

Bristol Zero Tolerance

A large, dark blue, stylized letter 'Z' logo, which is the primary symbol for the Zero Tolerance Bristol campaign.

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a city free from gender-based violence,
abuse, harassment and exploitation

What is Bristol Zero Tolerance?

Bristol Zero Tolerance is a new initiative working towards Bristol becoming a city free from gender-based violence, abuse, harassment and exploitation. Bristol is the first city in England to take on this challenge and we hope that it will inspire other cities to implement similar initiatives.

We are working with the City Council and other bodies to bring together existing action on gender-based violence across the city and are encouraging and supporting other organisations to sign up and take action on this important issue.

What is gender-based violence?

Bristol Zero Tolerance understands gender-based violence to be related to social expectations and positions based on real or perceived gender (whether male, female or non-binary) and as an expression of power inequalities. Therefore anyone can be the victim of gender-based violence, however, we know that the majority of persons affected by gender-based violence are women and girls as a result of unequal distribution of power in society between women and men.

Gender-based violence includes domestic and sexual violence and abuse of adults and children, sexual exploitation, female genital mutilation (FGM), forced marriage, 'honour' based violence, sexual harassment and hate crimes. Gender-based violence is not exclusive, it affects everyone regardless of background and so everyone must work together to tackle this problem.

How to get involved

You can support the Bristol Zero Tolerance initiative as an individual or as an organisation or business. In order to eradicate gender-based violence, we need to have a shared understanding, approach and commitment.

- Spread the word about the initiative and encourage your workplace, educational institution or other organisations to sign up and take action.
- Sign your organisation or business up to the pledge and create an action plan for your employees and customers or service users.

Prevention Network

Bristol Zero Tolerance run the Prevention Network which is open to anyone in Bristol working on gender-based violence prevention. The aim is to develop a multi-agency approach to prevention work on gender-based violence by working together and sharing ideas and knowledge; promoting and developing prevention services; and promoting public awareness of prevention work in Bristol.

The Network meets bi-monthly and the next confirmed dates in 2016 are:

- Tuesday May 24th
- Tuesday July 26th
- Tuesday September 27th

Meetings take place 12-2pm at the Kings Centre, 16-18 King Square, Bristol BS2 8AZ. To attend please contact alex@bristolwomensvoice.org.uk

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