



Cardiff Women's Aid Statement

Following the recent events regarding Sarah Everard and Wenjing Lin

For the last 45 years Cardiff Women's Aid has stood for and worked towards a world where women and girls live their lives free of all forms of Violence Against Women and Girls, and by doing so, achieve their full potential, independence, freedom, and liberation from oppression.

We recognise that violence against women is built on a foundation of gender inequality, and that while cases of abduction and murder like Sarah Everard's might be rare, all forms of violence against women are not. In fact, almost all forms of violence against women have increased during the pandemic.

Since International Women's Day 2020, at least 6 women in Wales are suspected to have been killed by men. The most recent of these was Wenjing Lin, aged 16, in Ynyswen on the 5th March 2021.

We do not believe this is inevitable, and we do not believe that it is acceptable. We will be working with our colleagues at Welsh Women's Aid and other organisations to promote campaigns for the safety and protection of women.

While the news cycle moves quickly, we know that violence and abuse is an enduring issue. At Cardiff Women's Aid, we commit to continuing to work for the safety and protection of women and children. We commit to serving our communities and working for an end to violence against women, domestic abuse and sexual violence.