



# Women, Children and Young People's Newsletter

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This issue contains information in relation to the women's service, the children's service and our women's group between October 2023 - December 2023.

## Black History Month

Black History Month was celebrated in October. This is a time to acknowledge the impact of black heritage and culture within Scottish society.

This year, our women's group were invited by the Coalition for Racial Equality and Rights Scotland (CRER) to participate in their 'Kelvingrove, Museum of Empire' Tour at Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum.

This event was featured as part of the official CRER programming for Black History Month Scotland 2023.

The tour explored the museum's history with the British Empire and slavery, and how these influence the museum's current galleries and displays.

The women's group thoroughly enjoyed the tour and had coffee and cake together afterwards!

## 16 Days Of Activism

The 16 Days of Activism to raise awareness of Gender-Based Violence is an annual international campaign beginning on Nov 25th, the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, and finishing on 10th December, Human Rights Day.

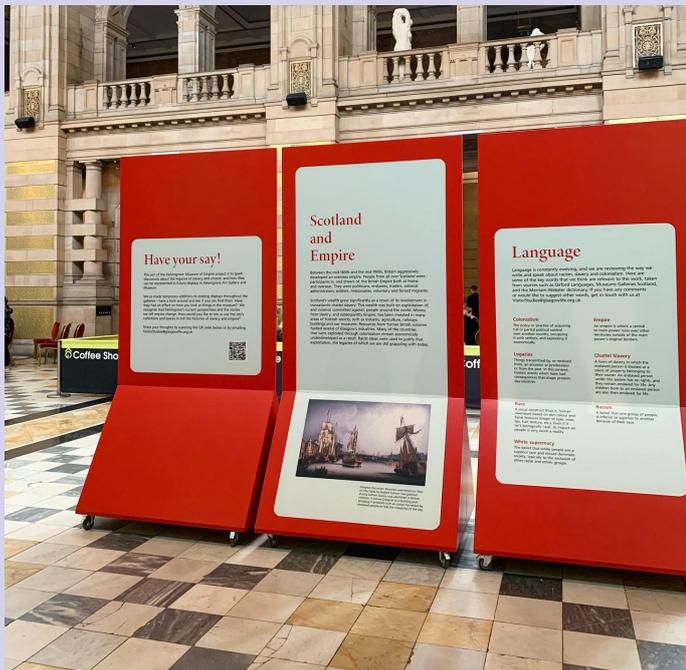
Hemat Gryffe Women's Aid participate in the 16 Days of Activism campaign annually. This year our campaign work was threefold. Information about the many different aspects of our service provision was shared across our social media platforms daily.

In addition, our women's group came together to discuss and share their stories relative to the theme of this year's 16 Days of Activism, 'Imagine a Scotland without Gender-Based Violence.' By sharing their own experiences, the group hoped that women would feel understood and inspired to seek support to leave abusive situations.

**“** *'I'm not just surviving now, I'm actually living.'*

**”** *'I'm finally free.'*

- Quotes from Service Users



Photograph of Tour (pictured above).

We also shared all versions of our Domestic Abuse animation across social media daily, the animation has been translated into a wide range of different languages. Produced in collaboration with Police Scotland - all versions of the animation are available to watch on our YouTube channel, linked below.

<https://www.youtube.com/@hematgryffewomensaid>

We have received lots of positive feedback about the animation and our #16Days campaign work.

We'd also like to take the opportunity to thank our Women's Group for sharing their experiences publicly. The group hope to show others that if you are experiencing abuse you are not alone, there is support available and a brighter future ahead.

## Children's Service

In the school October break, the children and young people in our service had fun bowling all together. They also took a trip to the cinema, thanks to the cinema vouchers provided by KidsOut.

Families in our service visited Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum, and then Kelvin Hall for soft play. This was a wonderful day out!

## Halloween Party

A halloween party was hosted in the refuge. Everyone was dressed up and there were some fantastic costumes!

The party was enjoyed by children, families and staff as everyone joined in dancing and playing games. We dunked for apples, enjoyed snacks and listened to spooky music! Everyone had a great time!



Photographs from Halloween Party

## Thank You!

Hemat Gryffe Women's Aid would like to say a massive thank you to all of our sponsors and those who have donated to our organisation over the festive season.

Thank you to Kids Out, Cash for Kids, Partick Job Centre, Scottish Women's Aid and Scottish Book Trust!

These donations were gratefully received by the women, children and young people we support in our refuge and outreach service.

## Festive Treats

The children in refuge took part in a Christmas card competition for Kids Out, they sent in some amazing submissions!

Lots of fun trips and activities took place over the Christmas holidays. The children visited Santa in his grotto! Everyone also took a trip to George Square to see the Christmas lights, go on the rides and explore the market.

## Christmas Party

There was a Christmas Party at the refuge. The refuge was decorated all Christmassy and we even had a special visitor attend! Santa visited the children, who brought presents for everyone!

Everyone shared food and had fun playing party games, musical statues and pass the parcel.

Thanks are extended to Kids Out, Scottish Book Trust and Partick Job Centre for their generous donations!



Photographs from Christmas Party

We hope you have enjoyed reading our newsletter. The next issue is due to be published in March 2024.

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