

BSA Violence against Women Study Group

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Annual Report for Year 2012

1. Established:

1985

2. Current Membership Figure:

101

3. SG Expenditure: 0

SG Income: 0

4. Aims of Study Group:

The aim of the Study Group is to provide a feminist (woman only) space for academics, students, practitioners and activists to analyze violence against women, to network, share work and ideas, foster thoughts and interest and to support each other in working to combat violence against women.

5. Review of Year:

a. Conveners

Natalie Hammond and Carol Rivas remain as study group convenors and would like to thank all members for their continued support and commitment to the group.

b. Mailing list

Aside from the BSA conference and study group meeting, there has been no other formal study group event held in 2012. Members have however communicated with each other throughout the year regarding their work, related events and anything thought to be of interest to the group. The mailing list thus continues to be a useful resource for support and information sharing. A mailing list has been set up and it is hoped it will be easier for members to communicate by removing the need to contact the group conveners to send around news or updates.

c. Going forward

Both Carol and Natalie have decided that for the coming year developing the VAW study group would again be a key priority. The development of the group will be discussed at the BSA conference 2013 to be held in London via a formal study group meeting. This meeting will for the start of a process of drawing up a full action plan of realistic and achievable objectives after the conference.

6. Key Activities :

a. Annual Conference 2012

The 2012 BSA conference held 11th-13th April in Leeds was a real success for the study group. We continue to have a number of paper sessions which provoked interest and debate. The magnificently well attended Violence Against Women study group plenary, which formed part of the Law, Crime and Rights stream, was titled Gender, Violence and the Cuts. Professor Marianne Hester, Professor Liz Kelly and Professor Sylvia Walby gave excellent presentations exploring the implications of current austerity measures for gendered violence as a social issue. The study group meeting was attended by a number of members and new members. Discussion focused around taking the group forward and items such as social media, the gendering of membership, the purpose of the group and study group events were discussed. It was agreed that a consultation document would be sent round the study group after the conference. This took place but unfortunately there were limited responses. However, the enthusiasm for the study group and presence at the conference demonstrate the importance of the study group and so we will work with the ideas suggested during the conference meeting.

7. Concluding Remarks:

We are looking forward to taking the study group forward. We are hoping that 2013 will be an exciting year for the VAW study group and look forward to these exciting times ahead. Finally, we would like to thank all study group members for their contribution and commitment to taking the group forward and we look forward to continuing to work with them during the coming year.

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