

End Violence Against Women Coalition Membership



About EAVW Coalition

EVAW is a UK-wide coalition campaigning for strategic approaches to all forms of violence against women and girls in the UK. Our vision is a world free from the threat and reality of violence against women and girls.

EVAW's values

EVAW works to the UN definition of violence against women and girls (VAWG) as "violence directed at a woman because she is a woman or acts of violence which are suffered disproportionately by women."

EVAW uses a feminist analysis that understands VAWG as an issue of gender equality, perpetrated mainly by men and boys against women and girls, and as both a cause and consequence of women's inequality. EVAW recognises that that inequality manifests, and is experienced, in different ways; and that gender inequality can intersect with other forms of oppression (such as racism, homophobia, ableism and ageism). This can affect women and girls' experiences of violence and their access to rights, justice and support.

EVAW works within a human rights framework that recognises VAWG as a fundamental violation of women's human rights, both in the UK and globally.

EVAW is an independent, feminist, secular space.

EVAW's governance and membership structure

EVAW's Board of Trustees is elected or co-opted from across EVAW's formal and informal membership. The Board is the governing body that is responsible for EVAW as a company and a charity, as well as its property and funds. EVAW Trustees have the legal rights and responsibilities of charity Trustees and as 'Directors' as laid out in EVAW's Memorandum and Articles of Association in addition to their membership status.

EVAW has two types of membership.

Formal Members: EVAW relies on a strong, feminist evidence base to further our strategic work to eliminate VAWG. In practice this means that we are committed to ensuring that our work is rooted in, and connected to, the diverse experiences and perspectives of survivors of VAWG. We also integrate the different analyses offered by feminist academics who hold expertise in VAWG and/or other related issues. Formal members are therefore organisations and individuals with unique practice-based or research-based knowledge who work primarily on addressing violence against women and girls. Only formal members have the legal rights of company members as laid out in EVAW's Memorandum and Articles of Association.

Informal Members: EVAW values and welcomes wider contribution and support from organisations and individuals to fulfil the aims of the Coalition. Informal members are organisations and individuals whose work is compatible with ending violence against women and girls. Informal members do not have the legal rights of company members as laid out in EVAW's Memorandum and Articles of Association.

EVAW Membership Criteria

Membership of EVAW is open to any organisation or individual who fulfils the Membership Criteria and is invited by the Board of Trustees to become a member.

- All members (both formal and informal) must fully subscribe to the values of the EVAW Coalition.
- Formal members must work primarily on addressing violence against women and girls and be able to demonstrate unique practice-based or research-based knowledge (for example, through providing women-led VAWG support services or undertaking dedicated research).
- Informal members must work primarily on a cause compatible with ending violence against women and girls (such as human rights, or gender inequality).
- EVAW expects all members to be able to contribute to the work of the Coalition through:
 - Actively and positively supporting EVAW's work (where resources allow) by attending meetings, responding to consultations, and supporting and publicising EVAW policy positions and campaign goals;
 - Working in a collaborative way according to feminist principles of respect, inclusion and finding common ground;
 - Respecting confidential information and media embargoes;
 - Acknowledging membership on their website and other relevant materials, including press releases (where appropriate);
 - Sharing information on upcoming media stories, contacts, policy development and involving their membership/supporters in campaigns (where appropriate).

Membership may be terminated if the member concerned: gives written notice of resignation to EVAW; is an organisation that ceases to exist; is removed from the membership by agreement of the Directors on the grounds that they are no longer able to fulfil the Membership Criteria (and following the procedure laid out in EVAW's Memorandum and Articles of Association).

EVAW membership is not transferable.

Benefits of EVAW Coalition membership

EVAW formal membership provides:

- Legal rights and responsibilities as company members of EVAW (see below);
- Opportunities to advise the Board on strategic direction and priorities for policy and campaigning;
- Participation in consultations, policy development and campaigns;
- Regular email bulletins;
- One-to-one advice and support (where resources allow);
- Invitation to EVAW workshops, roundtables and events.

EVAW informal membership provides:

- Regular email bulletins;
- Participation in consultations, policy development and campaigns (where appropriate);
- Invitation to EVAW workshops, roundtables and events (where appropriate).

Rights and responsibilities of EVAW Coalition formal members

Members are entitled to attend AGMs by authorized representative or by proxy. At an AGM, members may: receive EVAW's accounts for the previous financial year; receive the Trustees' report on EVAW's activities since the previous AGM; accept the retirement of Trustees who wish to retire or who are retiring by rotation; confirm the appointment of any newly elected or co-opted Trustees; appoint auditors; confer on any individual (with his or her consent) the honorary title of Patron, President or Vice-President of the Company; discuss and determine any issues of policy or deal with any other business put before them by the Trustees.

EVAW members undertake a liability limited to £1 to contribute to the assets of EVAW in the event of its being dissolved while they are a member or within one year after they cease to be a member.

EVAW Membership Application

Please select from the membership options below

- I/we wish to become formal members of the EVAW Coalition and work primarily on addressing violence against women and girls.
- I/we wish to become informal members of EVAW and work on a purpose compatible with ending violence against women.

Please state the nature of your work

Declarations

Please tick to agree to the declarations

- I/we fully subscribe fully to the values of the EVAW Coalition;
- I am/we are able to positively contribute to the work of EVAW;
- I/we understand and accept the relative rights, roles and responsibilities of being a formal or informal member of the EVAW Coalition.

Details

Please provide your details below

- I am applying on behalf of an organisation.
- I am applying as an individual.

Name of organisation / individual

Organisation's named representative*

Postal address

Telephone number

Email address

Website

Thank you for providing us with this information. We will use it for EVAW purposes only and to contact you. We comply with the Data Protection Act 1998 and will not pass your personal data on to third parties.

Please return this completed form to admin@evaw.org.uk

* Organisations should nominate a named representative to act as the main link between EVAW and the organisation. We would expect that this would normally be a woman. She should have the authority within her organisation to make decisions on behalf of the organisation and effect action on EVAW matters. She is responsible for: attending relevant events; representing the interests, concerns and relevant knowledge base of their organisation to EVAW; reporting back to their organisation on the work of EVAW; and undertaking necessary work to secure support of EVAW work from their organisation. Member organisations must ensure new representatives are thoroughly briefed and that EVAW is informed of any changes.