



## **National Conference on Men's Issues (2020): Domestic abuse is a men's issue, too**



### **Background**

We're pleased to announce we'll be hosting the first in a series of annual National Conferences on Men's Issues (NCMIs). Following requests for us to host events outside London and the South East, the first NCMI will be held at a venue in Manchester, a short walking distance from Manchester Piccadilly rail station, on Sunday, 17 May, 2020. We'll be emailing ticket holders two days before the event, to confirm the venue and car parking arrangements.

*We would urge you to order your ticket(s) by Saturday 7 March at the latest, because we need to have a minimum number of confirmed attendees to make the event financially viable, by that date.* If the event is cancelled in the highly unlikely event of insufficient demand, we'll refund your money in full.

## Speakers



**Professor Nicola Graham-Kevan:** “The impact of adversity and trauma on males”

Nicola is the keynote speaker, her work in relation to domestic abuse is well-known to many supporters of J4MB. She is the Professor of Criminal Justice Psychology at the University of Central Lancashire, her profile page is [here](#). The start of her profile:

Nicola is an active researcher in the field of criminal justice and wellbeing and is a member of the [Quality of Life Research Group](#). She is UCLan’s lead for Aggression Research within the [Criminal Justice Partnership](#). Nicola has led a number of externally funded research projects and evaluations. She is internationally recognised as an expert on domestic violence and coercive control and is frequently asked to deliver presentations and training nationally and internationally.

Her research interests include the impact of psychological trauma, violence perpetration and victimisation, behaviour change programmes, sexual offending, emotion dysregulation, and adverse childhood experiences.



**William Collins:** “Families Need Fathers – Both Parents Matter Cymru survey of male victims of domestic abuse”

William, a retired engineer, blogs on men's issues on [The Illustrated Empathy Gap](#) and is the author of the book *The Empathy Gap: Male Disadvantages and the Mechanisms of Their Neglect* (2019). He volunteers with the Welsh charity FNF-Both Parents Matter Cymru and will be talking about some of the charity's work.



**David Eggins**, Temper Domestic Violence



**Denise Knowles**, Temper Domestic Violence

David and Denise will jointly be giving a talk, “Perpetrator Programmes – how children, families and society can be better served by recognizing and working with female perpetrators”

From their [website](#):

Temper is a registered charity focused mainly on working with people whose behaviour in their intimate relationships is a cause for concern. We work closely with violent, aggressive, abusive people to help them understand why they behave in such ways and to help them bring about changes in their behaviours.

Temper was devised in 1994/5 and improvements are continuously being made to the programme in the light of the experience of more than 1,000 clients who have completed the work, both men and women, and the availability of much greater research into what works and what doesn't. This has also brought about an explosion of knowledge through neuroscience.

We work on the basis that in the vast majority of relationships emotions drive behaviour, not a desire for “power and control”.



**Andrew Pain:** “Domestic Abuse, then Parental Alienation: a survivor's story”

Andrew survived a ten-year-long abusive marriage and now shares his experiences in order to raise awareness about the challenges faced by men experiencing domestic abuse. He is a TEDx speaker – [here](#) – blogger and regular contributor to The Good Men Project and Psych Reg. He is a happily remarried father of five who became the primary carer for his daughters from his first marriage. His blog is [here](#).



**Deborah Powney:** “My journey from domestic abuse survivor to domestic abuse researcher”

Deborah is a PhD psychology researcher who specializes in domestic violence from a non-gendered perspective. Her head of department at the University of Central Lancashire is Professor Nicola Graham-Kevan. She is the driving force behind [Walking to Recovery: A study for male survivors](#).



**Mike Buchanan:** “The links between domestic abuse and other men’s issues”

Mike is the leader of the political party he launched in 2013, [Justice for Men & Boys \(and the women who love them\)](#). He was the prime author of the party’s last [general election manifesto](#), which covers 20 areas where the human rights of men and boys are assaulted by the state’s actions and inactions, almost always to privilege women and girls. Domestic abuse is explored on pp.26-30.

## Tickets

Tickets are priced at £95.00, the cost covers a hot buffet lunch as well as unlimited tea, coffee, and mineral water. By ordering a ticket, you will be indicating your acceptance of the Booking Terms, please read them carefully (later in this document) before ordering your ticket. You can order your ticket by clicking on this [link](#) and scrolling down to pay through PayPal or directly into our bank account (please email us – [info@j4mb.org.uk](mailto:info@j4mb.org.uk) – if you've paid into our bank account). It's the same link we use for donations, but rest assured the sum will not be considered a donation!

We need to sell a minimum number of tickets to ensure the financial viability of the event. We plan to make a decision on whether or not to proceed with the event, on Sunday, 8 March, and will email ticket holders that day. **It follows that you should order your ticket(s) by Saturday, 7 March, latest, to increase the likelihood of the event taking place.**

Please do not order travel tickets or hotel accommodation until and unless you receive confirmation that the event will definitely take place. If the event is cancelled, we'll refund your money in full, early w/c 9 March.

Assuming the event will go ahead as planned, we shall email attendees on 15 May – two days before the event – to inform them of the venue and the associated car parking arrangements. For those travelling by train to Manchester Piccadilly, the venue is only a few minutes' walk away from the station.

## Timetable

Registration will take place from 08:00, the first talk will start at 10:00.

## **BOOKING TERMS FOR MANCHESTER CONFERENCE – 17 MAY, 2020**

This Agreement is made between the Organizer and the Participant, on the date that the Participant orders a ticket for the Event, or in the case of Participants who are not required to pay for tickets (e.g. speakers), on the date that the Organizer confirms the Participant's attendance.

### **Definitions**

"Agreement" means this document.

"Event" means the National Conference on Men's Issues, Manchester, 17 May, 2020.

"Force Majeure Event" means a circumstance, cause or event outside the Organizer's reasonable control including but not limited to the circumstances set out in the 'Force Majeure' section below, which renders the Organizer unable to perform some or all of its obligations under this Agreement.

"Obligations" means the requirements upon either the Participant or Organizer as identified in this Agreement.

"Organizer" means the political party [Justice for Men & Boys](#).

"Participant" means an attendee, guest, delegate, visitor, invitee, media representative, speaker, or participant at the Event who is entitled to be at the Event, having been invited by the Organizer, or who has a valid ticket to the Event.

"Premises" means the spaces in the Venue which have been hired by the Organizer.

"Venue" means a building in Manchester.

"Venue Owner" means the owner of the Venue.

### **1. Entire Agreement**

This Agreement constitutes the entire Agreement between the Organizer and the Participant, and no correspondence or representation, written or verbal, entered into or which took place before the date of this Agreement shall be of any effect unless specifically referred to in this Agreement, or provided by subsequent procedures envisaged or contemplated by this Agreement.

### **2. Application of Terms and Conditions**

No modification of the terms of this Agreement will be binding on the Organizer unless in writing and signed by an authorized officer of the Organizer. These terms and conditions override any other terms or conditions stipulated, stated to be incorporated or referred to by the Organizer in correspondence, or otherwise.

### **3. Partial Invalidity**

The illegality, invalidity or unenforceability of any provision of this Agreement under the law of one jurisdiction shall not affect its legality, validity or enforceability of any other provision, and in the event that any particular provision is deemed to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any particular jurisdiction, then this Agreement shall be construed as if such provision was removed and the remainder of this Agreement shall be read and construed as if such offending provision has never formed part of this Agreement.

#### **4. Jurisdiction and Governing Laws**

This Agreement and any dispute or claim arising out of or in connection with it or its subject matter or formation (including non-contractual disputes or claims) shall be governed by and construed in all respects in accordance with the laws of England. The parties irrevocably agree that the courts of England have exclusive jurisdiction to determine any dispute or claim that arises out of or in connection with this Agreement or its subject matter or formation (including non-contractual disputes or claims) and the parties submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of England.

#### **5. Tickets, Cancellations, Transfers**

The Organizer reserves the right to reject applications for tickets, for reasons it deems reasonable. The Organizer also reserves the right to cancel the validity of individual tickets after issue, for reasons it deems reasonable. In both cases, a full refund of any money received will be made.

The Participant acknowledges that tickets are not refundable, but they are transferable to other individuals if the Participant informs the Organizer of those individuals' names and email addresses, and if the Organizer approves of those transfers, in writing (email [info@j4mb.org.uk](mailto:info@j4mb.org.uk))

#### **6. Media representatives**

A number of complimentary tickets have been set aside for media representatives, who should email the Organizer ([info@j4mb.org.uk](mailto:info@j4mb.org.uk)) with their name, email address, and the media they will be representing, *before* applying for tickets. Applications for tickets, and access to individual speakers for the purpose of interview, will be granted or denied on a case by case basis.

#### **7. Registration and Security Badges**

Security badges and lanyards can be collected at the registration desk in the Premises, from 08:00. Security badges will need to be presented each time Participants wish to enter the Premises and must be visible at all times whilst on the Premises.

Security badges will remain the property of the Organizer throughout the Event, and if the Participant is required to leave the Event, their security badge must be handed over to either an official of the Organizer, or security personnel.

#### **8. Organizer's Obligations**

The Organizer will manage the Event and use reasonable skill and care in doing so.

The Organizer will not be responsible for changes to the Event which are outside its control, such as changes of speakers, cancellation of the Event as a result of Force Majeure, and will not be liable to compensate Participants for any such changes.

#### **9. Rights of Entry**

Whilst in the Premises, for the duration of the Event, the Participant must comply with the instructions of the staff of the Organizer, and the staff (including the security staff) of the Venue Owner.

Notwithstanding any provision contained elsewhere in this Agreement, the Organizer and the Venue Owner independently reserve the right, at their sole discretion, to:

- (a) require a person, whether or not a ticket holder for the Event, to leave the Premises. In such an event, the person will not be entitled to a refund of their ticket price, nor compensation of any form.

- (b) refuse to permit anything to be brought into, or require anything to be removed from, the Premises.

The Participant accepts that the Venue Owner may exercise these rights with respect to parts of the Venue other than the Premises.

#### **10. Recording (video / audio / still photography)**

The following terms apply only to the areas hired by the Organizer, the Premises, and apply to all Participants including media representatives:

##### Main presentations room

In line with previous conferences, the Organizer has appointed individuals to make official video recordings of the speakers' presentations, and they will be published online in due course. The Organizer will have sole copyright of these recordings.

During the presentations, Participants are not permitted to make video or audio recordings in the room with any equipment, including cameras, mobile phones or smartphones. The Organizers will have sole copyright of any materials recorded in contravention of this rule.

During presentations, whilst seated, Participants may take still photographs of the speakers. Flash photography should not be used at those times.

Other than during presentations, Participants are permitted to make video or audio recordings, or take still photographs with any equipment, including cameras, mobile phones or smartphones. However, they must obtain the prior approval of the Participants who will be recorded, before making these recordings. It is not permitted to make recordings which include Participants who have not given prior approval, e.g. those who may be in the background, or passing by.

##### Rooms and other areas in the Premises, other than the main presentations room

Participants are permitted to make video or audio recordings, or take still photographs, with any equipment, including cameras, mobile phones or smartphones. However, they must obtain the prior approval of the Participants who will be recorded, before making these recordings. It is not permitted to make recordings which include Participants who have not given prior approval, e.g. those who may be in the background, or passing by.

##### The rationale for these rules

These rules are in place for a variety of reasons, including:

- consideration for the speakers, who deserve not to be distracted by flash photography during their presentations;
- the reasonable expectation of Participants for privacy during the conference;
- the comfort and convenience of Participants in walking around the venue without the risk of tripping over equipment, such as tripods supporting video cameras;
- the reasonable expectation of Participants to have a clear view of the speakers without Participants or video equipment and operators in their lines of sight.

### Contravention of the rules

Participants who contravene the rules will be asked to desist from doing so. If they persist, they may be asked to leave the Premises, their security passes removed, and they will not be permitted to return to the Event. Nor will they be entitled to any financial compensation from the Organizer.

### **11. Damage caused to the Premises or Venue**

In the event that a Participant intentionally or negligently damages the Premises or Venue, the Organizer will be required to pay a sum to the Venue Owner to rectify the damage, or to replace or compensate the Venue Owner for any loss, within 10 working days of receipt of the Venue Owner's letter on the matter. The Participant agrees to pay the required sum to the Organizer before the expiry of the 10 working days.

### **12. Participants' property**

To the fullest extent permitted by law, the Organizer excludes any and all responsibility or liability to the Participant for loss or damage to the property of the Participant. The Organizer shall be under no obligation to store or keep safe any such items and shall not be liable to the Participant or to any other person for their loss, disposal, or destruction.

### **13. Announcements relating to the Event**

The Participant accepts that the prime means of communication used by the Organizer to keep Participants informed of key updates in relation to the Event will be emails. The Organizer will inform Participants of the Venue address on the morning of Friday, 15 May.

### **14. Force majeure**

(*Chambers Dictionary* definition of force majeure: 'An uncontrollable course of events, excusing one from fulfilling a contract'.)

If the Organizer is unable to perform any of its Obligations under this Agreement by reason of a Force Majeure event including but not limited to:

- (a) any acts or restraints of the government or public authorities including war, invasion, act of foreign enemies, hostilities (whether war is declared or not), civil war; or
- (b) revolution, riot or civil commotion, strikes, lock-out or other industrial action; or
- (c) blockage or embargo; or
- (d) failure of supplies of power, fuel, transport, equipment or other goods or services; or
- (e) damage to the Premises or storage facilities by explosion, fire, corrosion, ionizing radiation, radioactive contamination, flood, natural disaster, storm, subsidence, heave, landslip, impact by vehicles, malicious or negligent act or accident; or
- (f) breakdown or failure of equipment

the Organizer will be entitled to be relieved of its Obligations to the extent to which performance of its Obligations is prevented, frustrated, or suspended for any reason. In such circumstances no-performance, part-performance or delay in performance of the Obligations of the Organizer hereunder shall not entitle the Participant to claim damages of any kind whatsoever whether direct, indirect, or consequential.

If a Force Majeure event occurs, the Organizer will be entitled, but not obliged, to terminate this Agreement.