

# Act-TEA-vism TO COMBAT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND ABUSE

## Saima Afzal, M.B.E, M.A.

I am an activist and the founder of Community Interest Company SAS RIGHTS, which I direct.

My own lived experiences of forced marriage, rape, and facing misogyny, motivate my activism.

As director of SAS RIGHTS, I bring together diverse members of my community so we can together address taboo topics, such as Violence Against Women and Girls, or toxic religio-cultural dynamics and agendas.

Most importantly, we co-construct ways to eliminate the many forms of discrimination, abuse, violence, and injustice that disproportionately affect marginalised communities.

I have also served as Assistant Police and Crime Commissioner. I will go where others might not dare go. My strapline is "She Dared: She Won."



## Johanna Stiebert

I'm Professor of Hebrew Bible at the University of Leeds.

I research and teach about the Bible, religion, and how they relate with gender-based violence and other forms of abuse.

I co-direct The Shiloh Project, a collaboration focusing on rape culture and religion (<https://www.shilohproject.blog>) and I am part of a research team exploring abuse in religious contexts.

## Dr. Kate Clayton-Hathway

I'm a freelance qualitative researcher with particular interests in diversity, equality, intersectional gender issues and gender structures in organisations.

I am interested in using my academic skills and the practical application of research for positive structural change.

I am co-founder of a charity providing education and community support around harmful practices on women and girls.



## Liz Hall

I'm Liz Hall and am part of the Family Ministries Team at The Salvation Army in the United Kingdom and Ireland.

Our work covers all ages and areas of family life in local communities and Salvation Army Centres and Churches.

This means we become aware of issues relating to Domestic Abuse and the way our organisation can help and support, from a wide variety of places and people including our local and national leadership.

We are working to streamline the Salvation Army's response to be more effective and be quicker at ensuring those who disclose feel safe and heard.

## Mark Fitzgerald

I'm a registered Social Worker, former Safeguarding Children Board Business Manager, Independent Safeguarding Consultant and Chair/Author of Domestic Homicide Reviews, based in Leicester.

Trying my hardest to tackle the pernicious issue of domestic violence to prevent further harm.

Seen here with my trusty National Trust mug. Committed to putting the 'tea' in acteavism ;-)





## Professor Emma Tomalin

I'm Emma, Professor of Religion and Public Life at the University of Leeds. Much of my research and work has focused on the complex intersections between religious or faith-based actors and development - both in the UK and internationally. I have worked particularly extensively on matters of gender and health, including with diverse faith-based organisations. In the course of this, I have conducted research in the areas of human trafficking and domestic violence and abuse.

## Dr. Sam Lewis

I'm Sam and Associate Professor of Criminology and Criminal Justice at the University of Leeds. My research focuses on children and families, including different types of domestic abuse. Details of a recent project on the geospatial and contextual patterns of rural domestic abuse can be found [here](#)."



## Denise Bennett

I'm Denise, I'm a PhD researcher at Regents Theological College in Malvern. I am looking at how Pentecostal ministers in the UK respond to domestic abuse within their congregations. I also teach qualitative research methods on the Regents masters program.

## Dr. Michaela Rogers

I'm a Senior Lecturer in Social Work at the University of Sheffield and a registered social worker. My research falls under the umbrella of gender-based violence with a particular focus on less-heard communities, help-seeking and access to services. I co-Lead the Sheffield Interpersonal Violence and Abuse ([ShIVAR](#)) Network



## Deborah Juster

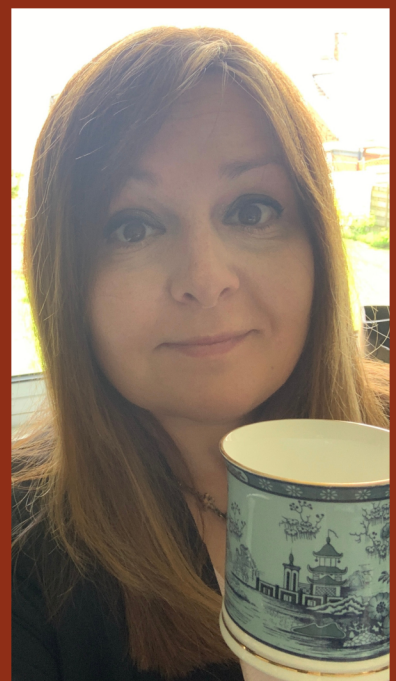


I'm Assistant Director of the Salvation Army Family Ministries Unit in the United Kingdom and Ireland. One of our top priorities is supporting The Salvation Army in responding well to the issue of Domestic Abuse and challenging all forms of Violence Against Women and Girls. We are excited to be embarking on a joint funded PhD research project with The University of Leeds, Centre for Religion in Public Life into the Salvation Army's response to the issue of Domestic Abuse. My previous experience of almost 30 years working within the Probation Service informs all that I do. My photo shows me enjoying two of my favourite things: Tea and my dog Murphy!

## Dr. Joanne Bretherton

I am a Senior Lecturer / Associate Professor in Social Justice and Criminology at the University of York. From 2005 I researched homelessness, eventually recognising a paucity in research and understanding on women's homelessness. From 2012 I began pushing the agenda on women's homelessness in both academia and policy. By looking more closely at the trajectories of women who are homeless, we can see more clearly the intersections with violence and abuse. Since, I've had the pleasure of working with innovators in the domestic abuse sector in an attempt to address the housing precarity and systemic disadvantages faced by those experiencing abuse. Recently I collaborated with the Domestic Abuse Housing Alliance on their Accreditation scheme:

[https://www.dahalliance.org.uk/media/11077/st-york-evaluation-report\\_final.pdf](https://www.dahalliance.org.uk/media/11077/st-york-evaluation-report_final.pdf)



## Moninuola Ifayomi



I am a PhD student in the Division of Nursing & Midwifery, Health School Science, the University of Sheffield.

My research focuses on the issues and challenges facing healthcare professionals when identifying and responding to sexually abused children. I am interested from my nursing perspective in exploring and improving the social and public health matters affecting children and young people, including concerning inequalities, social invisibility, and child protection practice and policies.

I also serve as research assistant for two White Rose Network projects, working with other highly experienced researchers representing a wide range of disciplines. Together we explore the methodological challenges in conducting domestic violence and abuse (DVA) research, and we develop toolkits for interpreters working with DVA victims.

## Parveen Ali

I'm Parveen Ali, Professor of Nursing and Midwifery at the University of Sheffield, with specialism in gender-based violence.

Together with Michaela Rogers I lead a White Rose funded project on addressing domestic violence in minoritized communities.

