

From margins to mainstream: transforming policy responses to violence against women in Scotland

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Biography

Lily Greenan is an independent consultant, trainer and researcher with more than 30 years experience in developing policy and practice to address violence against women. She has worked within the public sector and the NGO sector and was chief executive of Scottish Women's Aid until 2015. She is an Honorary Fellow of the University of Edinburgh (School of Social and Political Science).

In June 2016 she was awarded an Honorary Doctorate by the University of Glasgow in recognition of her work to address and eliminate violence against women.

Abstract

This year marks two significant anniversaries for those involved in tackling violence against women in Scotland. In 1976, the first Rape Crisis Centre began to operate in Glasgow. In the same year, the network of local Women's Aid groups that had been developing in Scotland since 1973 established a national office to lead on campaigning for improved responses to domestic violence.

In 1976, the work done by women's organisations to raise awareness of the prevalence and impact of violence against women received scant attention from public institutions or society in general.

Forty years on, the landscape looks very different. In all spheres of public and political life there is recognition and acceptance of the need for effective policy and practice responses to reduce the impact of violence against women, and ultimately to eliminate it.

This talk will consider how this change in societal and institutional awareness has come about, and whether the issue of violence against women has moved irrevocably from the margins to the mainstream of policy.