



By Merly Åsbogård, political scientist & prostitution survivor.

That I came into child prostitution because I was a girl and I was brutalized because I was black, could be the answer even if it does not give a clear idea of truth as the truth itself runs deeper than that.

[Which was Worse, Racism or Sexism? — FILiA](#)



Rules of the Game. Until 2017, the politics of being a woman in a man's world had never really interested us until Harvey Weinstein went down for it, and then suddenly everyone wanted to know the gory details. What was too nasty, unpleasant and shocking in 2010 became hard currency in 2017, and it was OK to be a woman, writing about women and assault and that insidious place we all occupy when our gender defines our status, our power, our jobs, our roles, our identities and we must either play the game or let it destroy us. [BBC Blogs - BBC Writersroom - Rules of the Game](#)

Useful numbers

You can find out more about **Rape Crisis** services in local areas by calling the **National Helpline** provided by [Rape Crisis South London:](#)

0808 802 9999 (12:00-14:30 and 19:00-21:30 daily)

<https://rapecrisis.org.uk/get-help/find-a-rape-crisis-centre/>

Endeavour - domestic abuse services including pet fostering service **01204 394842**

<https://www.endeavourproject.org.uk/leaflets/EndeavourServices.pdf>

Greater Manchester Domestic Abuse Helpline is open Monday – Friday 10am - 4pm **0800 254 0909**

Urdu & Punjabi speaking workers.

Paladin – National Stalking Advocacy Service **020 3866 4107**

Rights of Women - providing women with free, confidential legal advice <https://rightsofwomen.org.uk/>

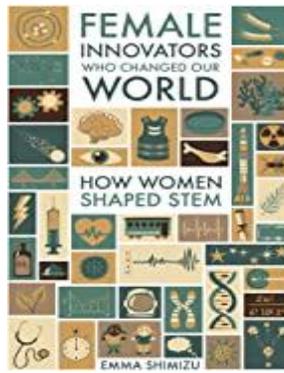
Safety4Sisters - support for women experiencing abuse and who have an immigration issue

0161 464 9505 07591 359733 Mon-Thur 10-4pm

Trafford Domestic Abuse Service (for people living in Trafford) call or text on **07534 066029**

Women's Aid Live Chat <https://chat.womensaid.org.uk/>

24-hour Domestic Abuse Helpline 0800 2000 247



We are not all born with equal opportunities. Yet there have been countless women who have overcome a range of barriers such as prejudice, illness, and personal tragedy to advance our understanding of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM).

SEX & POWER INDEX 2022. Fawcett's Sex and Power 2022 Index is a biennial report which charts the progress towards equal representation for women in top jobs across the UK. Yet again, the report reveals the pace of change is glacial in the majority of sectors and shows that women are outnumbered by men 2:1 in positions of power. Women of colour are vastly under-represented at the highest levels of many sectors and alarmingly, they are missing altogether from senior roles such as Supreme Court Justices, Metro Mayors, Police and Crime Commissioners and FTSE 100 CEOs. [Download.ashx \(fawcettsociety.org.uk\)](#)



[Silent Disco and Afternoon Tea- International Women's Day Celebration 2022](#)
[Tickets, Multiple Dates | Eventbrite](#)



In May 2022, the Menopause Bus will take to the streets of Manchester with an onboard choir of people who want to make a noise about menopause. Musicians from Manchester and Switzerland will create brand new songs based on the experiences of people personally affected by the subject.

[THE MENOPAUSE BUS CHOIR - SICK! Festival \(sickfestival.com\)](#)



Domestic Abuse Safeguarding During Covid-19: Challenges and Opportunities

Free Online Conference: Tuesday 1st March 2022, 9.30am – 1pm

The DASC Research Team would like to welcome you to our online conference to share novel findings across our mixed-methods UKRI ESRC study (Grant reference ES/V015745/1). Data was ascertained from a national survey for safeguarding professionals as well as interviews with safeguarding leads, practitioners and survivors of domestic abuse, in addition to statistical analysis of domestic abuse management information data across two police forces.

The study specifically focused on:

- How domestic abuse safeguarding interventions and processes in different agencies have changed due to Covid-19, at strategic and operational levels.
- The effect of Covid-19 on the identification of domestic abuse survivors and their children and on the support, protection and safeguarding which they received during lockdown.
- Ongoing lessons for multi-agency arrangements during a pandemic to enable effective identification, recording and response to safeguard domestic abuse victims from abuse, particularly from minoritised groups.

Presenters will include:

Professor Khatidja Chantler (Manchester Met. University)

Dr Gayatri Nambiar-Greenwood (Manchester Met. University)

Margaret Struthers and Dr Debbie Thackray (Manchester Met. University)

Dr Lis Bates and Melanie-Jane Stoneman (UCLAN, Open University)

Dr Michelle McManus and Emma Ball (LJMU)

Book your place:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/domestic-abuse-safeguarding-during-covid-19-challenges-and-opportunities-tickets-244385281957>

Further information:

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www.domesticabuse-safeguarding-covid19.co.uk

