

Hidden Voices:

Experiences of Violence for Disabled Women

Wednesday 26th November 2014, 10.30am to 3.30pm

The Hilton Glasgow Grosvenor, 19 Grosvenor Terrace, Glasgow G12 0TA

As part of the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence, Dr Sonali Shah, Lord Kelvin Research Fellow, Strathclyde Centre for Disability Research, Glasgow University in partnership with Engender, Inclusion Scotland, Rape Crisis Scotland and Shakti Women's Aid is holding an event to consider disabled women's experiences of violence.

Disabled women and girls are more than twice more likely to experience violence across their life course than non-disabled women. Why?



Is it because:

- Disabled women are not seen as 'proper' sexual beings, capable of engaging in healthy romantic relationships
- They need to depend on others for basic personal and social needs – vulnerable to unwanted advances
- Disabling barriers in mainstream services prevent disabled women/girls from accessing support and protection

This event will explore these questions by:

- Presenting results of U.K. report Access to Services for Disabled Women who Experienced Violence.
- Generating lively discussions, between disabled women and service providers in Scotland, about the support structures needed to protect and support disabled women who experience violence in Scotland.
- Providing a forum to discuss vision and mission of a network for disabled women in Scotland.
- The event is for disabled women and will also be attended by service providers and academics.

Places can be booked at www.engender.org.uk/content/events, by calling **0131 558 9596**, emailing info@engender.org.uk or writing to **Engender Events at 1a Haddington Place, Edinburgh, EH7 4AE**. Travelling expenses for participants can be reimbursed