



# FAMILIAS Friends' Events 2016

## Raising Awareness of Domestic Abuse

This year FAMILIAS is again hosting a series of 4 events across England and Wales, each one providing an introduction to the challenge of responding appropriately to disclosures of domestic abuse.



Statistics compiled by Women's Aid suggest that 31% women and 18% men have experienced domestic abuse since the age of 16 years. This amounts to 5 million women and 2.9 million men. Since 2008 a Domestic Abuse Working Group at the Bishops' Conference has been raising awareness about domestic abuse within the Catholic community. FAMILIAS are delighted to welcome from the Working Group, Nikki Dhillon-Keane, a counsellor with extensive experience of working with victims of domestic abuse, who will guide participants through:

- understanding the prevalence and types of domestic abuse
- considering appropriate responses when someone shows signs of domestic abuse
- looking at how we might develop local responses in our own dioceses, parishes, schools, communities, networks and organisations

**Entry:** £10 for FAMILIAS members, associates and friends; others £20

**NB** Booking is essential – please contact the local coordinator for each event

*All events run from 10.00 for 10.30am until 3.00pm.*

<p><b>Bristol 9th May</b> Holy Family Church, Southsea Road, Patchway, BS34 5BP <b>Contact:</b> Anne-Marie Sparrow T:01275 460288 Email: annemarie.sparrow @cliftondiocese.com <i>Lunch provided</i></p>	<p><b>Cardiff 10th May</b> Pastoral Centre, 910 Newport Road, Rumney, CF3 4LL. <b>Contact:</b> Joanne White T: 02920 365964 Email: parenting @rcadc.org <i>Lunch provided</i></p>	<p><b>CANCELLED</b> <b>London 16th May</b> The Amigo Hall, St George's Cathedral, Lambeth Rd, SE1 6HR <b>Contact:</b> Phil Pond T: 020 8651 2477 Email: philippond @blueyonder.co.uk</p>	<p><b>Stockport 13th June</b> Our Lady &amp; The Apostles Church Hall, Shaw Heath, Edgeley, SK3 8BQ <b>Contact:</b> Margaret Hinton T: 07842 596878 Email: margaretmfl @hotmail.co.uk <i>Lunch provided</i></p>
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All are welcome but we would particularly welcome marriage preparation providers and counsellors, clergy, safeguarding coordinators, chaplains, school personnel, MFL Commission members, parenting facilitators, catechists, anyone involved in pastoral ministry and those affected by domestic abuse.