

# Tackling Violence Against Women and Girls 2026

## Agenda

9:00am **Delegate Registration**

9:40am **Chair's Opening Address**

Dr Jade Levell, Senior Lecturer in Social & Public Policy (Criminology & Gender Violence), University of Bristol

9:55am **Opening Keynote: Confronting Violence Against Women and Girls - Challenges, Accountability, and Change in the UK in 2026**

Tahnee McCorry, Chief Executive and Founder, White Ribbon NI

10:15am **Panel Discussion: Prevention and Early Intervention - Transforming Attitudes and Behaviours in Boys and Men**

- Chris Green OBE, Founder of White Ribbon UK and Co-founder Male Allies Challenging Sexism
- Karen Whybro, Women's Safety Specialist
- Aisling Barker, VAWG Operational Advisor - Public Sector Reform, Cabinet Office

10:50am **Comfort Break**

11:10am **Keynote: Centering Lived Experience - Designing Effective and Trauma-Informed VAWG Services**

Lisa Culshaw-Ward, Lived Experience Expert, VAWG Consultant, Researcher and Campaigner

11:35am **Intersectionality and Inequality: How Overlapping Identities Shape Experience of VAWG**

Anastasia Papapetrou, Policy and Human Rights Law Researcher and Fundraising and Communications Manager at KMEWO

12:00pm **Panel Discussion: Hidden Harms - Recognising and Responding to Emerging Forms of Violence Against Women and Girls**

- Emma Pickering, Head of Technology-Facilitated Abuse and Economic Empowerment, Refuge
- Anastasia Papapetrou, Policy and Human Rights Law Researcher and Fundraising and Communications Manager at KMEWO
- Aisling Barker, VAWG Operational Advisor - Public Sector Reform, Cabinet Office

12:30pm **Questions and Answers Session**

12:45pm **Chair's Closing Address**

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