

No Quarter

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Hello and



welcome to the first edition of our not quarterly, quarterly newsletter, full of the latest news and information about the Charities that reside at 1 Victoria Road, Dundee.

Big topics this issue include:

18u becomes
Limited
Company

Accreditation
for VIP trainers
almost there

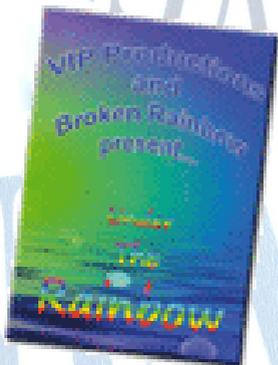
New 18 Plus
Charity up and
running

The 8th Day
DVD – how it
can help you
support ritual
and organised
abuse survivors

No homophobia
in Dundee
Schools? We
respectfully
disagree!

Latest VIP Resource

Under the Rainbow is a newly developed DVD for use with children and young people to explore homophobia, prejudice and issues and causes of violence.



The DVD was made in partnership with Broken Rainbow a national organisation which provides support to LGBT people affected by Domestic Violence. This DVD is now complete and was launched in Edinburgh in October.

Early evaluations indicate that children can learn a great deal about the issues and it may change attitudes and reduce hate crime. We are also currently in a partnership with Broken Rainbow to find out more about domestic violence in young people's relationships.

This is being carried out through an on-line survey. Visit <http://www.18u.org.uk> for more information about the results.



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18Plus
preventing abuse supporting survivors



The VIP Programme is a multi award winning abuse prevention programme for children, young people and vulnerable adults throughout the UK.

VIP News

For the most up to date news about VIP visit www.violenceispreventable.org.uk or follow us on twitter. If you would like an ebook download or a hard copy of our resources catalogue, call us on 01382 206222.

Latest VIP Resource

The Safe House V.I.P. Game is newly out this month. It was originally developed as a resource for use with the Senior V.I.P. programme (for the elderly) but it has been adapted for use with all age groups from age 7 to vulnerable adult. Each game consists of 4 house shapes and players win pieces including door, chimney, plants, cat, fence, etc to make up a complete house. They do this by answering and discussing violence and safety questions to win each piece. Then they get the 4 windows by spotting the dangers in each picture. It's a lot of fun and a great way to learn about different kinds of safety and violence prevention.



You can buy the game from our online shop or by calling 01382 206222

VIP Accreditation coming soon

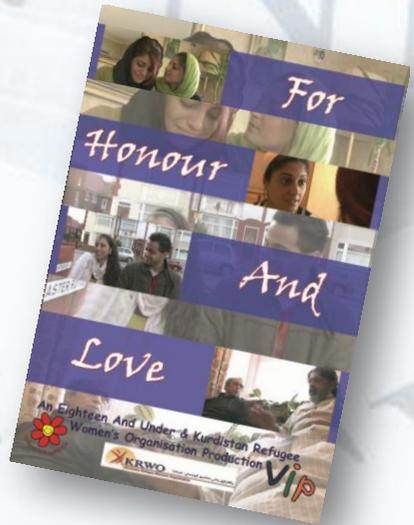
Accreditation of V.I.P. leaders and trainers is a step nearer. We have designed a training programme, developed standards and systems for approving providers and worked out methods of monitoring, evaluating and recording to ensure high standards of delivery and training are maintained. By the end of this year, we will be in a position of offering training and accreditation to workers who meet our standards of knowledge, methods and ability.

If you are interested in becoming an accredited Leader or Trainer, call us on 01382 206222

FACT: we worked with over 1,650 young people in schools in October. We have been working in a further 2 Primary Schools delivering Violence Is Preventable with every child in the school and reaching a total of 950 nursery and primary aged children. The disclosures of violence and abuse we have been hearing are phenomenal. It is truly awful what some children are living with daily.

New DVD now available

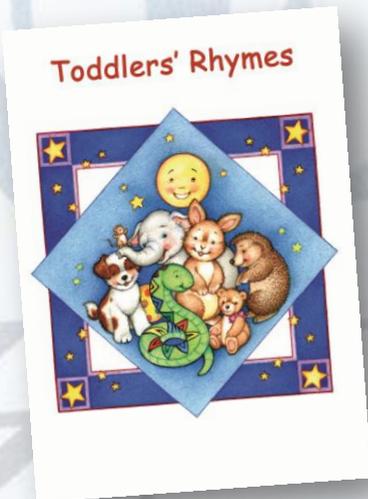
Our long awaited DVD For Honour and Love is finally available. This DVD will be officially launched in London and Edinburgh soon. It is the result of a partnership between 18u and the Kurdish and Middle-Eastern Refugee Organisation which is based in London. They translated several of our resources into Kurdish and Arabic and we made the new DVD with them focusing on honour killing, forced marriage, FGM and other cultural issues. The DVD was funded by the Nationwide Foundation.



More to follow on this soon!

Toddlers' Rhymes

Our volunteer artist has finished painting pictures for the new toddler rhymes book for the new parent and tot V.I.P. pack. This book is with the designer and will go to the printer in the next few days once it has been proof read.



The parent's book part of it is almost complete and along with Happy Dog & Pals will form the new pack which will be made available to parents with young children. Hopefully use of this pack will encourage positive interaction between carers and young children, encourage non-violent solutions to conflict and behaviour management and teach parents positive ways to encourage and support their children.

This work has been partly funded through the Cattanach Trust.



izzy's promise

Working to end RITUAL & ORGANISED ABUSE in the world

Izzy's Promise offers support to:

- Ritual/organised abuse survivors
- Refugees
- Asylum seekers
- Ethnic minorities
- People trafficked via rituals

Additionally we offer training and consultancy services to agencies, produce resources to assist with the support of abuse survivors and conduct research into causes of ritual abuse.

You can contact us on 01382 206222 or by email to josephlumbasi@aol.com

The Eighth Day DVD

This new DVD is designed to provide information and tips for support workers if they are helping survivors of ritualised or organised abuse. Recognised as being a leading force in understanding and dealing with ritual or organised abuse, Izzy's Promise produced the DVD with the help of their own experienced support workers and some survivors.

Topics covered include

- What Is Ritual Abuse?
- Facts about Ritual Abuse
- The belief system
- Why it is difficult for survivors to talk about ritual abuse
- The evidence - it is not a myth
- Best support practices
- How support workers can look after themselves



The DVD is available from the [VIP Shop](#) or by calling 01382 206222.

See over for what's new with Izzy's Promise, change of status for 18u, introduction to 18 Plus and more on that homophobia debate..

Change to legal status of 18u

Eighteen And Under made the changeover of legal status to a company limited by guarantee on 1st October.

There was a lot of work involved but change was essential to our future development. In reality the change of status does not make a huge difference to the day to day work we carry out. We are still a charity, but it means we now have Directors rather than Trustees.

We have also made some changes to our articles and memorandum which allow us to work outside Scotland. This is essential to developing the prevention work further in other countries across the world.

Busy busy busy!

Our Taywise and D.A.S.I. Projects which work with young people at risk of, or involved with, sexual exploitation and domestic violence are extremely busy. We are currently providing direct support to young people in Fife, Angus, Perthshire, Dundee, Ayrshire, Aberdeen, Edinburgh, Grangemouth, London and Glasgow.

Our [message board](#) is worth a visit. We have, this month, had 5 child protection cases involving children under 6 years old. Sadly, these families have turned to us due to a lack of trust in statutory child protection services.

Introducing a new service...



We spotted another gap in services and have started a new charity called **18Plus**. We have received charity status and this new organisation will focus on developing support services for **male survivors** of child sexual abuse and for **elderly survivors**. Already we have raised £12,000 towards developing this exciting new service. Watch this space.

Facts: we have undertaken much training of staff, volunteers and students in delivery of V.I.P., equality issues, support skills and a number of other important things. Time for training, reflection and discussion is not easy but is essential. We have 5 new students who have joined us and already they are working as hard as we are.

"As far as I am aware we don't have homophobic tendencies in schools." Liz Fordyce Education Convenor, City of Dundee

Our view...

A very interesting response (quoted in an article from the Dundee Courier on October 26th) above to the launch of our new Under the Rainbow DVD, and **totally contrary** to the findings of the recent online survey we conducted in conjunction with London based Charity, Broken Rainbow. In fact 100% of the young respondents to the survey from Dundee city said **they had** experienced homophobia in Dundee.

We also **know homophobia exists in schools** because of the thousands of young people we have spoken to through support services, or via delivering our VIP Programme and we are quite amazed that this hasn't ever come to the attention of the Education Convenor.

Worryingly, Liz Fordyce went on to say "I would also have to say that by raising awareness that this sort of thing can happen often you encourage it where it didn't exist before." **Applying such a statement to bullying, or domestic violence, or racism or rape or child abuse would be (we hope) unthinkable.**

Happily, the launch of the DVD at the City Chambers in Edinburgh went really well and it is surely a sign of **greater tolerance in Scotland** that we were able to make this DVD and hold this event peacefully.

We hope the DVD will be embraced by schools and communities where it will raise awareness of homophobia and hate crime and to **create a better understanding of diverse communities**. Hopefully it will also reduce the violence which many LGBT people and their families experience.



www.d-v-8.org.uk

This is a youth group for people aged 25 and under who have issues with their sexuality, or with the sexuality of a member of their family. It offers a safe and friendly environment where people can meet each other and discuss issues affecting the LGBT community and their families.

Discuss

Tell us your views

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Debate

Stop Press

We are lucky enough to find that one of our talented students is from Poland and she has already begun to translate the V.I.P. resources into Polish. We have no money as yet towards this exciting project but that has never stopped us before. Milena has begun the translation of the books, the filmmaker has agreed to adapt the DVD's with voiceovers and subtitles and we will create e books at first until we find proper funding. Europe is now in our sights! We have begun to look for possible partners in Poland.

Our press...

We have been in the press a lot this quarter. We got good coverage of our events on radio and in the newspapers and responding to the press at every opportunity has really paid off for us. We have been asked to comment on a wide variety of issues including sentencing of sex offenders, child protection, LGBT issues and safety of children. The high profile ensures that young survivors know of our existence and can easily contact us for help.

Over to you...

We do hope you have enjoyed reading our first 'No Quarter' and we could be delighted to hear from you about your views on any of the subjects we've talked about, or any new and relevant topics.

We have a message board on our 18u site and also a VIP Support users website and we would welcome any comments or input you have.

We'd also be delighted if you would fill in [our short online feedback form](#), so that we can ensure that our next edition of No Quarter is as useful for you as possible.

Contacting Us our freephone number for under 18s only is 0800 731 40 80

For general enquiries to 18u, 18Plus, Izzy's Promise call 01382 206222

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Goodbye!



Look out for:

New Toddlers' Rhymes Story Book and pack and eBook

More personal safety jigsaws

VIP Leader & Trainer accreditation

VIP translated into Polish

Hopefully...a new 18u website

More info about 18Plus

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