

Hull Domestic Abuse Survivor Supports National Centre For Domestic Violence (NCDV).

Jennifer Gilmour is a local author and advocate for women in abusive relationships, she suffered several years of a controlling partner and now raises awareness to help others. Jennifer is often creative with how she raises awareness online and in 2019 won the UK & European Marketing Award for Using Social Media for Good.

The NCDV approached Jennifer for her support in raising awareness of the vital work that they do to provide legal protection, she is in good company with fellow supporters Vicky McClure and Becky O'Brien.

Jennifer says:

I am proud to support National Centre for Domestic Violence and actively share the vital work they do to provide legal protection to those fleeing an abusive relationship. The work they do to raise awareness helps victims know they are not alone and can reach out for support. "You don't need a bruise to be a victim" offers an all-important reassurance to those in emotionally abusive relationships, something that I know only too well.

Jennifer, 33, fled from her abusive relationship from Chester back to her home in Hull, family and friends welcomed her home after not being able to see her for two years. She was controlled to the point that she was unable to attend her grandfathers funeral and other key life events, he chose what she would wear, made sure she didn't get much sleep at night and she would have to ask for permission to go to the toilet.

Coercive control is an act or a pattern of acts of assault, threats, humiliation and intimidation or other abuse that is used to harm, punish, or frighten their victim.

NCDV says:

The National Centre for Domestic Violence are delighted to announce that Jennifer Gilmour has joined us as an official supporter. Jennifer is an author, advocate and survivor of domestic abuse, who uses her own experiences to raise awareness and help others in similar situations. NCDV look forward to working in Partnership with Jennifer now and in the future.

Our ethos and mission is the same as it has always been and as a Community Interest Company our aim is to help all victims of domestic abuse regardless of their financial circumstances and as such we have never and will never charge a victim for our services.

During 2020 we provided our free service to over 4,100 victims that could not obtain legal aid or afford a solicitor to represent them and would have undoubtedly otherwise fallen through the gap and gone unprotected. We received over 95,000 referrals from the police and domestic support agencies in 2020 and helped secure just under 10,000 non molestation orders. NCDV is by far the largest provider of support in this respect in England.

As a supporter Jennifer has committed to sharing NCDV campaigns to help raise more awareness, speak at future events, comment on specific initiatives or events and be listed as a supporter on the NCDV website.

You can see Jennifer and the other supporters on the NCDV website: <https://www.ncdv.org.uk/about-ncdv/supporters/>

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I am available for interview Tuesday 11th May from 1pm, Wednesday 12th May from 1.30pm and 14th May all day. I can also provide any further information or photos.

For further information about NCDV please visit: <https://www.ncdv.org.uk/>

Please contact Sharon Bryan from NCDV for any questions related to their work:

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Images attached are graphs showing those the NCDV have helped in requiring non molestation orders.