



FGM AWARE – NEWSLETTER 6, January 2018

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Welcome to the FGM Aware newsletter, which aims to bring together practitioners working to respond to FGM and FGM survivors and campaigners. We share information on research, resources and practice issues as well as promoting events and training opportunities.

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### **INTERNATIONAL DAY OF ZERO TOLERANCE FOR FGM – 6<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY**

If you are not already involved in activities to raise awareness of FGM to mark this date, then here are some ideas:

Register for one of the below events

Take time to check out the FGM Aware website

Read the Scottish multi-agency guidance (see below)

Share your learning with others

Find out what services are available in your area to support girls and women affected

Arrange a screening of the short animated film Sara's Story (available at [www.fgmaware.org](http://www.fgmaware.org) )

Tweet in support for the need to end FGM #EndFGM

Donate to an organisation working to prevent FGM and to support women and girls affected

### **EVENTS**

#### **Royal College of Midwives Conference**

6<sup>th</sup> February 2018. 12.20pm – 4.30pm, Chancellor's Building, Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh

This is a half-day conference with input from Police Scotland and Health Professionals. The keynote speaker is Hibo Wardere, survivor, activist and author. There will also be a response from Shona Robison MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Health and Wellbeing.

The conference is for all health and social care practitioners and is supported by Royal College of Midwives, Edinburgh Child Protection Committee and NHS Lothian.

To book a place go to [www.zerofgm.eventbrite.co.uk](http://www.zerofgm.eventbrite.co.uk)

### **'Bleeding Blade' Screening - International Day of Zero Tolerance for FGM**

14<sup>th</sup> Feb, 2pm – 4.30pm, Grassmarket Community Project, 86 Candlemaker Row' Grassmarket. Edinburgh EH1 2QA

Waverly Care's My Voice Project is hosting an event for International Day of Zero Tolerance of FGM. This free event will feature a screening of 'Bleeding Blade', written, produced and distributed by Gambian Filmmaker, Prince Bubacarr Aminata Sankanu. The film tells the story of Sira, a young Gambian girl (played by Ma Awa Barry), and the tragic consequences of FGM for her and her community. The film was premiered in The Gambia in September last year and this will be the first public screening in Scotland.

A note from the My Voice Team: *"Please be aware, due to the content of the film, this event is only suitable for people aged 18 and over. Please note the title 'Bleeding Blade' is not of our making, but of the film producer."*

To register for a place go to <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/bleeding-blade-screening-international-day-of-zero-tolerance-for-fgm-tickets-42196032469>

### **Raising awareness of FGM**

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> Feb, 9.30am – 12.30pm, Heart of Scotstoun Community Centre, 64 Balmoral Street, Glasgow

A half-day workshop delivered by the Women's Support Project. Discussion will include definitions, motivations, legislation, why it is an issue for services in Glasgow, risk assessment and services and resources. This free of charge workshop is open to people who live or work in the north west of Glasgow.

To apply for a place please contact [Northwest.HIAdministrator@ggc.scot.nhs.uk](mailto:Northwest.HIAdministrator@ggc.scot.nhs.uk)

## **GUIDANCE AND RESOURCES**

### **Multi-Agency Guidance for responding to FGM**

The Scottish Government published this multi-agency guidance in November 2017. Including information on definitions, legislation, risk assessment and good practice in responding, this is an essential resource for both service managers and practitioners. Available to download at

[www.gov.scot/Publications/2017/11/5793](http://www.gov.scot/Publications/2017/11/5793)

### **FGC in Asia and the Middle East**

Orchid Project 2016

[https://orchidproject.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/07/ME-Asia-infographic-May-2016-Final\\_A1\\_FOR\\_PRINT.pdf](https://orchidproject.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/07/ME-Asia-infographic-May-2016-Final_A1_FOR_PRINT.pdf)

An infographic map showing the extent of Female Genital Cutting in Asia and the Middle East. The map indicates that FGM takes place in areas not previously thought to be affected. Further information and references available at <https://orchidproject.org/factsheet-fgc-in-the-middle-east-and-asia/>

### **Animated films on FGM**

The Royal College of Midwives (RCM), September 2017

These short animated films were developed by the RCM in collaboration with The Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (RCOG), The Royal College General Practitioners (RCGP), survivors of FGM, NGOs and a variety of local community partners. The RCM and partners worked closely with FGM

survivors to ensure the authenticity of the stories remained true to the realities of surviving FGM. All three short animations are available to view:

***The Words Don't Come***

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M5E936tbv4g&t=1s>

***Our Daughters***

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n1HA4QNV1dk>

***It's Our Time Now***

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FZ\\_6CCfWjPo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FZ_6CCfWjPo)

The films aim to creating awareness around the health and physiological consequences of FGM, but also hope to cut through much of the inaccurate and misleading information circulating in the public sphere about FGM.

**My Clitoris**

Integrate UK 2016

Not new but well worth sharing again! Young people using music and humour to raise awareness.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fq6v-klcG\\_Y](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fq6v-klcG_Y)

**KWISA- Kenyan Women in Scotland Association**

KWISA are involved in a range of activities, including providing networking opportunities for African women, community engagement work and work to raise awareness of FGM. Check them out on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/kwisauk/> or email [kenyanwomeninscotland@gmail.com](mailto:kenyanwomeninscotland@gmail.com)

Thanks to everyone who sent in information and shared resources. If you have anything for inclusion in the next newsletter please email to [jan@womenssupportproject.org.uk](mailto:jan@womenssupportproject.org.uk)

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