

RESOURCE ROUNDUP

Violence Against Women & Girls

A resource for professionals

Merseyside Youth Association's

**Mentors in
Violence
Prevention**

DEFINITION

The term 'violence against women and girls' refers to acts of violence or abuse that we know disproportionately affect women and girls. Crimes and behaviour covered by this term include rape and other sexual offences, domestic abuse, stalking, 'honour'-based abuse, as well as many others, including offences committed online.

The Home Office

**WE ARE #TakingAction
TO END VIOLENCE AGAINST
WOMEN AND GIRLS**

Statistics tell us:

78% of women and girls aged 13-18 have experienced at least one type of digitally facilitated harm

1 in 4 young women aged 16 and over have experienced domestic abuse / intimate partner violence

90% of teenage girls have experienced sexist name-calling

93% of girls and young women do not feel "completely safe" in public spaces

Women and girls should be able to go about their daily lives without worrying about violence.

UK Parliament POST (2025)



WHAT CAN BOYS/MEN DO?

Everyone has the power to make a difference, but we're calling on boys and men to take action.



Liverpool poet Joseph Roberts brings this campaign to life with his spoken-word piece "Man-to-Man"

Watch the video [here](#)

What can you do?

Check your own behaviours?

Challenge harmful attitudes?

Call out unacceptable behaviour?

Lead by example?

Youth Voice

Want to know what young people think about VAWG?

Delivered by the MYA RAISE Team, funded by Merseyside Police and Crime Commissioners Office and Merseyside Violence Reduction Partnership, two youth voice workshops were held during the 16 Days of Activism Campaign to end violence against women and girls (VAWG).

The sessions brought together young people, youth workers and professionals within the field of VAWG and violence prevention to explore young people's perception and understanding of VAWG and ensure their voice is embedded into upcoming strategies. The sessions also included a Q&A between the young people and the PCC and MVRP.

Film - [VAWG: Stand up, speak out, make a change](#)

[View the report and findings](#)





MYA RAISE TEAM

Violence Prevention in Secondary Schools

OPPORTUNITIES AND NETWORKING

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JOIN THE MERSEYSIDE VIOLENCE REDUCTION PARTNERSHIP: SCHOOLS NETWORK

The Merseyside Schools Network was established to share learning and resources related to violence prevention, and to identify opportunities for collaboration on new interventions, training and campaigns.



The Network is open to professionals from schools and educational settings, as well as external partners across Merseyside, working to support those organisations to prevent and reduce violence.


[JOIN THE NETWORK](#)

INVITE TO THE BI-MONTHLY VAWG FORUM

Want to be involved / updated with Liverpool City Councils ongoing approach to tackling VAWG?

Join the VAWG forum to hear about progress of the VAWG Action Plan, and presentations on a range of VAWG topics.

Next meeting: Wednesday 29th April 2026
| Location: Dixons Croxteth Academy, L11 4SG | Time: 9.30am-1pm

If you would like to register interest to attend, please contact

debbie.phillips@liverpool.gov.uk who will confirm your place and send a calendar invite.

GET INVOLVED: MERSEYSIDE POLICE CAMPAIGNS

Merseyside Police are committed to keeping women and girls safe.

Their #TakingAction Campaign resources include: Man to Man, Myth vs Facts, Red Flags and much more.

To explore resources and support the campaign, visit their website [here](#).



MERSEYSIDE POLICE



EMILY SPURRELL
MERSEYSIDE POLICE
& CRIME COMMISSIONER



CrimeStoppers.

FREE ONLINE CPD - Evidence-based VAWG Education Programme

Thursday 12th February

Powered by youth voices, Unique Voice CiC are hosting an online session based on their powerful and thought-provoking 'We Feel Unsafe' [resource](#) and [film](#), from their evidence-based VAWG Education Programme.

This is a fantastic opportunity to experience their approach, ask questions, and explore whether it could support your priorities in this space.

If you'd like to attend, please sign up [here](#)



SIGNPOSTING AND SUPPORT

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FREE TRAINING FOR PROFESSIONALS, PARENTS AND CARERS

Delivered by the RAISE Mental Health Promotion team, you can access free, live training sessions to gain knowledge and understanding of key issues that our young people are facing. Visit the [training calendar](#) for more.

CrimeStoppers.



REPORTING VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN & GIRLS

If there is immediate danger, call 999.

For all other incidents, use the non-emergency number 101.

You can also report online: www.merseyside.police.uk

Report crimes anonymously via [Crimestoppers](#) using their online form, or by calling 0800 555 111.

[Fearless](#) is the dedicated youth service of Crimestoppers where young people can anonymously report any forms of crime.



SUPPORT FOR VICTIMS

Victim Care Merseyside provides a single point of contact for victims of crime residing in Merseyside to access free, confidential advice, plus emotional and practical support tailored to your needs.

- 0808 175 3080 | www.victimcaremerseyside.org

catch 22

RASA Merseyside | Sexual Violence Services



SAVERA UK

Catch-22 provides support for young people, professionals, parents and carers to prevent or stop child exploitation or missing from home incidences.

www.catch-22.org.uk

RASA provide specialist support for young people aged 10-17 who have been directly or indirectly impacted by sexual abuse

0330 363 0063 | www.rapecentre.org.uk

RASASC provide specialist support, advocacy services, counselling and helpful information for those affected by rape, sexual assault and / or abuse.

0808 175 3080 |

www.victimcaremerseyside.org

Savera UK works to end 'honour'-based abuse and harmful practices. Providing advice, safeguarding and advocacy services, welfare and wellbeing interventions and educational programmes

0800 107 0726 | www.saverauk.co.uk