

Charities that took part in the “Women that Inspire” event

Refuge

Refuge opened the world’s first refuge in Chiswick, West London, in 1971. Since then the charity has grown to become the country’s largest single provider of specialist support services to women and children escaping domestic violence and other forms of violence and abuse. Refuge runs a national network of specialist services, including emergency accommodation in secret locations across the country, community-based outreach services, culturally-specific services for women from South Asian, African and Caribbean, Vietnamese and Eastern European backgrounds, sanctuary provision to keep women safe in their own home and independent domestic violence advocacy for women at the highest risk of serious injury and homicide. Refuge also runs the 24 hour Freephone National Domestic Violence Helpline, in partnership with Women’s Aid. On any given day these services support over 3,000 women and children.

Refuge is a leading specialist provider of services for women and girls in London. Refuge runs the Gaia Centre in Lambeth, a pioneering service which supports victims of all forms of gender-based violence. Refuge also runs services in Hackney, Southwark, Brent, Ealing and Hounslow, and is currently growing a new Violence Against Women and Girls service based on the Gaia Centre model in Lewisham. Refuge has had many local achievements across London; for example, in July 2014, the Refuge-Richmond IDVA team were awarded a police commendation in recognition of its work supporting victims and building partnerships with local safeguarding agencies. Refuge also ran an innovative maternity project in Barking and Dagenham, training and supporting midwives on routine enquiry. Find out more: <http://www.refuge.org.uk/>

Smart Works

Smart Works provide high quality interview clothes, advice and interview training to out-of-work women that have experienced vulnerability and or are on low incomes. The charity helps dress them, search for jobs, provides CV workshops, interview practice and boosts their confidence to succeed at their job interview and move on with their life. Therefore we are looking for attendees to bring with them interview style clothing and accessories of any size that would be ready to wear straight from head office to an interview. Find out more from: <http://www.smartworks.org.uk/>

Katie Piper Foundation

Founded in 2009, The Katie Piper Foundation is the leading burns charity in the UK and aims to deliver a gold standard of rehabilitation and scar management for burn survivors.

The Foundation helps people with burns and scars throughout their recovery and on an on-going basis - by providing advice on scar management and enabling access to free specialist treatments, as well as organising UK wide workshops and social activities which help to establish a peer support network for burn survivors.

Dedicated to improving the delivery of burns rehabilitation and scar management, the Foundation aims to further develop training and education opportunities alongside appropriate research. Our vision is a world where scars do not limit a person’s function, social inclusion or sense of well-being. More information can be found at <http://www.katiepiperfoundation.org.uk>

Foundation4Life

Foundation 4 Life (F4L) is a ground breaking consultancy which specializes in the training, consultation and delivery of Behaviour Modification Workshops/ Programmes for young people who are offending or considered to be at risk of offending/ re-offending.

Central to the F4L is our unique team of professionally trained reformed ex-offenders/gang leaders who deliver many our services.

F4L also delivers specialist training courses for practitioners and individuals working with young offenders.

Our agency team also source, vet, train and mentor ex-offenders/gang leaders for placement in client organisations. Find out more: <http://www.foundation4life.co.uk/>

FORWARD

FORWARD was founded in 1983 and made a fully registered charity in 1985 in response to the continuing practice of FGM among migrant communities in the UK. We have been working ever since to frame the practice as a human rights violation, informing affected communities about the health implications and laws. We are now one of the longest standing organisations tackling FGM in the UK and we continue our work to support women affected and girls at risk of FGM through our programmes:

- [Community Programme](#): engaging affected communities through events, training and community development approaches
- [Young People Speak Out!](#): empowering young people to help create change in their communities by providing skills, peer to peer training and support for youth advocates
- [Schools Programme](#): offering a comprehensive range of services for schools to engage and empower young people about issues that affect them and raising awareness about the role that everyone can play in supporting girls and ending the practice.
- [Training Courses for Professionals](#): offering a range of FGM training sessions, including accredited training for front line professionals including health, education, social services and the police, as well as to organisations from FGM practicing communities, and the voluntary sector at large

Find out more: <http://www.forwarduk.org.uk/>