



Cymorth i Ferched Cymru
Welsh Women's Aid

Rhoi Merched a Phlant yn Gyntaf
Putting Women & Children First

WOMEN, CHILDREN
& DOMESTIC ABUSE:
**WHO ARE WE &
WHAT WE DO**

Welsh Women's Aid
want domestic abuse
to be recognised
as a gender based
issue, with appropriate
services and support
to be available to
women and children,
resulting in the
eradication of all
forms of violence
against women.



About Us

Welsh Women's Aid (WWA) was founded in 1978 to campaign and lobby for improvements in public policy and government legislation in relation to women and children experiencing domestic abuse in Wales.

WWA is the national umbrella organisation representing local Women's Aid Groups situated throughout Wales. Our member groups provide direct services for women and children who have experienced or are experiencing domestic abuse.

WWA can provide specialist training, support and information to our member groups and to outside organisations.

We manage the **Wales Domestic Abuse Helpline**, a free 24 hour, bilingual, gender neutral and confidential helpline providing support and information to anyone experiencing domestic abuse, and to individuals and organisations seeking information or advice.

Specialist areas within Welsh Women's Aid

Training & Development

- Ensures ongoing development of a programme of training that will assist member groups in the delivery of quality services.
- Provides training to external organisations, particularly in relation to raising awareness of the key issues surrounding domestic abuse.

Welsh Women's Aid is a National Open College Network (NOCN) centre and is able to deliver accredited qualifications.

- Responsible for developing and rolling out the accredited training programme, including specific domestic abuse training units.

Legal Services

- Provides member groups with legal information, updates and training in a range of legal areas.
- Provides responses to consultation papers on behalf of Welsh Women's Aid.

Housing Services

- Provides member groups with information and training on housing and supported housing issues including homelessness, supporting people and welfare benefits.

Welsh Women's Aid is an Accredited Support Provider (ASP).

- Monitors and reviews the Supporting People services for those member groups WWA is ASP for, as per the regulations defined by the Welsh Assembly Government.

Statistics

Welsh Women's Aid collect statistics from member groups to provide an overview of the number of women and children who use Women's Aid services in different areas across Wales.

- Compiles the Annual Statistical Report and provides up-to-date statistics to WWA National staff, WWA member groups, WAG and other organisations.

Media and Communication

- Ensures the work of WWA is promoted to key stakeholders and the national media.
- Ensures there is effective communication within WWA and with member groups.
- Co-ordinates key campaigns and events relating to domestic abuse.

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CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICES.

- Runs the '**Children Matter**' project - promoting greater consistency and quality standards in the delivery and development of children and young people's services amongst member groups.
- Promotes children's rights throughout the organisation and within groups.
- Educates and informs children and young people about healthy relationships, and helps protect them from the negative impact of domestic abuse.

