



Changing The Story -

Equipping The Church To Take Action and End Domestic Abuse

To celebrate the launch of the Gender Justice programme, *Equipping the Church To Take Action and End Domestic Abuse*, and the formation of *Survivors Changing The Story Groups*, we are delighted to host two 1-day conferences on

Friday 15th September in Seagoe Parish Centre, Portadown, BT63 5HS

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/changing-the-story-conference-tickets-632693281637>

Saturday 16th September in Kiltiernan Parish Centre, Dublin, D18 ET99

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/changing-the-story-conference-dublin-tickets-637371995797>

You are warmly invited to attend one of these events.

Changing the Story is being facilitated by Mothers' Union and hosted in collaboration with Restored, Tearfund Ireland, Bishops' Appeal, Mind Matters, Kintsugi Hope, Priorities Fund, Safeguarding Church of Ireland, and the Church's Ministry for Healing. The conferences are dedicated to equipping the church and communities through encouraging awareness, developing confidence, and nurturing the healing and wellbeing of survivors and much more besides.....

The *Changing the Story* conferences bring together agencies working positively in Ireland to tackle domestic abuse and we are privileged to have as our guest keynote speakers two ladies with great expertise in this area - Bekah Legg, CEO, RESTORED and Revd Dr Helen Paynter, theologian, and author.

We invite you to register for a *Changing The Story* event today and be a part of the empowering conversations that will be taking place. Help us spread the message of tackling domestic abuse and join us in celebrating the progress we have made!

Every gift, every action, every prayer, every one of us can change lives. Encouragement, exploration and restoration await us...

Tickets available on Eventbrite at a cost of £15 /€18 each.

Who we are:

Mothers' Union is a Christian mission organisation with 4m members supporting families and communities in Ireland and the UK, in 84 countries around the world.

Promoting social justice is key for Mothers' Union: speaking out on issues which adversely affect family life, common threads across different countries are loneliness and isolation, climate change, gender equality, gender-based violence, gender justice, early marriage and tackling poverty.

Bibliography:



Bekah Legg

Bekah Legg is the CEO of Restored, a Christian charity with a mission to speak up about violence against women and girls, equip the church to stand against domestic abuse and support survivors. It hosts an online community for Christian women who have been subjected to domestic abuse.

A survivor herself, Bekah is committed to helping other men and women find freedom and live life to the full.

Bekah lectures on a biblical understanding of domestic abuse and gender-based violence and has spoken at the UN on the important role the Church can and does play in ending VAWG.



Rev Dr Helen Paynter

Helen Paynter is a Baptist minister and Old Testament specialist. She works as Tutor in Biblical Studies at the Bristol Baptist College and is the founding Director of the Centre for the Study of Bible and Violence (csbvbristol.org.uk). The CSBV produces resources in the areas of the interpretation of biblical violence and where the Bible is used to cause harm.

Helen is the author of a number of books, including *The Bible Doesn't Tell Me So: Why you don't have to submit to domestic abuse and coercive control*.

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