

BSA Violence against Women Study Group Annual Report

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1. **Established:** 1985

2. **Current Membership Figure:** 136 of 15% are BSA members.

3. **Income, expenditure and balance**

Opening Balance 01/01/2015	£1100.99
Income	£ 990.00
Expenditure	£ 580.43
Closing Balance	£1510.56

4. **Aims of Study Group:**

To provide a feminist space for academics, students, practitioners and activists to analyse 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. **Summary of activities undertaken**

Development Work

- Social media account officers appointed (Stephen Burrell – twitter; Claire McQuoid – blog & website)
- Olivia Smith stepped down as co-convenor due to pressure of work, Ceryl Davies was elected as new co-convenor. The Study Group would like to thank Olivia for her hard work and welcome Ceryl to the team.
- Started work on edited collection from Study Group activities 2015 onwards
- Two successful events (Chester March 2016, Gloucestershire June 2016)
- Members have 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.

Events

8th March 2016 – study day at University of Chester - Working towards women's freedom from violence

On International Women's Day, delegates and speakers from around the UK gathered to hear about innovative work supporting women's freedom from violence. Opportunities to bring together practitioners, academics and survivors are rare, scarcer still are such opportunities which manage to actively de-hierarchalise themselves. The day provided an arena to engage in discussions around contemporary approaches to the violence against women agenda. The day received excellent evaluations.



Co-Convenors June Keeling (left) and Louise Livesey (right) talking about the work of the Study Group

3rd June 2016 – study day at University of Gloucestershire – Learning about violence against women and girls

Focussing on bringing together practitioners, practitioner-academics and academics, this event focussed on knowledge sharing and foregrounding the voice of victims and survivors. The audience was a diverse mix leading to a very energetic and welcoming, relaxed event. Feedback was enthusiastic – despite on 39% of the audience knowing a lot or a little about the BSA Study Group before the event, 100% said they would definitely or probably attend another event and/or recommend them to a colleague.

Feedback extracts:

- I feel this has been a very special day for me as a woman and a professional. I've learnt so much and feel inspired to continue to develop.
- Very interesting range of speakers, excellent
- Very relaxed and informal
- Great atmosphere; speakers were like jewels in a setting, a different, fresh and lively. Quite varied, well moderated, what nice, interesting people!
- Lots of valid, compelling presentations
- Such great organization – speakers so different and all fascinating. Most of all a relaxed atmosphere
- Really liked the inclusion of survivors voices
- A good mix of speakers and very appropriate to the topic. Definitely the best bit was the feedback from survivors
- Fantastic to have a survivors' panel speak – positively – in spite of their experiences.

6. Summary of activities planned for the coming year

- Develop set of guidelines about use of Twitter account to promote member's work and BSA VAW and ensure that the Twitter account is always active, at the very least with retweeting stuff on a daily basis, to raise the profile of the group and provide a useful source of information about relevant news, events and research for those doing work (academic or practice) around men's violence against women.
- Develop blog and website to promote members work and BSA VAW particularly PhD, Early Career and Outside Academia (1 post per month goal)
- Continue work on Study Group's first new book on VAW
- Ensure geographic spread of BSA VAW Study Days
- Engage with BSA membership development officer to develop BSA membership within study group
- Engage with conference event though costs preclude Co-Convenor attendance.

7. The names and contact emails of the convenor(s) and other officers

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