

We have developed this series of events to provide an opportunity for on-going professional development and to facilitate networking. These events are aimed at senior members of staff; in particular, those involved in policy development, implementation and evaluation.

Experts from both inside and outside the region facilitate each event. A fundamental objective of the Managing Inclusion Series is to provide an opportunity for managers to view their policies and practices through *'fresh eyes'*. The sessions provide a supportive environment in which to consider and discuss policies and experiences with other professionals.

The structure of each event is designed to offer intensive learning in the morning seminars followed by an interactive workshop and then a panel session in order to explore the themes with an emphasis on the participants' experiences and current challenges.

Women: Walking and Wounded

4 July 2002

Future events in the 2002 Managing Inclusion Series:

Ready, Willing & Able?:

Ensuring your Services are Accessible to People with Disabilities

Managing Empowerment? – Changing Organisational Culture

Practical Policies for Tenancy Sustainment

Materials provided for each event will include:

Course Programme

Handouts for each session

Resource Sheets

Speakers Biographies and Contact Details

Delegate List

Women: Walking and Wounded

The fourth event in the Managing Inclusion Series is aimed at professionals involved in providing housing and support to female clients. This event is not only intended as training for those involved in providing specialist services to women or 'women only' services but also for those providers who have both male and female clients. The day will provide an overview of issues faced by socially excluded women and an opportunity to hear from experts on how to ensure your services provide a safe and appropriate environment for women.

This event is aimed at policy makers, managers and frontline workers who work in the field of social inclusion.

Programme

10am – 10.45am	<p>Issues in Exploitation Theresa Cumbers, The Magdalene Group <i>An introductory session which picks up the core themes of the day – socially excluded women and access to appropriate services. This session focuses on how agencies might consider exploitation and the work of agencies in supporting exploited women.</i></p>
	<p>Refreshment Break</p>
11.00am – 12.00	<p>Gender Bias in Service Delivery Shelter <i>Exploring how homelessness services are biased towards a male client group & ways to move towards equal access to appropriate accommodation. Issues from the Shelter report 'Homelessness: what's gender got to do with it?'</i></p>
	<p>Lunch & Networking</p>
1.00pm – 2.30pm	<p>Workshop Sessions 1. Leeway Creating a secure environment</p> <p>2. The Magdalene Group Providing Opportunities for Change</p> <p>Refreshment Break</p>
3.00pm – 4.00pm	<p>Panel Session <i>This session to be chaired by Theresa Cumbers of the Magdalene Group and all speakers/facilitators to participate. This provides an opportunity for delegates to ask questions and raise any points that they are interested in within the themes of the day.</i></p>

Women: Walking and Wounded The Trainers

The Magdalene Group Leeway

The Magdalene Group provides services to women involved in prostitution. These include Drop-in and Street outreach services as well as social events and activities which include sports, IT, basic skills and art & crafts. The Magdalene Group aims to enable women to rebuild healthy relationships by providing supervised visits.

The Magdalene Group also works to prevent the exploitation and abuse of women through education in schools and colleges. They aim to work on breaking the cycle of families whose lives are affected by prostitution.

The Magdalene Group provides their clients with opportunities for change through capacity building and working with other agencies to provide safe houses.

The Magdalene Group also provides re education for abusers of women.

Leeway provides advice and support to women and children in Norwich and from those seeking refuge from other areas of Britain. They provide a confidential, specialised, safe, effective and supportive service for women and children who have experienced physical, mental and/or sexual abuse. Leeway provides short term accommodation, advice and support to single women and women with children who experience domestic violence. Each year around 70 women and 120 children live at Leeway and approximately 150 more contact us for advice and support but do not use our accommodation. 50% of women come from Norfolk and the other 50% come from other areas within East Anglia and the rest of England because they don't feel safe to stay in their own area.

Leeway aims to empower women and children so they can make independent choices and decisions about their lives and determine their own future. Leeway also aims to recognise the effect that domestic violence has on children whether direct or indirect. To work with the children and provide support to help them come to terms with their experiences, and to ensure that the welfare and safety of children within the refuge is paramount.

'Homelessness: what's gender got to do with it?'

'Sexism is affecting the provision of services to homeless people, according to new research by Shelter. While services may claim to be gender neutral the report found 'historical, structural and social factors' that lead to a gender bias in service delivery. The report, by Helen Cramer and Mary Carter, says: 'The use of discretion in the provision of help and support for homeless people appeared to lead to different treatment for women and men.' Shelter recommends that best value reviews should examine the use of discretionary powers by housing and homelessness workers.' (Inside Housing May 2002).

To order a copy of the report please telephone 020 7505 2043, £12.50 plus £1.50 p&p.

'Where is she tonight?'

This report written by Audrey Stewart explores the issues behind prostitution, drugs and homelessness through the voices of women using a project in Glasgow. This resource may be of interest for workers who come into contact with women who are involved in prostitution.

To order your free copy please telephone Base 75 0141 204 3712 or email audreybase75@aol.com

Both reports along with other relevant resources are available for member's use in the VHG Resource

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 The programme may be subject to changes through circumstances beyond our control. If for any reason this event is cancelled fees will be refunded in full.*

