

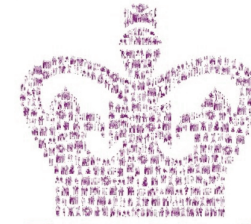
A close-up photograph of several people's hands clasped together in a circle, symbolizing unity and support. The hands are of various skin tones and are positioned in a way that suggests a group hug or a gesture of solidarity. The background is softly blurred, showing more people in a group setting. The overall tone is warm and positive.

Violence against Women and Girls: Social Justice in Action

SIB entry to the SISE regional competition

A joint SI Bournemouth /
Bournemouth University
Conference – June 2023

Educate
Empower
Enable



**The Queen's Award
for Voluntary Service**

The MBE for volunteer groups



**Sorooptimist
International
Bournemouth**



**Bournemouth
University**

The idea



- Members of SIB met with Social Work academics from Bournemouth University to consider the possibilities of a collaborative VAWG event
- The aim was to bring together a wide range of groups to share knowledge and understanding, explore limitations and seek solutions for women experiencing violence

The process

The university provided the venue and academic expertise, the Community Safety Team at BCP Council provided resources for logistics and every single member of SIB contributed, bringing the vision and passion to make it all happen!



STANDING UP
for Women and Girls

So, on June 29, 2023

After considerable joint working, planning, organizing, and communication, everything came together with over 200 attendees arriving from a wide range of backgrounds



The Programme

- True Honour
- Kate Adie CBE in conversation with Paula Harriott from the Prison Reform Trust
- Unity in Vision & female genital mutilation
- White Ribbon (men's perspectives)
- Global themes
- Break out sessions - repeat offending and improving investigations, intoxication and consent, adolescent to parent abuse, SIGBI Special Domestic Abuse Court report, sex working, and an appreciative inquiry to collect data

Welcome to the
Violence Against
Women and Girls:
Social Justice in
Action Conference

Thomas
(Soroptimists)

Professor John
Vinney (VC)



BU Bournemouth
University

Two of the breakout sessions:

Jamie Fletcher (Intoxication and Consent)



Dr Liz Dominey (SDAC project)



The result

A highly successful day where professional, academic, and women's groups came together with police, probation service, social workers and more, to consider how to move towards making VAWG a thing of the past



Next steps

- A joint report has been submitted to the Women and Equalities Committee's inquiry
- A group has formed to continue working together
- BCP is working with SI Bournemouth and SI Poole to run a first series of events during

the 16 Days of Activism 2023

- We have built relationships far and wide with interested parties and started monthly 'Orange' café sessions
- We have had interest from four potential new members so far!

