



International Women's Day Embracing Equity

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Who is AVA?

Feminist
organisation

End gender-based
violence and abuse

Survivor led



National charity,
independent

Multiple
disadvantage and
children and young
people

Training, policy,
research and
consultancy

Who is AVA?



Our Vision

A world without gender-based violence

Our Mission

Working with survivors to end gender-based violence by championing evidence-based change

Who is AVA?



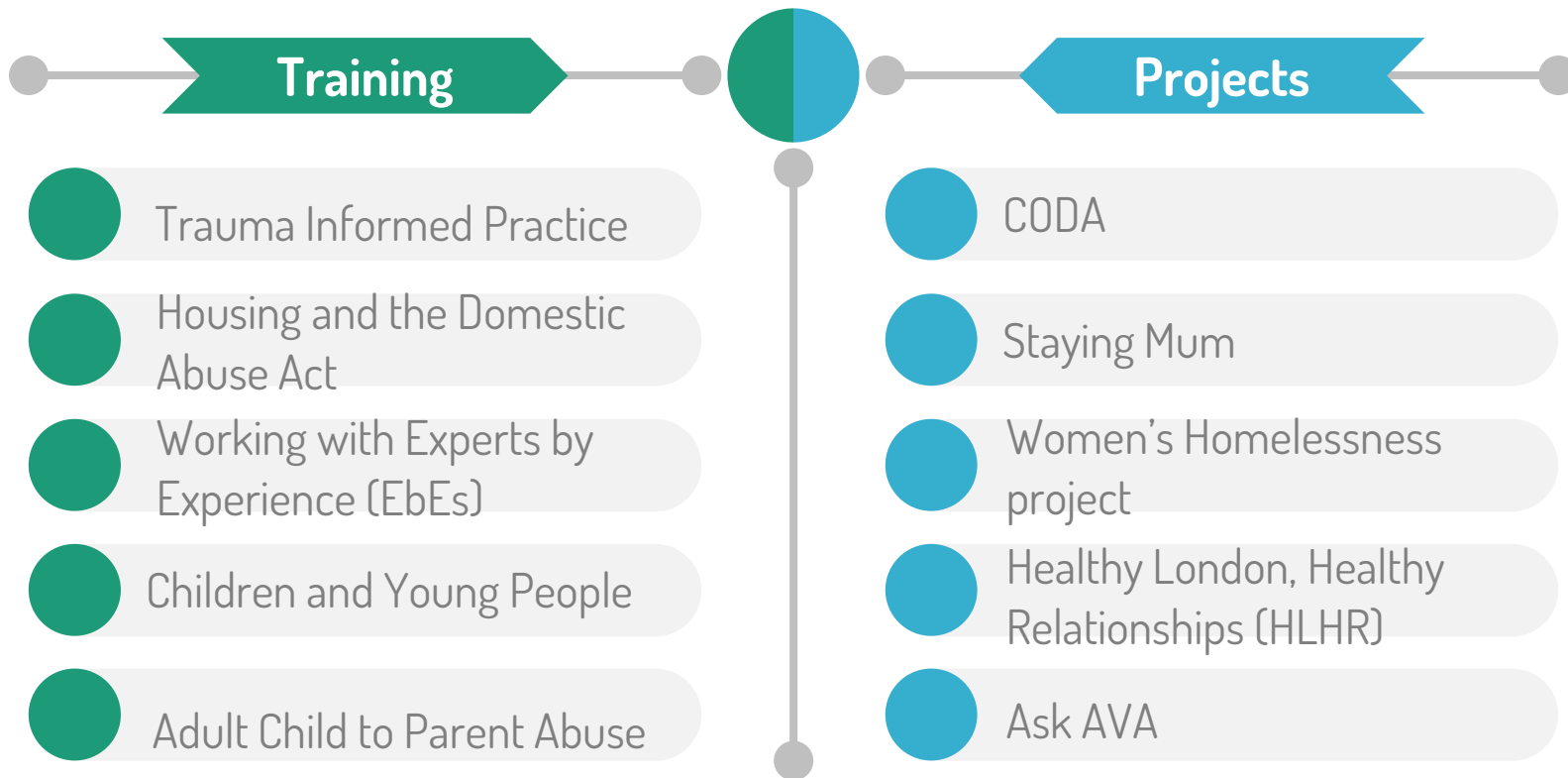
Our Guiding Principles

- Survivors at the heart
- Challenge societal attitudes to change behaviour of individual perpetrators
- Informed by the lived experience of survivors, robust evidence and a passion for equality
- We can make more of a difference in partnership than alone
- We strive to take an intersectional approach to all that we do.

What we do



What we do





CODA – Children overcoming domestic abuse

- A multi-agency 12-week group work programme
- For children, young people and their mothers who have experienced domestic violence.
- Provides a community-based setting
- Primary prevention programme for children
- Trauma-informed and embedded in an attachment-based approach to group work.
- Designed to build skills, knowledge and promote long-term recovery
- Franchised to the main organisation in a local area under licence for three years.

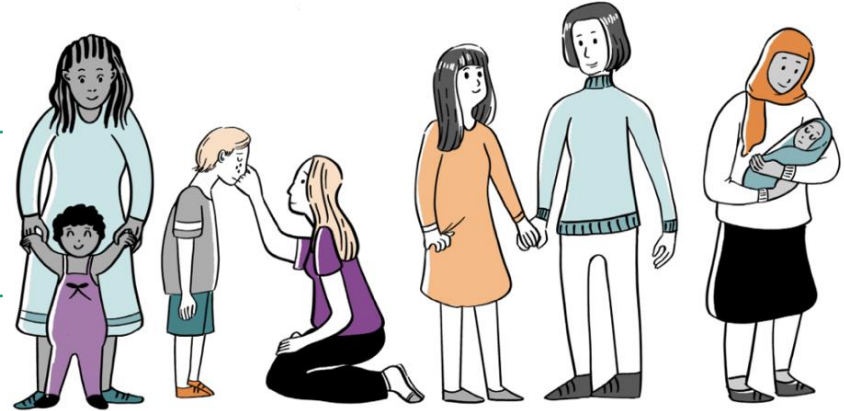
Two-year project, funded by the John Ellerman Foundation

Focuses on women facing domestic abuse and multiple disadvantage/experiences of child removal

Develop professionals' understanding and responses to mothers - child removal increases trauma

Literature review, research briefing, e-learning, digital guides for survivors and professionals (Breathing Space), concluding event.

Staying Mum



Women's Homelessness Project

Three-year project

To develop gender and trauma-informed pathways into secure and safe housing

Co-production with survivors

4 London boroughs, local agencies / women's organisations

Training workshops on trauma/gender informed approaches for housing/other staff, co-production workshops developing pathways to safe housing, toolkits.



HLHR

- Funded by London Councils for 4 years from April 2022
- Prevention work in schools and youth settings across London
- 6 partners: IMECE, IKWRO, Forward, WAGN, Jewish Women's Aid, LAWRS, AVA lead partner
- Combination of digital resources and outreach work



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prevention pioneers
strengthening schools'
responses to tackle and
prevent VAWG.



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Embracing Equity

Incorporate women's lived experience across different levels of the organisation.




Put time into understanding different forms of social disadvantage.



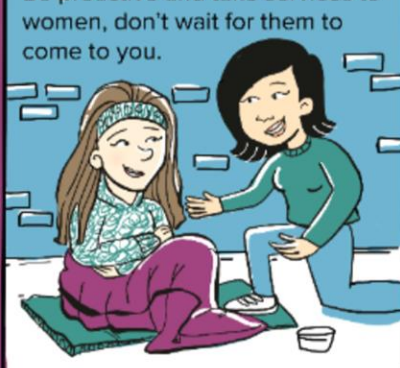


Five key principles for effective working with women


Nominate a female lead to advocate for women in the service.



Be proactive and take services to women, don't wait for them to come to you.



Create women only gender and trauma informed spaces to help those who've experienced violence and trauma feel safe.



Your Call to Action





Thank you

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