



Established 1973

# The Haven Wolverhampton

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**VISION:** The Haven Wolverhamptons vision is for all women and children to live in a society free from oppression, homelessness, violence and abuse and to promote and uphold human rights.

**MISSION:** The Haven Wolverhampton aims to provide support to women and dependent children who are vulnerable to violence and abuse.

The Haven is a registered charity  
No. 1065427

# About The Haven



- Set up in 1973
- The Haven has 5 hostels, The Haven Wolverhampton refuge service can accommodate a total of 33 families with children and up to 13 single women at any one time
- The Community and Advocacy Support service supported 669 women in 2009-2010



INVESTOR IN PEOPLE



- The Project receives Financial Support from:





# Accommodation – 5 Hostels



Between April 2009 and March 2010 The Haven received 1731 referrals to its residential service and accommodated 309 women and 277 children.



# The Haven Wolverhampton Services



- **24hr Helpline**
- **Emergency Accommodation, inc hostel for women experiencing DV and Mental Ill Health**
- **Community and Advocacy Support Services**
- **Resettlement Service**
- **Counselling / Support**
- **Children Services**
- **Housing and Immigration Advice**
- **Specialist Support for Asian Women**
- **Education, Training and Skill Development**
- **International Projects**
- **Volunteers local and international**
- **Financial Inclusion Project (2010-2013)**



# Volunteering and Placements



- Involved project (16-25 yo)
- The 26+ Volunteering service
- EVS (European Voluntary Service) scheme
- Social Work Students placements
- Commonwealth Professional Fellowship (since 2009)

# Training Programmes



- The Haven is an NOCN (National Open College Network) training provider
- The Haven develops and delivers Domestic Violence training programme, units include:
  - DV Awareness
  - Diversity, Sexual Exploitation and DV
  - Working with Children
  - Supporting Victims through the Criminal Justice System
  - Policies, Procedures and Working Practice
  - DV and mental Health
  - DV and Disability
  - Support Services and Structures
  - DV Policy in the Workplace

# Working in Partnership



- Wolverhampton City Council
- Wolverhampton Domestic Violence Forum (WDVF)
- The Specialist Domestic Violence Court
- Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC)
- Housing Support and Social Inclusion Partnership
- Wolverhampton Community Safety Partnership
- Wolverhampton Learning Partnership
- Women of Wolverhampton (WOW) network
- Wolverhampton Primary Care Trust
- Wolverhampton Network Consortium
- Wolverhampton Voluntary Sector Council etc
  
- The Haven is a member of WVSC, NAWO, NCVO, ACEVO, EUCLID, CFDG, WOW, UKNSW



# The Haven International Partnership Strategy - Aims

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- Maintain and develop international **partnerships** with women's organisations abroad.
- Increased **knowledge at strategic level** for the need to improve legal and social systems to reflect the needs of vulnerable women and children.
- Increase knowledge and **awareness of Domestic Violence** at the national and international level, and increasing intolerance of public and government to domestic crime.
- Promote **international collaboration** by facilitating volunteering and fellowship programmes.
- Develop **international networks** to share good practice and innovation.

# Commonwealth Professional Fellowship 2007



## Hasrat Arjjumend, Grassroots India Trust

ACEVO is the nominating organisation



*“Women remain victims of feudalistic institutions and stringent customs in socially divided society. From home to crop field, from home to office, or from home to parliament, women continue to encounter violence.” (Arjjumend, 2007).*



- *Intended impact of fellowship:*  
*the extent to which the Fellowship will have a 'catalytic effect', either within the developing country concerned or in developing continuing links with the UK*

# Commonwealth Professional Fellowship 2010



Barrister Ruth Adimula and Chief Nursing Officer Deborah Afolabi  
Women and Child Watch Initiative (WOCWI), Nigeria



# Commonwealth Professional Fellowship 2010



“Our experiences have provided countless opportunities for knowledge transfer some of which we plan to implement back in Nigeria. These include:

- strengthening counselling services for victims of domestic violence
- providing free legal services for defending the rights of domestic violence victims at police stations and in the Court ;
- supporting groups that advocate passing laws against domestic violence;
- introducing the issue of domestic violence into the State Security Committee meetings, which are similar to MARAC;
- organizing training program for Female Lawyers in Nigeria to strengthen their support for women undergoing domestic violence;
- strengthening advocacy on establishment of Family Courts in relevant States and organising training for Judicial Officers and staff members of established Family Courts in Nigeria; and
- increasing support and collaboration with the Children’s Parliament to ensure children voices are heard and their rights protected.”

# Commonwealth Professional Fellowship 2010



*Deborah, WOCWI, commented that the programme was “an eye opener, that has exposed me to so many global issues and how they can be addressed. The programme was brilliantly designed, coordinated and supervised by the Host organization.”*

*Biola, WOCWI: “I commend the visioners of the Haven, I give kudos to the leadership of this Charity Organisation and I salute the commitment and dedication of Staff Members of this women organization, who have shown to the world that women can help women out of problem to give safety and security to women and children for a better future.”*









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