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* **Other Training, Events and Opportunities**

**The National Sexual Assault Conference** will run in San Francisco from the 22nd - 24th August. For more information click [here.](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.nationalsexualassaultconference.org%2F&data=05%7C01%7Canjuli.1.kaul%40kcl.ac.uk%7Cd094347250ee47d6275708db9e627416%7C8370cf1416f34c16b83c724071654356%7C0%7C0%7C638277917948332940%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=gS6%2FOOLbjdk2AmFWW6HzhdMyfdMA4g4sBzkRKccqqqo%3D&reserved=0) **Recruitment:** The Agenda Alliance are currently recruiting a Communications and Campaigns Coordinator. This person will have a key role within the team, working to amplify the voices of the women and girls the charity work with. The deadline for applications is midnight, Monday 28th August**.** More information can be found here: [https://www.agendaalliance.org/careers/communications-and-campaigns-coordinator/](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.agendaalliance.org%2Fcareers%2Fcommunications-and-campaigns-coordinator%2F&data=05%7C01%7Canjuli.1.kaul%40kcl.ac.uk%7Cd094347250ee47d6275708db9e627416%7C8370cf1416f34c16b83c724071654356%7C0%7C0%7C638277917948332940%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=FV2%2BUvCrGKQRKmQ8%2BywIYOgicO76HNu700kO6yoG%2Fek%3D&reserved=0)**The annual Nazir Afzal Essay Competition** organised by the HARM network is now looking for entries. The essay question is:  How is ‘honour’ abuse different from other forms of domestic abuse? The first prize is £500. Deadline 5th September 2023. To find out more click [here.](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.uclan.ac.uk%2Fresearch%2Factivity%2Fharm%2Fessay-competition&data=05%7C01%7Canjuli.1.kaul%40kcl.ac.uk%7Cd094347250ee47d6275708db9e627416%7C8370cf1416f34c16b83c724071654356%7C0%7C0%7C638277917948332940%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=T7Cb3NPK%2BJKv1XW9UXsCKRa0X4OjwPZIGcDeQEhl%2B44%3D&reserved=0) **The European Conference on Domestic Violence (ECDV) conference** will be taking place 11th-13th September in Reykjavik, Iceland. The conferenceis designed to provide an opportunity for practitioners, policy makers and researchers to come together with the aim of:* raising awareness of domestic violence and its impact on individuals and society
* sharing research findings and practice developments from across Europe and beyond and to discuss the implications for policy and practice
* promoting the evidence base informing policy and practice developments relating to domestic violence
* encouraging good practice by facilitating networking and resourcing between delegates
* developing research and practice networks and methods and tools on preventing and combating domestic violence

The conference views domestic violence as encompassing a range of different types of gender based violence and abuse, including, for example, intimate partner violence, stalking, honour based violence and elder abuse. The conference is rooted in an ecological understanding of domestic violence, while also recognising that gender is a significant factor both causing and sustaining abuse and violence.More information about the conference: [https://ecdv.hi.is/](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fecdv.hi.is%2F&data=05%7C01%7Canjuli.1.kaul%40kcl.ac.uk%7Cd094347250ee47d6275708db9e627416%7C8370cf1416f34c16b83c724071654356%7C0%7C0%7C638277917948332940%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=imTYlZHm5w58ms%2BXS4Etn1Es1p5fPetAP7ePAm479D0%3D&reserved=0) **SHaME's Sexual Violence Autumn School** will betaking place 11th- 14th September at Birkbeck, University of London. The Autumn School is an opportunity for scholars to focus on how they understand sexual violence, from the historical to the present day, through a range of disciplinary perspectives from outstanding scholars and facilitators. The school is open to scholars at any level and from any discipline but may have particular relevance to post-graduate students (including MAs and PhDs) and early career scholars. Bursaries may be available. More information can be found [here.](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fshame.bbk.ac.uk%2Fevents%2Fsexual-violence-autumn-school%2F&data=05%7C01%7Canjuli.1.kaul%40kcl.ac.uk%7Cd094347250ee47d6275708db9e627416%7C8370cf1416f34c16b83c724071654356%7C0%7C0%7C638277917948332940%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=KV%2FyK8qcA9N9OXjt3WVWHZoK05hdklBb9NATT96Pwr0%3D&reserved=0)**The UKPRP VISION Consortium** is pleased to announce their 2nd annual conference: Responding to violence across the life course on Thursday 21st September, 11am-3:30pm followed by networking until 4pm. Click here to register: [https://vision.city.ac.uk/vision-annual-conference/](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fvision.city.ac.uk%2Fvision-annual-conference%2F&data=05%7C01%7Canjuli.1.kaul%40kcl.ac.uk%7Cd094347250ee47d6275708db9e627416%7C8370cf1416f34c16b83c724071654356%7C0%7C0%7C638277917948332940%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=Q7WmRv4zr4BLV5ikZpQdFhMbEEPbevDzBWLTcjVacRE%3D&reserved=0) **Implementing the Istanbul Convention - Call for papers:** OCEAN and UNIRE invite you to attend the first pan-European conference dedicated to the implementation of the Istanbul Convention, starting from the educational and university system. The "Council of Europe Convention on Preventing and Combating Violence against Women and Domestic Violence" (known as the Istanbul Convention was signed on 10th May 2011. Over the years, the Convention has become a subject of controversy but also a way to prevent gender-based violence and to change institutions and mentalities. The conference aims to highlight the crucial role that the education and higher education system can play in the implementation of the Istanbul Convention, thanks to the establishment of transnational networks and the collaboration among researchers and experts, mainly coming from 46 member states of the Council of Europe. Summaries of 400 words and a short biographical note (up to 100 words) of the presenter should be sent to: unire-academicnetwork@unimib.it by 1st September 2023. More information: [https://unire.unimib.it/](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Funire.unimib.it%2F&data=05%7C01%7Canjuli.1.kaul%40kcl.ac.uk%7Cd094347250ee47d6275708db9e627416%7C8370cf1416f34c16b83c724071654356%7C0%7C0%7C638277917948332940%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=d5xpguBL0UGpzRG0bzafexTgBSWNzPIsFnIh1ecSTfE%3D&reserved=0)The ADR UK Conference 2023 in partnership with the Office for National Statistics (ONS) will take place around the theme “**Public data for resilience and inclusion: Using administrative data to inform policy and practice in challenging times**”. ​The conference will take place on the 14th-16th November 2023. To find out more click [here](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2F2023conference.adruk.org%2F&data=05%7C01%7Canjuli.1.kaul%40kcl.ac.uk%7Cd094347250ee47d6275708db9e627416%7C8370cf1416f34c16b83c724071654356%7C0%7C0%7C638277917948332940%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=PJv23ixpS8%2Btf%2B0fUlg2v3CFydfjdRZ%2BDyZjlm4tkKg%3D&reserved=0).AVA (Against Violence and Abuse) offers ongoing training on gender-based violence and abuse. For upcoming training opportunities click [here.](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Favaproject.org.uk%2Ftraining%2F%23Upcoming&data=05%7C01%7Canjuli.1.kaul%40kcl.ac.uk%7Cd094347250ee47d6275708db9e627416%7C8370cf1416f34c16b83c724071654356%7C0%7C0%7C638277917948332940%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=fzSFmup2SOdWgZxbEv%2Ff%2BWbFnl67%2BdRfQ%2FE0RPcjlmo%3D&reserved=0) **Suicide Prevention UK** are a Bristol based charity who help anyone who may be struggling with their mental health and/or thoughts of suicide. “Our volunteers use their skills, training and empathetic approach to offer a non-judgmental listening ear to help people in what could be their darkest hour. Our volunteers aim to signpost individuals to the most relevant support available to them at that time, to get them the help they deserve. Our service is available via our helpline - National Suicide Prevention Helpline UK, social media and from our patrol teams who actively patrol the streets of Bristol and Bath. We start those difficult conversations.  We do not replace the emergency services and will always call them if necessary. What we can do is provide that intervention and a safe space”.More information about Suicide Prevention UK can be found here: [SPUK - Suicide Prevention UK Charity 1187866](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.spuk.org.uk%2F&data=05%7C01%7Canjuli.1.kaul%40kcl.ac.uk%7Cd094347250ee47d6275708db9e627416%7C8370cf1416f34c16b83c724071654356%7C0%7C0%7C638277917948332940%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=V5V4edq3Eco7sJIsiR%2FFEdP30LbbTIEDqs5ACbwA%2F%2B4%3D&reserved=0)

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| Participation will involve taking part in a focus group or a one-to-one interview (online or face-to-face) with Francesca and in the upcoming months. The focus group or interview will last no longer than 1.5 hours. Participation is voluntary and you would be able to withdraw at any time. Participants’ personal information will be kept anonymous and confidential at all times. The study has been reviewed by and received ethics clearance through City University’s Department of Sociology Ethics Board. If you would like to take part or have any further questions, please send an email to Francesca:**francesca.stevens@city.ac.uk**  |
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| Books         Resources**Special Issue: Treatment Resistant Perpetrators of Intimate Partner Violence: Research Advances Vol. 32, No. 2, 2023**This special issue includes publications from some of the leading researchers in the field of IPV perpetration. To access all articles from this issue click[here.](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fjournals.copmadrid.org%2Fpi%2Fissue%2F2023%2F32%2F2&data=05%7C01%7Canjuli.1.kaul%40kcl.ac.uk%7Cd094347250ee47d6275708db9e627416%7C8370cf1416f34c16b83c724071654356%7C0%7C0%7C638277917948332940%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=9I5B%2BU7e9CIpX%2BqNzsF3pIoIMb6TL5swT%2BzoQdz0mb4%3D&reserved=0)**A Day in Family Court by Traumascapes –** artwork created by Laura E. Fischer and Sullivan Holderbach of Traumascapes in partnership with a member of the Lived Experience Advisory Group of the 'At the Edge of Care' project. View the artwork here: [https://www.vamhn.co.uk/resources.html](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.vamhn.co.uk%2Fresources.html&data=05%7C01%7Canjuli.1.kaul%40kcl.ac.uk%7Cd094347250ee47d6275708db9e627416%7C8370cf1416f34c16b83c724071654356%7C0%7C0%7C638277917948489168%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=RQTke6N0WivpirHavzB4QtWhnjKictmb5h83G8CSBVU%3D&reserved=0) **Trauma-specific mindfulness-based cognitive therapy for women with post-traumatic stress disorder and a history of domestic abuse: intervention refinement and a randomised feasibility trial (coMforT study). –** Lewis NV, Gregory A, Feder GS. et al. [https://doi.org/10.1186/s40814-023-01335-w](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fdoi.org%2F10.1186%2Fs40814-023-01335-w&data=05%7C01%7Canjuli.1.kaul%40kcl.ac.uk%7Cd094347250ee47d6275708db9e627416%7C8370cf1416f34c16b83c724071654356%7C0%7C0%7C638277917948489168%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=fLCrSL8VEWQ%2B0Ieb%2FqjcVRVRhhABQU5jitixvnlZorY%3D&reserved=0)**A scoping review of trauma informed approaches in acute, crisis, emergency, and residential mental health care –** Saunders KRK, McGuinness E, Barnett P. *et al.* 2023 [https://doi.org/10.1186/s12888-023-05016-z](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fdoi.org%2F10.1186%2Fs12888-023-05016-z&data=05%7C01%7Canjuli.1.kaul%40kcl.ac.uk%7Cd094347250ee47d6275708db9e627416%7C8370cf1416f34c16b83c724071654356%7C0%7C0%7C638277917948489168%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=wfZRtVqlcOxihx5GD4s8WCjfyIOgt%2BcGTrNenMwf%2F%2BA%3D&reserved=0)**Keeping Students in Mind: Understanding Student Mental Health Research –** *SMARTen Network* The SMARTen Network has released this podcast to amplify the voices and lived experiences of students in the UK, ensuring that the research and conversations around student mental health are actually addressing their concerns. To listen to the podcast click [here](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.smarten.org.uk%2Fseries-1-and-new-for-2023-series-2.html&data=05%7C01%7Canjuli.1.kaul%40kcl.ac.uk%7Cd094347250ee47d6275708db9e627416%7C8370cf1416f34c16b83c724071654356%7C0%7C0%7C638277917948489168%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=dGMUoXetjjaE6ZohiLl2WnCz6x5YpW3SuFnbZzQlgmU%3D&reserved=0). **Intimate partner violence perpetration and mental health service use in England: analysis of nationally representative survey data** – Bhavsar et al, 2023 This paper looks at mental health service contact by perpetrators of intimate partner violence. To read the full paper in *BJ Psych Open* click [here](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cambridge.org%2Fcore%2Fjournals%2Fbjpsych-open%2Farticle%2Fintimate-partner-violence-perpetration-and-mental-health-service-use-in-england-analysis-of-nationally-representative-survey-data%2F142732D03264D9CB11B0EDCFFB0D7FF0&data=05%7C01%7Canjuli.1.kaul%40kcl.ac.uk%7Cd094347250ee47d6275708db9e627416%7C8370cf1416f34c16b83c724071654356%7C0%7C0%7C638277917948489168%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=1DwbqR%2FL%2BPI6BXygcb1uV2YGKoEXlSR%2BJt%2F0kp5FllI%3D&reserved=0). **Interpersonal violence and mental health: new findings and paradigms for enduring problems** – *Howard, 2023* This editorial was written by VAMHN founder Prof. Louise Howard for the VAMHN linked series on Violence, Abuse and Women’s Mental Health published in the *Social Psychiatry and Psychiatric Epidemiology* Journal. 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The briefing collates data from contacts to the NSPCC Helpline and Childline in 2022/23. Findings from 01 April 2022 to 31 March 2023 show 4,412 NSPCC Helpline contacts from adults and 1,096 Childline counselling sessions with children and young people whose main concerns were domestic abuse. Contacts included experiences of: threats and coercion; continual emotional mistreatment; and economic and financial abuse. Read the insight briefing: [The impact of coercive control on children and young people](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Femail.nspcc.org.uk%2Fc%2F1FEhNE0lrKHJ507bskP8EXZJicM&data=05%7C01%7Canjuli.1.kaul%40kcl.ac.uk%7Cd094347250ee47d6275708db9e627416%7C8370cf1416f34c16b83c724071654356%7C0%7C0%7C638277917948489168%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=ov4Q09N9GFHNjSUb0XbtTijiknT4SHOQSKCgp%2Fo4sBw%3D&reserved=0)**The Domestic Abuse Commissioner for England and Wales has published a report on protecting children in the Family Courts.** The report draws on data from surveys with legal practitioners and roundtables and discusses: issues in the Family Court for children who have experienced domestic abuse; and centring the voice of the child. **Read the report:** [Domestic Abuse Commissioner calls for wide reaching reforms to ensure safety of children in the Family Courts and accelerate government plans](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Femail.nspcc.org.uk%2Fc%2F1FwVM6aHCpdRzybbLtKMTyeRuRY&data=05%7C01%7Canjuli.1.kaul%40kcl.ac.uk%7Cd094347250ee47d6275708db9e627416%7C8370cf1416f34c16b83c724071654356%7C0%7C0%7C638277917948489168%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=%2FZB3gcU0FEW69sBjDoKQeNkbSST%2BNzKLehFSn1RbdOI%3D&reserved=0)*For more useful resources and links, take a look at our website here*  |

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