

October 2027 update Behind Closed Doors

Amplifying Survivors - Driving Action

This Domestic Abuse Awareness Month (October) our Lived Experience Team are holding a number of vital **pop-up awareness events in our community**.

Our events focus deeply on, real tangible action to create lasting change. Most importantly, we are placing Survivors voices at the very heart of everything we do. True change only happens when we listen to those who have walked this path. **Survivors are experts by experience.**

- Date: **15th October 'Wear it purple day'**
- Time: **10.00 - 15.00**
- Location: **Affinity Lancashire Outlet Shopping**

Chat directly with our Lived Experience Team and survivor advocates. Build partnerships across our community to strengthen support networks. Take measurable action to stand against VAWG.

Whether you are a community member, or a local organisation, your presence matters. Together, we can turn awareness into action.

The first 10 community members to pop by our stall wearing something purple, receives 1 free raffle ticket.

We have lots of supportive information to take away with you. We shall be promoting the campaign for Kiena's Law throughout.

Thank you to everyone who came to see us at Affinity last week and for your kind donations. Visual presence opens up those conversations, which can then be actioned to support survivors further.

It's important to recognise the positive 'Action' survivors receive from services.

On 15th Oct- 2 Professional individuals will receive a bunch of flowers from BCD for their real tangible action to the survivors we support.

- 1 Chosen by BCD Volunteers
- 1 Chosen by our peer group members.

Weekend commencing 24th/25th Oct

Or the first dry day(weather dependant)

- Purple ribbon bridge
- Boating Lake, Fleetwood

Our volunteers will be tying purple ribbons with awareness and empowering quotes created by our members. Please do pop by to show your support.

You are welcome to join in this movement by tying your own ribbon as we stand supporting survivors.

Meaning- A symbol of transition.

The bridge represents crossing over from an abusive relationship to a safe supported future.

Purpose-

This visual display lets survivors know they are seen, believed and not alone. Thus honours our loved ones whose lives have been lost to domestic abuse.

Spurring conversation, by visual presence promotes public awareness, encourages people to learn of local support and a unified message that DA has no place in society.

Raffle

We have a raffle that runs through Oct. Tickets available online or can be purchased at our hub on Adelaide Street Fleetwood. Funds raised provide our members a Festive Meal and extra support over the Christmas Period when DA intensifies.

Christmas appeal

Our Christmas Appeal is now live. We are looking for New gifts for Women, Children and Teenagers, that may not receive anything or require a little help due to starting a new life free from abuse.

All donations greatly appreciated.

Drop off point- BCD Hub

Peer Support

Peer support is going well, it's wonderful to see the transition of healing. Some members have engaged with us for many years. We are proud to be part of their healing journey.

Reminder of our 'Free Survivors Shop' for Women & Children. Available via a self referral- please email bcddoors22@gmail.com

Shop in confidence, with dignity and choice.