

# Northampton Borough Council - Northampton Women's Forum

Tuesday, 17 January 2017 at 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

The Holding Room, The Guildhall, St. Giles Square, Northampton, NN1 1DE

## Agenda

1. **Welcomes, introductions and apologies**
2. **Minutes and matters arising**
3. **Louise Musson and Nisha Mejer - Dementia Friendly Northampton**
4. **International Women's Day Update**
5. **Action Plan**  
**(A) Debbie Ferguson - Inter Personal Violence**
6. **Community Information Exchange**
7. **Items for discussion at next meetings**
8. **Date of next meeting**

21<sup>st</sup> March 11am – 1pm. Jeffrey Room, The Guildhall

Map and directions at: [www.northampton.gov.uk/guildhall](http://www.northampton.gov.uk/guildhall)

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## **Code of Conduct for the Forums**

This Code of Conduct sets out the standards that the Forums expect of its members. It aims to provide members with an effective ethical framework in which to do business. It is not intended to be exhaustive, or to cover every eventuality, but sets out some common sense requirements to enable the forums to function smoothly and successfully.

It is the responsibility of the Chair to encourage and enable input from forum members, to ensure all voices are heard.

### **1. Meeting Etiquette**

As an attendee you must comply with the following requirements and any others that may be stated from time to time:

- 1.1** Contribute positively to discussions concerning the issues of the meeting
- 1.2** Be friendly, polite, courteous and respectful at all times to fellow members, and others present
- 1.3** Not insult, abuse or use offensive language or behaviour
- 1.4** Comply with Northampton Borough Councils Equal Opportunities Policy
- 1.5** Demonstrate actively that you are interested in and care about the issue that you are discussing and want to make a positive difference
- 1.6** Show respect for buildings, facilities and equipment being used
- 1.7** Speak only through the Chairman of the meeting and not interrupt, heckle, make distracting noises or gestures
- 1.8** Speak clearly into any microphone provided and comply with any instructions given about its use

### **2. Being Objective**

- 2.1** Your own experience and views should inform, but not dominate or dictate how you participate.
- 2.2** If you have a specific issue with regards to a service matter to raise these can be discussed with a member of staff at the end of the each meeting or you can ask for the appropriate officer details. Meetings attended by other residents are not the place to raise any issues of this nature.
- 2.3** Be Fair
- 2.4** You must have and show respect for the people you deal with, and take their circumstances and personal differences into account. This is about putting equality into practice. The key is simply to respect differences fairly, so that you do not exclude anyone, or treat anyone inappropriately or unfairly because of their particular circumstances.

### **Breaching the Code of Conduct**

If any person's behaviour breaches this Code of Conduct, they will be required to leave the meeting and vacate the premises where it is being held. They will not be permitted to attend future meetings unless they provide satisfactory evidence to Northampton Borough Council that they will comply with the Code – e.g. a letter of apology.

If you would like further information or if you would like to discuss the Code of Conduct please contact Vicki Rockall, Partnerships and Communities Manager at [vrockall@northampton.gov.uk](mailto:vrockall@northampton.gov.uk) or on 01604 837074

**Northampton Women’s Forum Action Plan 2014**

<b>Chair:</b>	Cllr Anna King (NBC) and Pauline Woodhouse	<b>Responsible Forum:</b>	Northampton Women’s Forum
<b>Outcomes identified within the Corporate Plan:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Empowered local communities with a greater capacity to become involved in community life</li> <li>• Promote integration and cohesion</li> <li>• Appropriate support provided to those in most need</li> <li>• Services are fair, accessible and responsive to individual needs residents and customers feel informed and engaged in service quality and design</li> <li>• Future developments informed by the views of local people</li> <li>• Delivery of events to celebrate and enjoy the Town’s heritage and culture</li> </ul>		
<b>Priorities agreed for 2014:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Delivering partnership activities collectively – adding value</li> <li>• Communicating together better</li> <li>• Health and wellbeing, including violence against women</li> </ul>		

<b>Actions:</b>							
<b>N</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Owner</b>	<b>Activity (intelligence led)</b>	<b>Timescale</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Measure</b>	<b>Last Updated</b>
	International Women’s Day	Cllr.A King/ N Mejer / VRockall	Anna, Vicki, Nisha and Liz Carroll Wheat met to discuss plans for IWD. Guildhall booked and Nisha and Liz making contact with organisations and performers.	March 2016	£1000.00	Event March 4 <sup>th</sup> 2017	Nov 2016
	Happy Day	N Mejer / P Woodhouse	Partnership Health and Wellbeing ‘Happy’ event led by Northampton Women’s Forum. Event in the Racecourse, with key health partners involved, and cover variety of health issues.  Working group established for this, and plans progressing well.	June 2016	£1000.00	Event delivered – number of attendees	March 2016
	Northamptonshire Rape Crisis Week of Action and Domestic Violence Awareness Week.		Debbie Fergusson to attend Women’s Forum to discuss ideas and ways to support.	October 2017	TBC	TBS	Dec 2016

## Northampton Borough Council - Northampton Women's Forum

Tuesday, 15 November 2016 11am - 1pm

### 1. WELCOMES, INTRODUCTIONS AND APOLOGIES

#### Present:

Cllr Anna King (Co Chair), Pauline Woodhouse (Co – Chair), Bernie Pridgeon (Aquarius), Christine Kent (Aquarius), Neelan Aggarwal-Singh (IHWO), Karolina Zalewska (VOICE Victim Support), Susan Richards (Sorooptimists Northampton), Val Dumbleton (Sorooptimists Northampton), Aimee Luck (Northampton Rape Crisis), Rachel Packman (Northants Police), Alice morgan (NBC), Rutendo Nyatsine (Zimwomen Association), Danielle Reeves (Blackthorn good Neighbours ), Anjona Roy (Northamptonshire Rights and Equality Council), Madeline Boyes (Individual)

#### Apologies:

Louise Musson, Pindy Chahal and Ann Bodsworth

#### 1. Welcomes, introductions and apologies

Cllr Anna King welcomed everyone to the meeting. Introductions were made by everyone in the room. Apologies listed as above.	
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### 2. MINUTES AND MATTER ARISING

Neelam Aggarwal-Singh to be added to previous meeting as apology.  Correction received from Karlina Zalewska about VOICE: VOICE provides emotional and practical support to victims and witnesses of crime and their families. The crime does not have to be reported to the police in order for an individual to receive support. The support can be either face to face or over the telephone and can include practical aspects such as personal alarms, help with filling out forms etc. Voice also have a witness care unit for those victims/witnesses who are going through the CJS. Voice supports victims and witnesses of any type of crime, including Domestic Abuse, Sexual Violence, Historical Abuse and many others.  To encourage diversity and self-referrals from individuals, particularly those of un reported crimes.	
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### 3. AQUARIUS - BERNIE PRIDGEON

Bernie Pridgeon gave a presentation and conducted a quiz about alcohol awareness. Bernie explained the definition of alcohol units and the effect of alcohol on both men and women. Presentation to be emailed to Forum members	
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Free training is also available for groups. Go to <a href="http://aquariusnorthants.eventbrite.com">http://aquariusnorthants.eventbrite.com</a>	
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#### 4. INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

Nisha Mejer gave update on the progress being made for IWD. Steering group – Anna King, Liz Carroll Wheat, Vicki Rockall and Nisha Mejer Application forms to be sent out for stallholders. Performances and workshops booked. International Women's Awards to continue but categories taken away.	NM
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#### 5. ACTION PLAN

Alice Morgan asked the Forum members add for the Action Plan. Following to be added: Northamptonshire Rape Crisis Week of Action and Domestic Violence Awareness Week.	ALL
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#### 6. COMMUNITY INFORMATION EXCHANGE

<p><b>Northants Fire &amp; Rescue</b> The Fire Service carried out a presentation on the Community Protection Plan and asking views of the public of what the future of the Fire Service should be. The Service has adopted a more proactive approach and has reduced callout by 42% over 10 years. <b>Consultation Dates 9 November – 21 December 2016</b></p> <p><b>IHWO</b> Running Chai and Chat weekly and starting Walk and Talk every Monday. Diwali event went successfully.</p> <p><b>Northampton Rape Crisis</b> - Week in Action. Promoted heavily on social media. Please share.</p> <p><b>Blackthorn Good Neighbours</b> Brookside Community Hub opens Mondays and Wednesdays. Invited other communities to use the Hub.</p> <p><b>Child Performance Licensing</b> Cllr King to find out about this issue. Alice Morgan spoke to the lady at County Council who will help and come to the forums. Email can be sent out on request.</p> <p><b>International Men's Day</b> 18<sup>th</sup> November 11am – 3pm in the Market Square.</p> <p><b>NREC</b> Nottinghamshire Police has recognised that misogyny is a Hate Crime. Event being held on 9<sup>th</sup> December at Booth Lane.</p>	ALL
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<p>Focus Group – 10<sup>th</sup> December.</p> <p><b>Pauline Woodhouse</b> Healthwatch conducting a consultation for support services. Advised members to go to website and complete this.</p> <p><b>Women’s Aid</b> Nisha Mejer read out email from Ann Bodsworth. 15 units of refuge accommodation lost in the county, Wellingborough and East Northants have ceased trading. Northampton Women’s Aid is working with the local authority to apply for funding from the DCLG for the existing refuge accommodation in Northampton.</p> <p><b>Vulnerable women</b> This issue was discussed and asked whether to have this as an agenda item for every meeting. Work has previously been done on this and the next stage needs to be looked at and to discuss whether commissioners may need to be involved.</p> <p><b>ACTION:</b> Matter to be discussed with Ann and Debbie Fergusson and to see whether NBC can support.</p>	
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**7. SUGGESTIONS FOR ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**

<p>Madeline Boyes talked about the issue of Care Homes closing down and the impact it has on women, in particular those who have lost partners.</p>	
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**8. AOB**

<p>Domestic Violence - matter to go under Action Plan.</p>	<p><b>AM/NM</b></p>
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**9. DATE AND VENUE FOR FUTURE FORUM MEETINGS**

<p>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2017 11am-1pm. Venue: Guildhall, Northampton (Holding Room)</p>	
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