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# DOMESTIC VIOLENCE. THE ONUS IS ON ALL OF US.

Specialist training and consultancy  
to professional services dealing  
with domestic violence and abuse.



ONUS was established as a social enterprise by Women's Aid Antrim, Ballymena, Carrickfergus, Larne and Newtownabbey (ABCLN) in 2007 and offers specialist training and consultancy services on domestic violence or abuse.

In 2010 we launched our Workplace Charter on Domestic Violence, a bespoke accreditation scheme, to enable organisations, businesses, churches and communities, to be recognised for their support to anyone affected by domestic violence or abuse. Our range of supported pathways, empower communities to recognise and respond to anyone affected by domestic or sexual violence or abuse.

We believe that in order to create a society that has zero tolerance towards domestic violence or abuse, prevention and early intervention work is crucial.

We don't provide direct support services to anyone living with domestic abuse, we aim to raise awareness and build capacity, to ensure anyone affected by domestic abuse is directed to support services, hence the name of our range of initiatives 'Pathways for Participation'.


Our range of pathways enable everyone to play their part and we work with a wide range of organisations, including employers, community groups and Churches, to provide training and resources in recognising and responding to domestic abuse and referring on to appropriate services.

Any organisation making an application will be offered the necessary advice, guidance and training to assist it in developing its systems in order to gain recognition.

For further details on The Workplace Charter visit: [www.onustraining.co.uk](http://www.onustraining.co.uk)

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SAFE CHURCH

## What is a Safe Church?

The Safe Church Initiative was developed by Onus to empower churches to recognise and respond to Domestic Violence and Abuse both within the church and wider community context. As a Cinnamon Recognised Project, Safe Church offers churches a best practice, tested methodology for helping people in their community. This helps local church based projects to both start faster and succeed sooner.

## Achieving the Safe Church Award

To achieve the Safe Church Award, Churches must attend two mandatory tiers of CPD certified training, primarily aimed at clergy and those with a responsibility for safeguarding within the church.

### Tier 1 - Domestic Violence & Abuse Awareness Raising

### Tier 2 - A Church response to Domestic Violence & Abuse

On completion, Churches will be issued with a supply of Safe Place resources to display.

### Tier 3 - Domestic Violence Champions

Clergy will be encouraged to appoint a Lead Champion to attend this session to provide a dedicated response to Domestic Violence and Abuse and lead the way in addressing Domestic Violence and Abuse within the local community.

## Safe Church Commitments:

1. We will support the Safe Place Campaign Pledge: never to commit, condone or stay silent about Domestic Violence and Abuse.
2. We will acknowledge Domestic Violence and Abuse is a problem that impacts on all of us as a society, and will be prepared to play our part in supporting anyone affected.
3. We will provide a Safe Place for anyone affected by Domestic Violence and Abuse to confidentially access information.
4. We will effectively respond to disclosures of abuse and support anyone affected to access support.
5. We will raise awareness within the Church that there are no excuses for acts of Domestic Violence and Abuse.
6. We will commit to raising awareness about the support available for anyone affected by Domestic Violence and Abuse and work in partnership with other organisations to ensure best practice.

For more information on Safe Church or to book training sessions, please contact Onus:



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