

## **Cross Party Group on Faith meeting**

### ***Women, Violence and Faith Communities***

Conference Room 21, Ty Hywel on Tuesday 5 November from 12:15-13:15

#### Present

1. Anna Buchanan, Older People's Commissioner for Wales
2. Anna Mihangel, Older People's Commissioner for Wales
3. Andrew RT Davies AM for South Wales Central
4. Carol Wardman, Church in Wales
5. Catherine Evans, Support staff for Darren Millar AM
6. Cecilia Taylor-Camara, Catholic Trust for England and Wales
7. Claire Stowell, Support staff for Rebecca Evans AM
8. Darren Millar AM for Clwyd West, Chair (chair for first half of meeting)
9. Elfed Godding, Evangelical Alliance Wales
10. Emline Makin, Evangelical Alliance Wales
11. Fatima Ali, Oxfam Cymru
12. Gethin Russell-Jones, Rhiwbina Baptist Church
13. Jan Pickles OBE, NSPCC
14. Jim Stewart, Evangelical Alliance Wales, Secretary
15. John Partington, Assemblies of God
16. Josephine Wakeling, Restored – Ending Violence Against Women (Speaker)
17. Kate Carr, NSPCC
18. Mari MacNeill, Christian Aid Wales
19. Martyn Jones, Older People's Commissioner for Wales
20. Mohammad Asghar AM for South Wales East
21. Peggy Jackson, Church in Wales
22. Rebecca Evans AM for Mid and West Wales, Vice-Chair (chair for discussion period)
23. Rhiannon Hedge, NUS
24. Russell George AM for Montgomeryshire
25. Sally Thomas, United Reform Church
26. Shirley Sleight, Cardiff Reform Synagogue
27. Stanley Sofa, South Wales Jewish Representative Council
28. Tim Rowlands, Support staff for Darren Millar AM
29. Tina Reece, Welsh Women's Aid

*This Cross Party Group does not make a distinction between group members and external guests with places for meetings being allocated on a first-come-first-served basis.*

Minutes:

1. Darren Millar AM welcomed everyone, noted apologies from AMs and asked everyone to briefly introduce themselves.
2. The Chair noted that there were no matters arising from the previous meeting.
3. The following individuals were re-elected to their posts, having been nominated and seconded at the meeting:
  - a. Darren Millar AM – Chair
  - b. Rebecca Evans AM – Vice-Chair
  - c. Jim Stewart, Evangelical Alliance Wales - Secretary
4. Josephine Wakeling from the Christian charity *Restored – Ending Violence Against Women* was introduced and gave a presentation on *Women, Violence and Faith Communities*.
5. The presentation was followed by a time of discussion and Q&A, with this part of the meeting chaired by Rebecca Evans AM
6. Action points from the meeting were:
  - a. To compile a list of signposting resources and distribute with members
  - b. To locate and distribute any all-Wales guidance on policies/practices for protection of vulnerable adults that can be used in faith settings.
  - c. To write to the Minister signalling the group's intention to support Welsh Government work in combating violence against women, including examples of good practice from different faith communities.
7. The meeting was closed by Rebecca Evans AM with details of the next meeting to be circulated via email by Jim Stewart.