



VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS – INTEREST GROUP

This group has involved individual members, clubs and areas undertaking the monitoring of what is happening in their localities, particularly with regard to the motions in the BPW UK Mandate on VAWG and its wider issues. Although we have not put forward any particular motions to our conference since 2008, BPW UK has been very actively involved in preparation for the CSW meetings in New York which have had Violence Against Women and Girls as a major focus, and also in participation at local CEDAW events.

The review of the mandate at Members' Day identified:

- what has been achieved to date and these motions have been archived
- what still needs to be done, especially in light of the government's renewed strategy
- possible motions for conference 2017

In March 2016 the government published its renewed 'Ending Violence Against Women & Girls Strategy', a "radical shift from crisis response to early intervention and prevention". There are a number of significant elements in this strategy that BPW UK can follow closely and monitor local and national activity. These could be incorporated into a new Action Plan for the group. A copy of the strategy is attached to this e-bulletin.

I have recommended that this group becomes a full Working Group – this will entail drawing up Terms of Reference, identifying the mission and aims, and putting together an Action Plan with specific objectives.

Any members who wish to participate in the new Working Group please contact Ann Wiseall at hq@bpwuk.org.uk or Tel: 01277 623867.