



Welcome to the Winter newsletter for Hemat Gryffe Women's Aid.

As we approach the end of the year, we are excited to share some wonderful news with you. This December marks a special milestone for our service as we have moved into a new building right in the heart of the City Centre.

Our new address: James Miller House, Suite 2/2, 98 West George Street, G2 1PJ

Our expanded office, located in a well-connected central area, allows us to increase capacity, improve accessibility, and offer enhanced support to women, children and young people. The location encourages the use of public transport, helping to reduce our carbon footprint, while also removing barriers to access so that more service users can find support at the time they need it most.

As the year draws to a close, we've been busy with outings and events with the women, children and young people we support. Here's what we've been up to:

Outings and events

A magical trip to City Centre

We organised a birthday shopping trip into the City Centre for a mum, guided by her children's wishes. The family travelled by bus, a first-time experience for the children, which added to the excitement of the day. Buchanan Street was beautifully lit with Christmas lights and the children were excited to choose gifts for their mum.

The day held even more magic when a kind rickshaw driver offered them a free ride, which the children absolutely loved. We ended the trip with hot chocolate at Greggs to warm up and unwind.

Winter Wonderland Fun

Our Children's Service joined the Women's Service on a trip to Glasgow Winter Wonderland. Mothers and children alike enjoyed the festive atmosphere, with hot drinks for the adults and sweet treats for the children, it was a lovely shared experience for everyone.



Women's Group activities



Power in printmaking

Women's group collaborated with ESOL Scotland to create a set of original prints, combining creative work with language learning in a relaxed and supportive setting. The sessions encouraged skill-sharing, confidence building, and connection. Displaying the finished prints at an exhibition at Print Clan gave the women a chance to see their work valued in a public space.

A Festive Christmas Lunch

We invited a number of women in our women's group and outreach service to Hot World Cuisine. We have also organised a Christmas lunch for all women and children living in refuge at La Vita Spuntini. Many are looking forward to this special outing, and for some, it will be their very first restaurant experience.



A trip to the pantomime

Thanks to the generosity of Kids Out, families have been gifted pantomime tickets to see The Wizard of Oz at the Glasgow Hydro later this month. For most of the children, this will be their first time attending a live show, and excitement levels are already very high.

Rebuilding resilience

Online sessions were delivered by a member of staff focusing on rebuilding resilience, with topics including reclaiming joy, setting goals and rebuilding confidence, regulating emotions, and restoring self-worth after abuse. The sessions provided a safe, accessible space for reflection and learning, helping women to develop practical tools for building confidence.

16 Days of Action

As part of the 16 Days of Action Against Violence Against Women and Girls, an international campaign to challenge abuse and promote equality, staff held a stand at Parkhead Hub and spoke with members of the local community about our work and the support available.

Alongside these conversations, we shared information about online abuse across our social media channels, helping to raise awareness, encourage discussion, and support the wider aims of the campaign.



Statistics for April to December 2025

- 427 women accessed the service between April and December.
- 15 women stayed in refuge between April and December.
- 326 referrals for support were received for women who have not accessed the service before.
- 145 women supported had no recourse to public funds and could not access housing and welfare benefits.
- 20 women applied for support via the Migrant Victims of Domestic Abuse Concession (MVDAC) enabling them to access public funds and apply for indefinite leave to remain as victims of domestic abuse.
- 8 number of children and young people were supported in refuge between April and December.
- 85 children and young people were supported in the outreach and community services.



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