

16 Days of Action 2021

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

16 Days of Action is a national campaign to raise awareness that domestic abuse and sexual violence is not OK.

Working with our partners across the Bay, we have put together a programme of events, activities, and resources which we hope will not only help to raise awareness locally but also encourage people to come forward and access some of the many local services that are available and working to support victims of abuse.

Please note that the below information is correct at time of publishing but is subject to change and you are advised to check back throughout the 16 days for up-to-date information and times.

From Thursday 25 November until 10 December

Torbay Libraries

Our 4 libraries across Torbay will each have a dedicated information point with reference information, books you can loan out, a directory of local and national support services. A fully trained member of staff will also be on hand if you need any further advice and guidance and can offer you a confidential and space if you need it.

For further information and opening times, please visit; librariesunlimited.org.uk

Support Services Projections

Look out for useful numbers and support services for victims and families of domestic abuse and violence video projection in both Brixham and Torquay over the course of the 16 days of action.

Sofa on Tour

Join a range of experts and professionals on the sofa to talk about things that may be affecting your life. The sofa will be in different locations across the Bay over the course of the 16 days of action. Experts will be on hand to offer advice and support and more importantly, to listen.

25 November 10am – 2pm

Lidl Square, Paignton

26 November 10am – 2pm	Union Square, Torquay
1 December 10am – 2pm	Brixham Harbour
2 December 10am – 2pm	St Marychurch Precinct, Torquay
7 December 10am – 2pm	Paignton Green

Standing Tall Against Abuse Film Collage

Look out for Emberlens film company who will be visiting key services, employers, and communities to encourage them to support the 16 Days of Action campaign by holding up the placard with the message, Standing Tall Against Abuse.

The footage will then be used to create a collage of the event to be screened on the last day of the event.

Emberlens Productions is a film production company established in 2015 by Film Producer John Tomkins.

Thursday 25 November

Launch of 16 Days of Action and White Ribbon Day

Thursday 25 November is White Ribbon Day across the UK. White Ribbon is a leading charity engaging with men and boys to end violence against women. To mark the day our illuminations across Paignton and Preston will remain white for a period of time on Thursday evening to mark White Ribbon Day, raising awareness of the work of the charity.

As part of this year's White Ribbon Day, we are pleased to announce that Torbay Council has renewed its White Ribbon accreditation demonstrating its hard work and commitment to helping to stamp out violence against women in Torbay.

Riviera FM Radio:

Interview with Chief Executive of White Ribbon UK 10am - 1pm

White Ribbon UK is a leading charity engaging with men and boys to end violence against women.

White Ribbon's Chief Executive will talk about the work undertaken by the charity and about Torbay Council's recent accreditation and what this means for them and other organisations who receive them.

Friday 26 November

Riviera FM Radio:

Interview with Chris Fleet from Devon Clinic C.I.C. 10am - 1pm

Paignton based Devon Clinic private and part-funded talking and physical therapies.

Chris Fleet talks to Riviera FMs Peter Cartwright about the work of the Devon Clinic and how the organisation has become involved in supporting people around domestic abuse. Pete will also be discussing the impact Covid-19 has had in relation to domestic abuse on individuals and their families.

Riviera FM Radio:

Interview with Laura D'Allessandro from Family Law Executive, Wollens Solicitors 1pm - 2pm

Southwest legal practice, Wollens Solicitors.

Laura D'Allessandro talks to presenter Pete Wight about legal support for victims of domestic abuse.

Monday 29 November

Riviera FM Radio:

Interview with Claire Lear from Phoenix Rising C.I.C 10am - 1pm

Phoenix Rising is a fitness and wellbeing company based in Torquay.

Claire Lear discusses how fitness and mental wellbeing can help people who have been in an abusive relationship, the courses they provide and information about the recovery toolkit they offer for those who have been affected by domestic abuse.

Riviera FM:

Interview with Sharon Minty from First Light 1pm - 2pm

First Light is a charity supporting people in Cornwall, Devon and Wiltshire who have been affected by domestic abuse and sexual violence. Every year First Light help thousands of adults and children in the Southwest to lead safer lives, free from violence and abuse.

Sharon Minty talks about the work undertaken by the charity and discusses issues around rape within marriage and how to seek help.

Tuesday 30 November

Riviera FM Radio:

Interview with Jeanette Brown from More Positive 10am - 1pm

More Positive is a Torquay based organisation offering courses on empowerment and self-care for victims of domestic abuse as well as regular support meetings and training videos.

Jeanette Brown talks about the impact domestic violence has on people and how More positive provides emotional support and a sense purpose again for forming victims.

Riviera FM Radio:

Interview with Mandy Barnes from Devon Rape Crisis 1pm - 2pm

Devon Rape Crisis and Sexual Abuse Services specialist support is available to people living in Devon and Torbay aged 13 upwards, irrespective of gender identity or sex, who has experienced historic or recent Rape, Sexual Assault, Childhood Sexual Abuse, Sexual Exploitation, Female Genital Mutilation (FGM), Ritual Abuse, Forced Marriage, 'Honour' Crimes, Sexual Intimidation, Sexual Harassment or ANY form of sexual violence.

Wednesday 1 December

World Aids Day

Riviera FM Radio:

Interview with Ros Ede from the Ladies Lounge 10am - 1pm

Ladies Lounge is a Torquay based women only support group for women affected by domestic abuse.

Ros Ede talks about the work of Ladies Lounge and the help and support they provide in particular for women with mental health issues and substance mis-use brought on as a result of domestic violence.

Thursday 2 December

Riviera FM Radio:

Interview with Angie Manning from What's Your Problem 10am - 1pm

A pre-recorded interview with Angie Manning who talks about her role as the chair of Torbay Domestic Abuse Service, running her own organisation - What's Your Problem, and also being instrumental in setting up the Standing Tall partnership. She also discusses how these organisations are linked and about the increase in people asking for help as a result of domestic violence, particularly over the last few years.

Reclaim the Night Walk - Meeting at Torquay Town Hall at 6.15pm

A walk from Torquay Town, through the town centre and finishing at Vaughan Parade. The walk is to highlight that women and girls have the right to feel safe on our streets.

Friday 3 December

Riviera FM Radio:

Interview with Mandie Giles from Age UK Torbay 10am - 1pm

Age UK Torbay is an independent local registered charity. We've been working in the local communities of Torquay, Paignton and Brixham to help older people since 1980.

Mandie Giles discusses the effect of domestic abuse on our older population and the support being offered by the charity to support elderly victims.

Riviera FM Radio:

Interview with Supt. Neil Ralph, Devon and Cornwall Police 1pm - 2pm

A pre-recorded interview with Supt. Neil Ralph on how the police responds to reports of domestic abuse and violence and what the force are doing to help and support victims who come face to face with.

Monday 6 December

Riviera Radio FM:

Interview with Collette Eaton – Harris from the Iris Project 10am - 1pm

IRIS is a project being run in conjunction with Devon County Council following a successful bid to the Home Office's Violence Against Women and Girls Transformation Fund. The project works with local GPs to identify patients who may have been affected by domestic abuse and sexual violence and refers them to specialist support services.

Collette Eaton – Harris explains the IRIS project and its specific role within Torbay and how they work with GPs to identify victims of domestic abuse and sexual violence.

Riviera Radio FM:

Interview with Kerrie Letchford from Shekinah 1pm till 2pm

Make Amends is Shekinah's Restorative Justice Service. Restorative justice brings together people harmed by crime or conflict with those responsible for the harm, to find a positive way forward. Restorative justice holds offenders to account for what they have done. It helps them understand the real impact, take responsibility, and make amends.

Kerrie talks about the importance of the work Shekinah undertakes with both victims and offenders.

Tuesday 7 December 10am - 1pm

Riviera Radio FM:

Interview with Liz Green Torbay Domestic Abuse Service (TDAS)

TDAS provide practical, non-judgemental support, advice, and protection for all victims of domestic abuse to individuals and families in the Torbay area.

Liz Green talks in-depth about the service and changes she has seen in the number and types of enquiries, over the past 18 months as a result of the pandemic.

Tuesday 7 December

Riviera Radio FM:

Interview with Jenna O'Connor from Make Amends 1pm – 2pm

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Wednesday 8 December

Riviera Radio FM:

Interview with Lu Willis from Torbay Council 10am - 1pm

Lu Willis talks about her role as Workforce Development Officer with Torbay Council, and how the local authority provides training for staff on domestic abuse and sexual violence via its intranet platform.

Thursday 9 December

Riviera Radio FM:

Interview with Chloe from Be the Change 10am - 1pm

bthechange CIC is an award-winning social enterprise that provides life changing initiatives to directly support individuals in moving forward with their lives that are either at risk of entering or are in the criminal justice system.

Chloe talks provides an insight into her organisation and the work they do and how it makes a difference.

Friday 10 December

Refuge4Pets Dog Walk 10am

Join members from Refuge4Pets charity for a dog walk to highlight the abuse towards pets within abusive relationships. The idea is for those who may want to talk to a professional about domestic abuse and/or the services available to support them, can do so in an informal situation.

Please meet at Paignton Pier at 10am. The walk will continue along the the coast road to Torquay Marina, stopping for refreshments before walking back to the pier.

All are welcome to join in for some, or all, of the walk (approx. 3 miles in each direction).

Riviera Radio FM:

Interview with Tracey Cabache from Torbay Community Development Trust 10am – 1pm

Established following discussions with over 100 voluntary sector representatives, The Torbay Community Development Trust (TCDT) was formed with the intention of making Torbay a place where all people feel included.

Tracey talks about the vital role the TCDT has within the community and the types of calls being received through the community helpline from Torbay residents who are experiencing domestic violence. She talks through the process of providing support to victims by working with partner organisations and charities to find the most appropriate help and advice.