



WomenCentre

ANNUAL REPORT

2025-2026

Together
we can



A message from the CEO and Co-Chairs

Welcome to this year's Annual Report. It is a pleasure to reflect on another busy year for WomenCentre, which as always, has seen us rise to challenges but also brought us excitement.

We've continued to see increasing demand for our services across the board, and staff and volunteer teams have worked tirelessly to respond to this demand and meet the needs of people coming to us for support. We've significantly expanded our domestic abuse support service offer in Kirklees bringing in new staff and expertise. The Board are also really pleased to have appointed a new CEO as Angela Everson, our long serving CEO, headed off onto the next stage of her life journey.

We'd both like to thank our staff, volunteers, members and supporters for their continued dedication to WomenCentre and their investment in the lives of the women, girls and clients we support. We hope that you enjoy reading the highlights of our year in this Annual Report.

Hamira Shah and Kath Marczewski
Co-Chairs of Board of Trustees

Welcome to my final Annual Report. After a long and rewarding career with WomenCentre I have now handed over the reins to Amanda Christie, who joined us in May following 12 years running a multi-agency complex needs hub.

During the year we have continued to deliver high quality and responsive support to women and girls seeking our support. We have also maintained our seat at the strategic table, working with local, West Yorkshire and national partners to ensure that women's voices are heard and respected.

The future always presents many unknowns, but we are sure of our priorities in supporting women and girls and our commitment to this ensuring our person-centred approach and trauma informed practice remain at the core of our work.

Angela Everson, CEO

"I liked today and don't feel so alone anymore. I know it is not just in my head, other women have similar experiences."



Achievements

Statistics & Highlights

562

were supported by
Kirklees Women's
Mental Health

1648

people accessed
Calderdale Staying
Safe Domestic
Abuse Services

we received
5365
referrals across
all services

we delivered
1943

counselling sessions
across all services

35

women received 1:1
support to keep
safer online

91

volunteers provided

5309

hours of support at a
monetary value of
£79,313

Socials



Impressions

240,000



Website Traffic

11,600



Social Views

880,000



Followers on socials

5,600

"Our conversations gave me the roots I needed to see what I already knew but was avoiding. When I first came to you, my confidence was the lowest in my life. You helped me realise I don't need a man or substances to feel good about myself."



Impact

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Coming to this group has made me feel that I am not alone and this has made a big difference to how I have been feeling and dealing with my problems over the last few weeks. This place is wonderful, I wish I had known about it sooner.

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Attending the women's group has made such a difference to me, my life and my outlook in how I should embrace life. I would like to continue with these meetings as I find that the work with Judy has been such an eye opener to my growing old with menopause.

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Everything is great. I am boosted up by the people. I feel like I matter. I have got stronger, and I feel like a person instead of just a body. I do more with other people now.

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My life has changed a great deal these last few months, I feel healthier, stronger and more confident. I am rebuilding relationships and I have got my children back, Thank you, you have been amazing.



Corporates

We have 4 Corporate supporters at present and we would really like more local businesses to be involved with us. Suma Wholefoods are a great example, not only are they a Gold Supporter but they provide us with donations, encourage membership, support events, spread the word and much more. We hold annual events for International Women's day, as pictured. The weekender Coffee Lounge in Todmorden have also joined us this year as a Gold Supporter proving that small businesses can make an equal difference. If you would like to be involved just send a message to maxine.edwards@womencentre.org.uk

Volunteers

Every June we celebrate our volunteers in National Volunteers Week. Our volunteers are vital to the success of WomenCentre and help us provide all the services we offer. We regularly nominate our volunteers for local and national awards.



91

Volunteers

Members

We have 398 members. From just £15 per year you can join us. You will receive newsletters and updates and invites to events and most importantly help us to support local women. <https://bit.ly/WomenCentreMember>



398

Members

Ambassadors

We have 3 Matrons and Ambassadors as listed on our website. The role involves promoting WomenCentre and supporting us with an event each year. Get in touch if you would be interested.



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Matrons and Ambassadors

Fundraising

During 2025/26 staff, volunteers and supporters continued their commitment to celebrate our 40 year history with activities, awareness raising and fundraising events. Here is a snapshot of just some of the incredible events across the year.



An evening of music, song and words to warm the heart and bridge

Tickets £6
£3 concessions

Available from
WomenCentre
(Huddersfield, Dewsbury and Halifax centres)

Tel: 01484 450866 or 01422 386500
Email: emily.druce@womenscentre.org.uk

ENTERTAINMENT AND SO MUCH MORE

Saturday 19th July
Cellar Theatre
Doors 7pm for a 7.30 start

Raising Awareness

We got out and about at community events during the year. Staff and volunteers united in orange for #16daysofaction supporting the international initiative to end domestic violence.



Voice and Influence

Reclaim the Night walks in Kirklees and Calderdale, supported the campaign to end Violence against Women and Girls led by the West Yorkshire Combine Authority and the Mayor of West Yorkshire Tracy Brabin.



Calderdale



Calderdale Staying Safe domestic abuse support service continued to respond to high levels of referrals from multi agency partners as well as self referrals for support. The service support victims who are at high, medium and standard risk of domestic abuse. The team also host staff from the West Yorkshire Pathfinder family court service and new Stalking and Harassment (Safer Steps) project.

Recovery courses – Freedom Programme, Moving Forward, This is Me and Own my Life were well attended and participants gave excellent feedback on improvements to their confidence and self-knowledge.

Women Making Changes in Calderdale worked alongside the daily drop-in volunteer team, offering support to women with more complex needs, including housing, financial hardship, parenting and data poverty.



Behaviour Change

WomenCentre have continued to develop their behaviour change work through the LEVEL LGBTQ+ programme and more latterly the refreshed MAZE behaviour change programme which was re-commissioned in Calderdale. Both programmes work with perpetrators of domestic abuse with the aim of enabling them to recognise, take responsibility for and change their behaviour. The programmes are intensive but aim to address the root cause of domestic abuse in our communities.

KDASS – Kirklees domestic abuse special support This team offers specialist support to medium risk victims of domestic abuse. Often victims have multiple issues alongside domestic abuse and the specialist team works closely with partner agencies within the KDASS partnership to bring about improved safety and wellbeing outcomes.

KBOP – Kirklees Better Outcomes Partnership This is a new Kirklees service delivered by WomenCentre focusing on homelessness prevention with multi-agency partners. The service was commissioned in the final quarter of the year, and we look forward to establishing the team and growing its service support.

Women’s Mental Health and Wellbeing service delivered in Dewsbury and Huddersfield has continued to offer a wide range of services to support and strengthen women’s self knowledge, confidence and resilience. Courses, groups and drop-in sessions have proved to be popular, in particular the therapeutic music, art and movement creative sessions.



→ Counselling

Counselling in WomenCentre is a key part of our women’s recovery offer with services across Calderdale, Kirklees and Bradford. Counsellors work in line with BACP guidelines and practice trauma informed, person-centred support in a safe space.

→ Project 1125

Our 1125 project has produced a great annual report, in collaboration with the girls and young women who have used the project to amplify their voices about the experiences and challenges they face as they transition from childhood into young adulthood.

→ ASEP Project

The Adult Sexual Exploitation Partnership specialist workers have supported women and young girls who have or are still experiencing sexual exploitation, including grooming – this work is complex and demanding of both the girls and young women and the small specialist staff team. The partnership, which is made up of organisations across Yorkshire and the North East share their learning and contribute to national conversations and policy around this often hidden area of exploitation.

40 YEARS OF WomenCentre



The 40th celebrations continued from winning the prestigious small/medium organisation Northern Power Women's Award, to planting 40 trees for 40 years in parks across Kirklees and Calderdale.



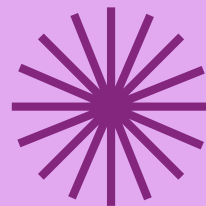
We held a service in Halifax Minster and women, volunteers and staff created the beautiful banner below to celebrate 40 years of services supporting over 150,000 women and children.



We attended lots of local community events to raise awareness and much needed funds so we can continue supporting local women and representing their voices for the next 40 years.



Finance and funding



We'd like to thank all our funders and donors for their *generous support*



INCOME
£1,999,183

EXPENDITURE
£2,012,391

We'd like to express our thanks to all of our funders including our valued Members, Corporate Supporters and fundraisers. We also thank our Commissioners, Trusts and Foundation funders for their continued support and their confidence in us to deliver services which support people in our communities.

Membership donations £5,327
General donations £25,127
Gift Aid reclaimed of £3,045

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