



Changing Lives

By disrupting violence and abuse, we play a pivotal role in contributing to the safety of women, children, and men.

London-Middlesex | St. Thomas-Elgin | Chatham-Kent

Dear MS Saunder

Changing Ways has an internationally recognized expertise in engaging men and fathers who create risk and cause harm to their intimate partners and children. Changing Ways supports men to stop their abusive behaviour in their relationships, and challenges them to take an active role in preventing woman abuse and child maltreatment. The agency is a model in the larger community, working in partnership with others who are committed to ending violence against women.

The agency's philosophy is that patriarchy and sexism are inherent factors in the power imbalance that contributes to violence against women. Gender systems continue to privilege and enable men to exercise control over women in their primary relationships. Changing Ways is committed, on all levels, to a feminist model in an effort to eradicate woman abuse, and to changing the value systems that perpetuate inequality.

I am writing, in my role as Executive Director of Changing Ways, this letter specifically to support the call for recommendation put forth by the Executive Directors of the London Abused Women's Center and Anova Women's Shelter for the City of London to adopt an explicit strategic area to focus in Creating a Safe London for Women and Girls. At Changing Ways, we strongly support a specific strategy and encourage the City of London to commit to ensuring that women's safety remains a clear priority for the City.

We at Changing Ways have always believe that the City has both a responsibility and opportunity to set a standard of leadership in addressing the safety and security of women who call London home. These leadership initiative include implementing many of the recommendation laid out in document provided by Anova and LAWC.

I look forward to continuing to work with LAWC and Anova at advocate for a safe city for women and creating opportunities for men to be held accountable and take responsibility for decreasing the risk women experience.

Regards

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Changing Ways