full information click [here](https://www.traumascapes.org/get-involved).

**Ongoing research**

**The University of York** is conducting a study exploring the experiences of researchers’ own mental health and wellbeing whilst researching mental health in order to develop guidance to support academic researchers’ wellbeing. If you are a UK academic who works or has worked in mental health research, please consider taking their survey [here](https://york.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0erOJ3j7Ikw2vMW).

**AVA** are seeking to enhance their training offers to meet the evolving needs of service users. they’d like to hear your thoughts on new training around

1. 'Promoting and Embedding Diversity, Inclusion and Intersectionality in the VAWG Sector';

2. Equality Impact Assessments (EIAs) / Equality Analysis;

3. Other training you'd like to see from AVA.

To give your feedback please take their poll [here](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Favaproject.us8.list-manage.com%2Ftrack%2Fclick%3Fu%3Db6cad4bf28dbfff8f462411a3%26id%3D04f6b55e3b%26e%3D9e089c2a1c&data=05%7C01%7Canjuli.1.kaul%40kcl.ac.uk%7C3529881587bb459483d608dbca5d782b%7C8370cf1416f34c16b83c724071654356%7C0%7C0%7C638326275043450863%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=9jSP%2FKe61ut05P%2Fre1HPvvoYn%2B4hmM0yy1CcHNOdTGM%3D&reserved=0).

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| Books         Resources**Improving Emotional Safety, Coping, and Resilience Among Women Conducting Research on Sexual and Domestic Violence and Abuse** – *Kaul et al, 2023*This study sought to qualitatively understand how researchers of violence and abuse experience secondary trauma and conceptualise resilience in the workplace, and how organisations can better support their mental health. To read the full paper in *The Journal of Interpersonal Violence* click [here](https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/10.1177/08862605231207617).**Problem-solving therapy for pregnant women experiencing depressive symptoms and intimate partner violence: A randomised, controlled feasibility trial in rural Ethiopia** – *Keynejad et al, 2023*This paper aimed to assess the feasibility and related implementation outcomes of brief problem-solving therapy adapted for pregnant women experiencing IPV in rural Ethiopia. To read the full paper published in *PLOS Global Public Health* click [here](https://journals.plos.org/globalpublichealth/article?id=10.1371/journal.pgph.0002054).**A Sense of Danger: Gender-Based Violence and the Quest for a Sensory Criminology –** *Holt & Lewis et al, 2023*This paper responds to the critique that mainstream criminology should take sufficient account of the full sensory experi4enc e of crime and victimisation AKA “sensory criminology”. The authors examine both the external senses as well as the more marginalized internal senses and explore how emotion, the broader criminological “atmosphere” of GBV and the shift in atmosphere during the Covid-19 pandemic are implicated in women’s experiences of street-based sexual harassment and sexual assault. To read the full paper in Feminist Criminology click [here](https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/10.1177/15570851231207866).**The Online Safety Act receives Royal Assent – Press release**The new Online Safety Act has just received Royal Assent, and seeks to make social media companies keep the internet safe for children and give adults more choice over what they see online. To read more about what the Act means for online safety click [here](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-children-and-adults-to-be-safer-online-as-world-leading-bill-becomes-law), and to read the response from the Domestic Abuse Commissioner click [here](https://domesticabusecommissioner.uk/domestic-abuse-commissioner-welcomes-online-safety-act-receiving-royal-assent/).**The nature of domestic violence experienced by Black and minoritised women and specialist service provision during the COVID-19 pandemic: practitioner perspectives in England and Wales** – *Gill & Anitha, 2022*This article seeks to understand the contours of what has been termed a ‘dual pandemic’ in the UK: twin crises of increasing domestic violence and abuse (DVA) alongside the spread of COVID-19, both of which have disproportionately affected Black and minoritised communities. The article draws upon the perspectives of 26 practitioners who provide specialist DVA services for Black and minoritised women and girls in England and Wales. Based on interviews with these practitioners, we explore the nature and patterns of the DVA which their Black and minoritised women clients experienced during the pandemic. To read the full paper published in *The Journal of Gender-Based Violence* click [here](https://bristoluniversitypressdigital.com/configurable/content/journals%24002fjgbv%24002f7%24002f2%24002farticle-p252.xml?t:ac=journals%24002fjgbv%24002f7%24002f2%24002farticle-p252.xml).*For more useful resources and links, take a look at our website here*  |

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**VAMHN Forum**

Whether you want to share a survey, find collaborators for a bid or discuss a paper you’ve written, the VAMHN forum is a space for you to do that. To sign up to the forum and start connecting to other VAMHN members click [here](https://vamhn6.wixsite.com/forum). Full instructions on how to use the forum can be found on the homepage.



**VAMHN Directories**

The VAMHN has developed three active directories available on our website for our members to access. To access our directories masterpage click [here](http://www.vamhn.co.uk/directories.html).

1. **VAMHN Data Directory**

This resource indexes UK datasets, data repositories, and aggregate/published statistics about violence, abuse, and mental health, providing you with information about these resources and how to access them.  To access this resource, click [here](https://www.vamhn.co.uk/data-directory.html). We’ll be continually adding to the data directory, so if you know of a resource that we haven’t yet indexed, please tell us about it by completing the template at the bottom of the Directory webpage and emailing to vamhn@kcl.ac.uk. Please note that the resource should be either publicly available or available upon application. You do not need a password to access the data directory.

1. **VAMHN Expert Directory**

Our Expert Directory collates details of Network member expertise – e.g., academics, policy-makers, practitioners, those with lived experience, etc. This resource can be used to help members find experts to help with bids or research or more general questions and queries. To access the Expert Directory webpage click [here](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.vamhn.co.uk%2Fexpert-directory.html&data=04%7C01%7Cvamhn%40kcl.ac.uk%7Ca698467a69994c7b1d3608d93faa0150%7C8370cf1416f34c16b83c724071654356%7C0%7C0%7C637610821666076220%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=7i15Fcr0PZl%2Bz4LWqeGwy8mxFxq6cEVgikE47ufXHVk%3D&reserved=0).**The password to the webpage is UKRInetwork1!**

1. **VAMHN Network Directory**

This directory is for organisations and networks – again, academic, policy-making, practitioner, lived experience, third sector, voluntary sector, etc. These may be formal or informal; organisations, discussion forums, mailing lists; etc. The resource can be used to help members find relevant networks to join, to signpost others to and potentially to help with bids or research or more general questions and queries. To access the Network Directory webpage click [here](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.vamhn.co.uk%2Fnetwork-directory.html&data=04%7C01%7Cvamhn%40kcl.ac.uk%7Ca698467a69994c7b1d3608d93faa0150%7C8370cf1416f34c16b83c724071654356%7C0%7C0%7C637610821666086211%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=gPOPvWPmVZ%2FtS2Hy4S3BkI0VNwOneADfYfdNpIeMC2g%3D&reserved=0).**The password to the webpage is UKRInetwork1!**

Both the expert and network directory webpages include instructions on how to use them effectively, and also include a video introduction from our network co-investigator Dr Jude Towers.

If you would like to add your details either the expert or network directory, you can download the template form from our website at the web-links above and send to vamhn@kcl.ac.uk.

We hope you find the directories useful! If you would like to refer these directories onto colleagues who are not currently members of the VAMHN, please kindly ask them to join the network [here](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.vamhn.co.uk%2Fjoin-the-network.html&data=04%7C01%7Cvamhn%40kcl.ac.uk%7Ca698467a69994c7b1d3608d93faa0150%7C8370cf1416f34c16b83c724071654356%7C0%7C0%7C637610821666096207%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=CSqhbzIFkiWOdWpxFoDCCCRlK73ldG1qKXnLM1XM4lg%3D&reserved=0) and contact us at vamhn@kcl.ac.uk to request the password.

1. **VAMHN Blog Directory**

Our blog directory which contains blogs by people with lived and living experience of violence, abuse and mental health. The blogs are about diverse forms of domestic and sexual violence, diverse types of mental health and different experiences of services e.g. health, policing, research etc. To access the blog directory, click [here](https://www.vamhn.co.uk/directories.html). The password to the webpage is *UKRInetwork1!* For any and all enquiries about this directory please contact vamhn@kcl.ac.uk.

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| Image result for website icon**Useful Links**VAMHN website: [https://www.vamhn.co.uk/](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.vamhn.co.uk%2F&data=05%7C01%7Cvamhn%40kcl.ac.uk%7C6bec7ea2adcb4d744b2c08db3b478d1b%7C8370cf1416f34c16b83c724071654356%7C0%7C0%7C638168950713770494%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=qgvbPGru9Pk6PU%2FWm2Hwlu%2Bfk1bqcLQwrxcppVFKohI%3D&reserved=0)VAMHN twitter: @VAMHN**If you have any collaboration or funding opportunities, events or resources for our newsletter, or you would like your organisation to be featured in our community spotlight, please contact us at** **vamhn@kcl.ac.uk** |

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