

LEADERSHIP, EVALUATION AND SUSTAINABILTY (LEAS) NETWORK UPDATE

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1. Title: Council / Organisation name

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2. A summary of your Council / Organisation's recent engagement with preventing violence against women.

In 2010 Kingston City Council has set up a working group to bring the Preventing Violence Against Women agenda to our local government. This will be used as a strategy to address this issue which is part of our Community Safety Plan and Council Plan.

Our first activity was the White Ribbon Day Event where we used the "The Oath" as a strategy to get people involved. We used the DVD "Love Control" and had the White Ribbon Ambassador Leigh Gassner speak at our event.

We Believe our event was a great success as we had our Mayor (at the time) Steve Staikos our CEO John Nevins and all our male General Managers and about 50 staff members take the oath. Our working group was very happy with the results as we had a lot more men come than we had anticipated.

The feed back from this event was positive and we wanted to continue to keep this agenda in the mind of the staff of this organisation. Given this we decided to expand this event and work with the community as well.

In 2011 the working group looked at what we wanted to achieve for the year and we came up with a great Action Plan that will guide the group in 2011 and future activities.

3. Next Steps / Plans for 2011?

1. Developing a bookmark for Kingston City Council to hand out to all.
 2. Developing a fact sheet for males and females.
 3. We would like to work with young people on our White Ribbon Day project.
 4. We will to expand our working group to incorporate external stakeholders.
 5. Run a training day at Kingston City Council for Preventing Violence against Women.
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