

NI Government Consultation on a Strategic Framework to End Violence Against Women and Girls (EVAWG) & Foundational Action Plan – MAG Response

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About You

Are you responding to this consultation as a member of the public, or on behalf of an organisation?

On behalf of an organisation.

About You - An Organisation

**Please provide the name of the organisation you are answering on behalf of.
Name of organisation:**

MAG - Ministerial Advisory Group for Architecture and the Built Environment NI.

Which of the following best describes the sector you operate in? This will assist us in monitoring the range of respondents the consultation has reached.

Central government.

Strategic Framework

Do you agree or disagree with our vision below?

"A changed society where women and girls are free from all forms of gender-based violence, abuse and harm including the attitudes, systems and structural inequalities that cause them"

Strongly Agree.

Do you agree or disagree that Outcome 1 below, will enable us to achieve this vision?

Outcome 1 - Changed Attitudes, Behaviours and Social Norms.

Everyone in society understands what violence against women and girls is, including its root causes, and plays an active role in preventing it.

Agree

Do you agree or disagree that Outcome 2 below, will enable us to achieve this vision?

Outcome 2 – Healthy, Respectful Relationships.

Everyone in society is equipped and empowered to enjoy healthy, respectful relationships.

Agree.

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Do you agree or disagree that Outcome 3 below, will enable us to achieve this vision?

Outcome 3 – Women and Girls Are Safe and Feel Safe Everywhere.

Organisations and institutions across government and society embed the prevention of violence against women and girls in all that they do so that women and girls are safe and feel safe everywhere.

Agree.

Do you agree or disagree that Outcome 4 below, will enable us to achieve this vision?

Outcome 4 – Quality Frontline Services, Protection, and Provision for Victims and Survivors of Violence Against Women and Girls.

Provision of high-quality services for women and girls who are victims and survivors of violence against women and girls.

Agree.

Do you agree or disagree that Outcome 5 below, will enable us to achieve this vision?

Outcome 5 – A Justice System which has the Confidence of Victims, Survivors and the Public in its Ability to Address Violence Against Women and Girls.

In the context of violence against women and girls, a justice system that considers and addresses the needs of people who come into contact with it, holds perpetrators to account, while challenging and supporting them to change, gives victims and survivors a voice and a place in the process, and has the confidence of the public.

Agree.

Do you agree or disagree that Outcome 6 below, will enable us to achieve this vision?

Outcome 6 – All of Government and Society Working Better Together to End Violence Against Women and Girls.

A whole system approach with collaboration and cooperation by default across government departments and with, within and between the community, voluntary and other sectors.

Agree.

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Placing a focus on Prevention

Do you agree or disagree with our approach of focusing on PREVENTION to end violence against women and girls?

The emphasis of this Strategic Framework to End Violence Against Women and Girls is on prevention. Effective prevention can both prevent violence from occurring in the first place, such as education and campaigns; as well as interrupt the cycle of violence, like making public transport safer.

Our main focus will be on those Outcomes associated with prevention:

1. Changed Attitudes, Behaviours, and Social Norms;
2. Healthy, Respectful Relationships; and
3. Women and Girls are Safe and Feel Safe Everywhere.

"Prevention is about addressing the underlying causes of violence against women and girls, to stop it before it occurs." - UN Women, 2012.

Agree.

Please add any comments you wish to make regarding our approach of focusing on prevention in the box below.:

Our built environment and public spaces can be designed to be overlooked and visible to many thereby aiding public safety.

Foundational Action Plan

Do you agree or disagree that these are the right actions to take in our foundational Action Plan?

[Draft Foundational Action Plan](#)

Neither Agree nor Disagree.

Impact Assessments

Do you agree or disagree with the way in which the Equality Impact Assessment (EQIA) has been carried out?

[Equality Impact Assessment \(EQIA\)](#)

Neither Agree nor Disagree.

Do you agree or disagree with the findings of the Equality Impact Assessment (EQIA)?

Neither Agree nor Disagree.

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Next Steps

If you or your organisation would like to receive our newsletter, to keep up to date with our work to end violence against women and girls, please provide a contact email address in the box below.

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