

Art Exhibition in support of Peaceful Solutions to family violence

The Centre for Peaceful Solutions is hosting the work of five artists who support the work of the charity. The exhibition takes place on 24th November from 11am to 4pm at C99 Art Gallery, 99 Chamberlayne Road, Kensal Rise, London NW10 3ND.

Artists Celia Peachey, Harish Banazi, Jaiya Bhandari, John Gooch and Myoshka are donating proceeds from the sale of their art to promote awareness of family violence so that victims and perpetrators seek help sooner rather than later.

Raising Awareness. Reducing Violence

With sexual violence at epidemic proportions in universities, there is clearly something missing in the way our young people understand relationships and consent. Charity Founder Maria Arpa explains: "If you believe you are not affected, consider the statistics* and think about that neighbour, colleague or friend who may be suffering in silence right now. The effects of domestic violence, though very often hidden, permeate society vicariously. For example, bullying in schools has been demonstrated to be associated to a child's exposure to inter-parental abuse".

Statistics

In the UK during 2016, 1.2 million women reported domestic abuse, men made up roughly 40% of all reported cases and 58,000 children were identified as needing protection. Two women are killed each week by a current or former partner and 31 children were killed by their parents in 2015**. It is estimated that domestic violence costs almost £23 billion a year****

***Office for National Statistics. ***Professor Sylvia Walby (2004) The Cost of Domestic Violence (total cost of domestic violence to the state, employers and victims – including the human and emotional cost)*

The Centre for Peaceful Solutions has been transforming individual attitudes to violence and helping perpetrators change their violent behaviour through our work in prisons. We consistently we hear that many offenders don't know or understand that what they are doing is abusive because it is their 'normal'.

We want to expand our work into schools by educating young people about recognising abuse so they can make better quality choices and know how and when to get help.

Editor's Notes

The Centre for Peaceful Solutions is a registered charity founded by Maria Arpa in 2006. The charity provides dialogue, mediation and restorative justice for families, neighbours and communities.

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