GREATER MANCHESTER
WOMEN'S SUPPORT ALLIANCE

INTRODUCTION TO OUR ORGANISATION

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WHO WE ARE

Established in 2016, the Greater Manchester Women's Support Alliance (GMWSA) brings together nine women's centres, offering a comprehensive range of support services for women across the ten boroughs of Greater Manchester (GM).

As an Alliance, we are committed to providing high-quality services that support, safeguard and empower all women, enabling them to take control of their lives.

United by our common values, we collaborate to disseminate knowledge and experiences while representing the interests of the women we support. We ensure that policymakers and service commissioners hear our collective voice.

In this way, we are developing a strategy for assisting women that places greater emphasis on prevention than on intervention.



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OUR MISSION

GMWSA provides strategic support for services that assist women in overcoming challenges related to domestic abuse, homelessness, mental health, and substance misuse.

All nine women's centres in our Alliance deliver services in line with a trauma-responsive approach.



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OUR MEMBERS

We are made up of nine women's centres across the ten boroughs of GM. Our centres offer support for all women, no matter what challenges they might be facing.

Together Women Project
Salford

Women of Worth
Bury

Women MATTA
Trafford/Manchester

Stockport Women's Centre

Petrus
Rochdale

Pops
Oldham

Tameside Women's Centre
Tameside

Well Women
Wigan

Eve's Space
Bolton

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WE WORK CLOSELY WITH

- NHS
- Greater Manchester Combined Authority
- HM Prison and Probation Service
- Ministry of Justice



WOMEN ACROSS GREATER MANCHESTER



We work with centres based in all 10 boroughs of Greater Manchester meaning there will be a local centre for all women to access the different support on offer.

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OUR PARTNERSHIPS

We currently have partnerships with a number of organisations that provide a range of support services across various sectors including:

Caribbean and African Health network (CAHN)

- a range of holistic services with an emphasis on health for Caribbean and African women. Domestic abuse, Mental health, physical health

Health watch Stockport, Bolton, Manchester, Trafford, Wigan

Independent champions for people who use health and social care- ensuring that peoples worries and concerns about current health services are addressed.

Maggie Oliver foundation

Support for women who have been previous victims' child sexual abuse and exploitation.

Saheli

Asian women's support for domestic abuse including accommodation and food banks.

Yaran

Support for Iranian and Farsi-speaking women with psychological needs and social disadvantages (counselling and support)

MASH

Supporting for women in all aspects of street health.

Answer cancer

Cancer screenings

Mama health and poverty partnership

A range of services offering holistic support to women of African heritage.

05 OUR APPROACH



Being a women only environment

Receiving and giving support to other women

Feeling safe and secure

Support from other women using the centre

"The women's centre has always been there for me and not judged me. If it wasn't for their help and support, I wouldn't be here"

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WHAT WE DO



- **Health Workers**
  - All women are assessed for their health needs and offered the support and care of a Health Worker

- **Counselling service**
  - Assess and review women's needs and allocate them to individual and/or therapeutic group work depending on their unique needs.

- **Styal Link Worker**
  - Supports women in Styal who may find themselves separated from their children and families, struggling with substance misuse, and potential homelessness after their release from prison.

- **Health & Partnerships**
  - Partner with other organisations providing more specific support to women in areas such as sex work, cancer care and autism, or reaching minority ethnic groups.
  - Support providers to extend their reach, provide added value to service users and help women feel connected and valued.

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STATISTICS

77% of service users saw an improvement in their mental health

75% of service users had an improvement in realtion to substance misuse

69% of service users found they were better able to maintain social networks and relationships

66% of service users had an improvement in money management

58% of service users had an improvement in their physical health

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WOMEN'S SUPPORT FUND



£5 - Provide a much-needed conversation over a brew and biscuits with a qualified member of staff



£8 - Accompany a woman to her cancer screening



£32- Give a woman in temporary accommodation a warm winter pack.



£50- Provide counselling support for a woman to overcome past traumas.



£100- Provide case follow-ups to help women improve their well-being in all aspects



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HOW CAN YOU HELP

- **Cash donation**
  - Make a difference to women's lives.
- **Corporate sponsorship programme**
  - Sponsor specific projects such as our Counselling Services or Styal Link Worker.
- **Selecting us as the beneficiary**
  - Organise fundraising activities and choose us as the beneficiary charity, promote our work and raise awareness of women’s well-being.





HOW CAN YOU HELP

- **Promoting the Organisation**
  - Promote GMWSA through your website, publications, social media and email.

- **Volunteer services**
  - We look forward to working with our corporate partners, not only to receive your sponsorship but also to work with your staff and/or volunteer teams.



WHAT YOU GET



HOW COULD YOU BENEFIT FROM THIS?

- **Branding**
  - CSR implementation
  - Promote and establish your organisations reputation as woman-friendly and compassionate
  - Attractive acknowledgement programme to reach out to a wide range of audiences

- **Marketing**
  - Tailor-made partnership programmes to leverage professional background branding
  - Proactive linkage with reputable and popular registered charities to enhance marketing performance
  - Positive engagement with the local community, with vivid advertising benefits

- **Team building**
  - Improving staff involvement and teamwork
  - Boosting staff morale and improving wellbeing

- **Philanthropy**
  - Empower women to overcome their challenges

ACKNOLEDGEMENT

By providing the following special acknowledgement, we are delighted to share with the public that your company / organisation is an outstanding example that is committed to improving women's health and wellbeing.

Sponsorship level Promotional material	Supporter	Silver Sponsor	Platinum Sponsor	Diamond Support
Annual Report				GREATER MANCHESTER WOMEN'S SUPPORT ALLIANCE
Website			GREATER MANCHESTER WOMEN'S SUPPORT ALLIANCE	GREATER MANCHESTER WOMEN'S SUPPORT ALLIANCE
Service's Leaflet		GREATER MANCHESTER WOMEN'S SUPPORT ALLIANCE	GREATER MANCHESTER WOMEN'S SUPPORT ALLIANCE	GREATER MANCHESTER WOMEN'S SUPPORT ALLIANCE
Newsletter		GREATER MANCHESTER WOMEN'S SUPPORT ALLIANCE	GREATER MANCHESTER WOMEN'S SUPPORT ALLIANCE	GREATER MANCHESTER WOMEN'S SUPPORT ALLIANCE
Social Media	GREATER MANCHESTER WOMEN'S SUPPORT ALLIANCE	GREATER MANCHESTER WOMEN'S SUPPORT ALLIANCE	GREATER MANCHESTER WOMEN'S SUPPORT ALLIANCE	GREATER MANCHESTER WOMEN'S SUPPORT ALLIANCE
Thank You Letter	GREATER MANCHESTER WOMEN'S SUPPORT ALLIANCE	GREATER MANCHESTER WOMEN'S SUPPORT ALLIANCE	GREATER MANCHESTER WOMEN'S SUPPORT ALLIANCE	GREATER MANCHESTER WOMEN'S SUPPORT ALLIANCE

ENQUIRES

Should you require further information, please feel free to contact Ivan Chau on 07846 051483 or by email: ivan.chau@gmwsa.org.uk

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Thank you for your support

THE WOMEN'S CENTRE
Supporting women in Stockport

eve's space
a project of URBAN OUTREACH
www.urbanoutreach.co.uk

WELL WOMEN CENTRE

salford foundation

Petrus

WOW
WOMEN OF WORTH

POPS
Providing Support to Families of Offenders