

# Campaigns

## Rape Crisis Centre

- Bristol Women's Forum secured ongoing funding for Rape Crisis Centre in Bristol (Feb 2008)

## Reclaim the Night

- Supported Bristol's Reclaim the Night March, 20 Feb 2009
- Co-sponsoring Bristol's 2009 Reclaim the night march

## Public Toilet Provisions

- Got Council to pilot sticker-in-window scheme on White ladies Road to mark toilet facilities open to the public.
- Co-chair Val Jenkins and Cllr Judith Price travelled to Blackpool to investigate it's exemplary public toilet provision.

## Women Who Make A Difference Awards

- Supported and co-organised the Women Who "make a difference" Awards 2009. For photo and details click here

## Lap Dancing Club Licensing

- sent letters to chair of licensing committee, Cllr Ron Stone (to write to MPs), MPs Dawn Primarolo and MP Kerry McCarthy on stalling the move to water down reform in lap dancing licensing (ie to make the reform optional so that local authorities can decide whether to adopt it or not and also to allow once a month lap dancing without a sex encounter establishment licence.)

Got Council to respond to national consultation to licence lap dancing clubs as sex encounter establishments via Cllr Ron Stone, Chair of Licensing Committee (July 2008). Information on this issue here. Government has since announced changes to lap dancing clubs licensing!

## Building Futures

- The building futures initiative was sign posted to the council after Care Team to facilitate work placements for care leavers.
- Free accredited training opportunities for volunteers were sign posted to care leavers and Somali women's group.

## Restructuring Programme

- The post of an equalities manager in children and young people's services was deleted in the restructuring programme. The women's forum protested against this highlighting how gender equality is particularly relevant to schools. The manager post was subsequently reinstated.

#### Support and services for young care leavers

- Following comments by women in Barton hill, the forum is currently pursuing the issue of support and services for young care leavers. It held an Open Forum on this theme and is now working towards a scheme of offering work placements at local authorities for care leavers.

#### Safer Bristol Partnership

- Increased police presence in Withywood since women's open forum identified this as a priority and passed this on to the safer Bristol partnership.

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