

# Anawim

Birmingham's Centre for Women

## IMPACT REPORT

### 2024-2025

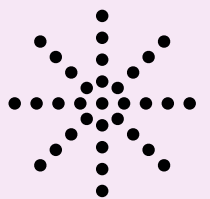


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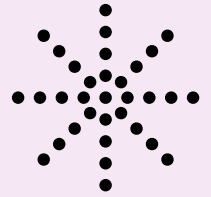
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# THE YEAR IN REVIEW



## It's been another very busy and fruitful year for Anawim.

We've continued to see the positive impacts of our work, with more than 2,000 women supported to make changes and move forward. Our team has grown too, in numbers, strength and resilience. Our fundraising and communications efforts have been shared more widely within Anawim; and we've found getting involved with events can offer a break from the emotional intensity of frontline work for service delivery staff.

Our presence on social media has grown, alongside our influence on women's rights campaigning. Through stronger collaboration with partners like [Women in Prison](#), [Level Up](#), the [Howard League](#) and others, and as an active member of the growing [National Women's Justice Coalition](#), we've been able to speak with a more unified voice. We've seen glimmers of progress in policy change, and while systemic transformation can feel painfully slow, these glimmers are proof of the power of collective action.

## WE WANT TO SEE

- Women's centres recognised and sustainably funded.
- Women's imprisonment used only in the rarest of cases.
- Women's prisons repurposed and the savings used in the community.
- Women effectively protected from violence and sexual abuse.
- Trauma recognised as the root of most women's responses and offending.

## WE DESPERATELY NEED

- Safe housing.
- Improved understanding from statutory services of trauma and its effects.
- Fair access for women to suitable employment and financial stability.
- Improved support for children especially around Special Educational Needs and Disabilities.
- More women diverted away from receiving criminal records.

We remain optimistic for the future, and we are excited to see what positive results will come out of the [Her Insight Collective](#), which we are delighted to be part of, and also, nationally, the [Women's Justice Board](#).

**Joy Doal, MBE, CEO.**

# VALUES

Anawim believes in the intrinsic value of every person and welcomes each women, without judgement.



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We are deeply committed to listening to our women and building services around their needs.

We help women to navigate the complex challenges they are facing and we do all that we can to support them for as long as they need us.

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Anawim empowers women to make positive changes to turn their lives around, helping them - one step at a time - to become independent.

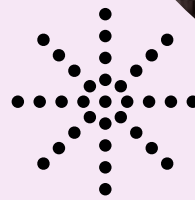
We want the best for our women and to make sure their basic needs are met. We won't rest until we've done all we can to keep them safe.



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# MISSION

To provide trauma responsive services including holistic support and advocacy in Birmingham to empower women to reach their potential.



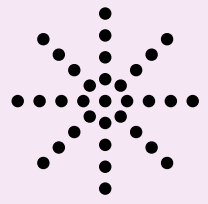
# VISION

A world where women and girls are safe, free, valued, and empowered members of society.

*"When I read this, I agreed, I felt safe every time I visited the centre, you felt positive. Just wanted to let you know that I am happy to know that there are people out there working for this. Wanted to say you guys are doing an amazing job. I think this project is an amazing thing."*

**Anawim Client.**

# THE YEAR IN NUMBERS



**2119**

Women supported across our services, by caseworkers, drop-in and the helpline. This is **up more than 21%** on last year.

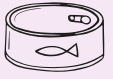


**1534**

Women who had 1-2-1 caseworker support.

**1371**

Visits to drop-in made by 549 women.



**1132**

Food and toiletry parcels given out.

**628**

Women referred to our Early Interventions team.

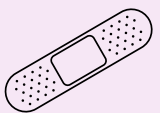


**538**

Women supported in secure accommodation.

**385**

Visits made to drop-in by women subjected to a form of abuse.

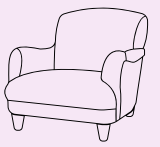


**285**

Women supported by specialist caseworkers in drop-in.

**173**

Women engaged in counselling - across more than 1800 sessions.



*"Anawim has really helped me at the most difficult and lowest point. I think the place and the staff are amazing and I don't know what I would have done without it and the support - Thank you".*

# OUR CENTRAL SERVICES

## DROP-IN

The 'front door' of Anawim to access 1-2-1 support for any issue you may be facing, food parcels, toiletries, clothes and sanitary products, and a shower and washing facility where needed.

### Top needs at drop-in:

- Food - 438 visits
- Abuse - 385 (52% Domestic Abuse)
- Mental Health - 377 visits
- Life Skills - 341 visits
- Finance - 270 visits



*"I offered emotional support and discussed her housing options. Ongoing support through drop-in was provided - we also applied for Universal Credit and PIP together - and she had food parcels while waiting for benefits. Due to the client's history of drug addiction I referred her to our drug and alcohol specialist. The woman now feels stronger, and better able to deal with her living situation. She is in receipt of her benefits so in a better financial position. After working with our specialist she cut her alcohol consumption right down, regained control, ultimately stopping drinking altogether."*

*"We supported one woman to report image based sexual abuse (revenge-porn) to the police. She was safeguarded and the offender was arrested and charged, his phone removed so he couldn't share any more videos."*

### Domestic Abuse:

Support with domestic abuse including financial or coercive control, psychological and emotional abuse, and physical and sexual abuse. Supporting women to safely escape relationships, understand trauma and identify healthy relationships.

**137 women**

*"I supported a woman to report domestic abuse to the police, she didn't originally want to press charges but did want to obtain a non-molestation order. After talking to officers she pressed charges, the perpetrator was arrested and remanded in custody. He was demonstrating several high-risk indicators - and is a dangerous person. Not only are the woman and her children safer but also the risk to the wider community has been reduced."*

## SPECIALISTS

### Multiple and Complex Needs & Mental Health:

Recognising the need for personalised interventions, and tailored approaches, we support clients experiencing severe mental health issues, including suicidal tendencies and self-harm.

**77 women**

*"When I came here, I lost everything. I feel that Anawim, especially my caseworker, has encouraged me to live life. They have helped me to understand my mental health, supported me during really bad times and whenever I need my caseworker she is always there."*



**Housing:** Support to access emergency, temporary and permanent accommodation, maintain tenancies, support to navigate housing and benefits agencies and systems.

**48 women and 233 housing related visits to drop-in.**

Staff at an Anawim sleepout to raise awareness of the housing issues facing women.



*"The housing crisis is very real across our country, and disproportionately is affecting women and children. The lack of suitable temporary accommodation and housing stock in general is failing to support people and keeping them in precarious situations."*  
Anawim Accommodation Caseworker

*"The client is substance free and has been for several months; she has won sponsorship from external agency; is a positive peer for Change, Grow Live and for the recovery house."*

## 23 women



**Substance Misuse:** Supporting women experiencing drug and/or alcohol use disorders to overcome their addictions and maintain recovery. Addressing the root causes alongside clinical methods of medication where appropriate.

# COUNSELLING

**173 women**



Free **counselling** is offered for every woman at our centre, meaning they have the sessions in an already familiar environment, as well as reducing the number of places to travel to.



**88% of the women supported via counselling had experience of domestic or sexual abuse.**

*"My life has changed and improved beyond my expectations. I've really understood how I should treat myself, gently and kindly. I've been afforded a safe space to feel my feelings, thanks doesn't cover it.*

*I can see a future I want to be in now."*

**Anawim Counselling Client**



# CENTRE COURSES & EVENTS



**Courses:** There are many routes to support at Anawim and we aim to offer a full curriculum. We have a varied range of courses and groups including many that address complex trauma, emotional regulation and thinking skills. Other courses offer domestic abuse support, self-confidence, assertiveness and self-esteem as well as mindfulness, creativity and inter-personal problem solving. Additionally we have specialist drop-in sessions to enable women to gain extra skills and confidence beyond their initial needs.

**Activities and Events:** We have a full schedule of activities in the centre, for example, sewing and gardening. There are also a number of events throughout the year open for all the women to get involved.

- We ran 13 different courses, some multiple times.
- Partner drop-ins including Citizen's Advice and Change, Grow, Live.
- Six weekly workshops including craft sessions
- Events throughout the year.
- 90% of women asked said their course facilitator was **"excellent"**
- 98% of women asked rated courses as **"excellent" or "good"**

**"It has changed my life. I have found healing"**

**"gave me courage for the future"**

*"I feel more able to stop and think about my actions."*

*"I feel like this course has given me the strength to accept help"*

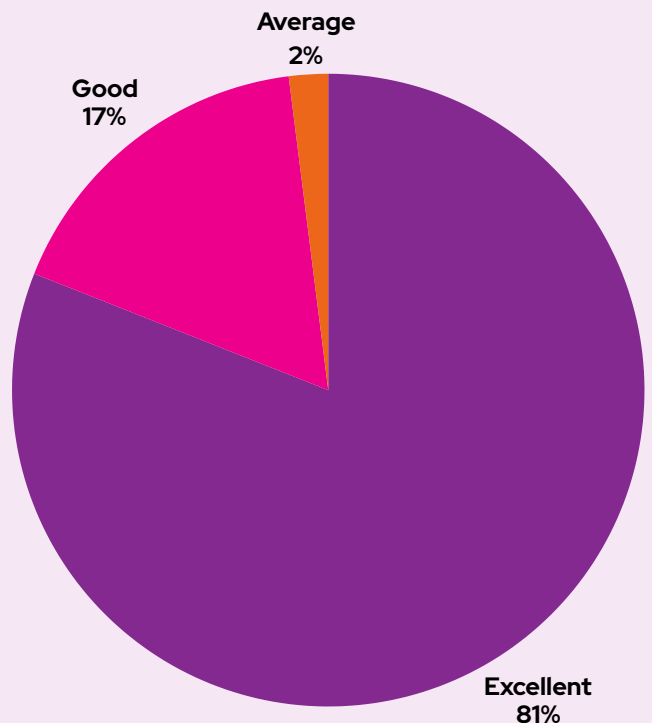
*"Brilliant, I wish it was longer, made me feel better about me"*

*"I love it, it's helped me to love myself and be positive. It changed my entire life with positivity and confidence. it's the best thing since sliced bread. My favourite course."*

*"It's helped me to reflect and think about managing my trauma in healthier ways. I looked forward to attending every week as I got so much from it"*

*"It has made me more positive in my outlook on life, and has given me tools to deal with my emotions better."*

Feedback from course participants.



# CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES

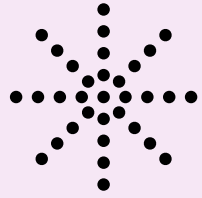
*"Anawim has treated me like a family member and for that I am really happy. Anawim has given me hope."*

We have caseworkers and projects for women the whole way through the Criminal Justice System. From those at risk of offending, to those in prison, and everything in between. We work with criminalised women to break the cycle and move forward.

## EARLY INTERVENTIONS

Our Early Interventions team worked with **628** women across three pathways. This work takes place at the earliest possible point to divert them away from any further involvement in the Criminal Justice System. Women are often criminalised as a result of poverty, trauma or abuse. We work with them to tackle the root causes of their offending.

**New Chance:** Police refer women whose crime could attract an out of court disposal, and our caseworkers aim to address the underlying reason for the offence to prevent reoccurrence.



**381**  
**women**

*"At the end of support, she had re-established contact with her family, and thanks to her new coping strategies, this contact hadn't escalated in a negative way so she was rebuilding the relationship."*

An evaluation conducted by the University of Birmingham found that New Chance successfully reduced reoffending by 16%. For participants with substance misuse issues, this rose to 50%.\*

### Health & Justice Vulnerability

**Service:** NHS service aiming to divert people from the criminal justice system. Practitioners work in the court and custody suites, screening and assessing those with mental health issues, substance misuse, homelessness and vulnerabilities who will benefit from further specialised support. It's expansion has been proposed in the Independent Sentencing Review.

**123**  
**women**

*"I feel my life is changing dramatically for the better. The support is there that I didn't have before."*

**124**  
**women**

### Intensive Supervision

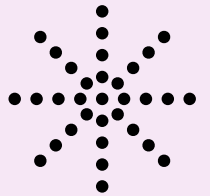
**Court:** One of three pilot problem-solving courts, and the only one in the UK that is women-only. It offers alternative, intensive, community-based sentences for women who would otherwise almost certainly go to prison. More on page 11.

\* <https://justiceinnovation.org/project/new-chance-project>

# PRISON - HMP FOSTON HALL & HMP DRAKE HALL

Staff regularly visit women in HMP Foston Hall and HMP Drake Hall, to build relationships with them, to help them address the root causes of their offending behaviour, and to identify women who might require additional support. We run a Domestic Violence course and work with women prior to and during their release to make sure they are prepared, know what is required of them, and have the essentials, like transport and clothing.

**Women in prison are supported by our Commissioned Rehabilitative Service and Community Connections Caseworkers.**



However, around 30 women were currently getting good support from a caseworker from Anawim (a Birmingham-based support service for women). Monthly group sessions were popular and focused on recognising coercive control and developing self-confidence.

HMIP report on inspection of HMP Foston Hall in Jan 2025.

***"I have been so supported in custody, [it] has helped me to turn my life around. Without this support I wouldn't be here"***

*"The safe space and time has enabled this woman to process some of the domestic abuse she has experienced and enabled her to validate her emotions and build confidence and self-awareness.*

*She is accepting her emotions and feels calmer and more confident. Being able to discuss her abuse has helped to move forward and recognise how it has affected her wellbeing, and that her C-PTSD symptoms are a response to the traumas she has survived. She is more aware of domestic abuse and can acknowledge gaslighting, severe physical abuse, and coercive behaviour. Through discussion and emotional support she is no longer minimising her abuse and feels empowered to recognise abuse and also feels like she would like to report what she went through and try to get the perpetrator convicted."*

**Anawim Caseworker - Foston Hall**



# COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Community Connections is a national partnership of women's centres aiming to connect women in prisons with vital specialist community support services. It makes sure every woman in prison is connected to their local women's centre or relevant specialist services with the help of prisoners who are trained as Champions.

*"Women often say that before support from the link worker they have never been asked before about the abuse they have endured and how this may have contributed to their involvement within the Criminal Justice System. If women are given adequate support with the abuse and trauma they have experienced this may support in reducing the cycle of reoffending and returning to prison."*

**Anawim Caseworker**

**451 women -  
more than SIX  
TIMES as many  
as in 2023-24**

## ARDENLEIGH

*"Our patients in the medium secure unit face significant challenges daily, including strict restrictions and the burden of severe, enduring mental health issues. They contend with a range of difficulties such as dissociation, flashbacks, acute self-harm, and frequent attempts to end their lives. These complex challenges require a high level of care, compassion, and expertise to ensure their safety and support their recovery journey.*

*The barriers our team faces are wide and varied, including the constant risk factors associated with working in a secure environment. Additionally, demonstrating compassion in such a highly restricted setting presents its own challenges, as it requires balancing empathy with the necessary security protocols and maintaining a safe environment for both patients and staff. Despite these obstacles, our commitment to providing the best care remains unwavering."*

**Ardenleigh Coordinator**

We work as part of the Women's Blended Service at Ardenleigh Medium Secure Unit. Our staff offer gender specific and sensitive treatment through enrichment activities, peer support and one to one casework, for women who are detained under the Mental Health Act and have a history of actual or potential harm to other people.

**39 women**



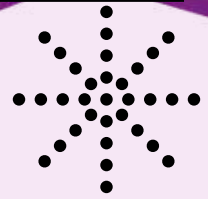
# PROBATION & COMMISSIONED REHABILITATIVE SERVICES (CRS)

Women across the West Midlands, who are either on community orders or in custody, are referred to us and we work alongside probation. It aims to reduce reoffending by enabling women to access support for a variety of issues such as domestic violence, trauma, mental health, addiction and accommodation needs. Practical and emotional support is available from an allocated caseworker, as well as specialist support from counsellors and finance, debts and benefits advisors, where needed.

*"She feels she has all the appropriate support at present, has no plans to rekindle any previous relationships, has started open university course, is a lot happier and less anxious in her new property, and is looking forward to more positive prospects."*

*"She has begun to make steps to turn her life around, she has had no further criminal justice involvement and has gained so much self-esteem, confidence and self-love."*

171 women



Good Morning,  
I just wanted to let you know that I've relocated to my new home! and I just wanted to thank you for everything you have done for me. From writing that letter advocating for me to supporting me when you first met me at Anawim without judging my situation and being so kind to me. I really enjoyed and miss our sessions; you helped me recognise healthy relationships and people and because of that I developed into a different woman. I met you at a point in my life where I was so broken and now a few years later I'm a mother with my own home with healthy boundaries so thank you so much you've made such a difference in my life! I'm able to give my son a home and continue growing with him! Thank God!

You're a wonderful woman and we need people like you in this world and you always are so willing to help everyone around you no matter what. I really wish and pray the best in the world for you! You've been a blessing in my life! Thank you so much for everything! Thank you for helping me and all other the women you help

Lots of love 🍷🍷

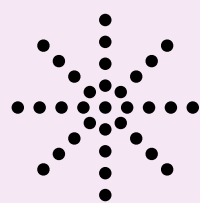
Letter sent to a CRS caseworker.

# RESETTLEMENT

77 women

For women who've been in contact with the criminal justice system and are looking for more support. Referrals are made both internally and externally; women are allocated a caseworker and offered specialised assistance. Resettlement aims to break the cycle of reoffending through comprehensive long-term support.

## INTENSIVE SUPERVISION COURT



The Intensive Supervision Court is a female-only problem-solving court, a pilot which started in Birmingham in June 2023. Women are given a community order which asks them to engage with intensive support from multiple services, all under the authority of a single judge, usually across two years. Partners from a range of organisations then co-deliver a multifaceted intervention programme, with joint appointments and assessments so the women do not have to repeat their story. Caseworkers support them to court reviews every month and are their point of contact throughout.

This summer we will see our first graduations from the ISC, although some women have done so well their orders have been revoked already.

*“You gave me hope, and inspired me to change”*

In 2024-25 we worked with **124 women** through the ISC. If they had each been sent to prison for six months it could have cost **£3,224,000**. \*

Caseworker support is approximately **£8,000** per woman over two years (£992k), a saving of around **£2.3m** - Anawim’s entire annual operating budget.

Problem-solving courts should be introduced across the country to ensure that offenders get the addiction treatment or mental health support they need. Other countries have had a 33 per cent decrease in further arrests for those on similar programmes, compared with people serving a standard prison sentence. In Texas and New York the commission met judges who described the positive impact of drug and mental health courts on offenders and therefore on communities. Offenders can avoid jail if they agree to adhere to strict conditions. They regularly meet the same judge who monitors their progress. They have to submit to random drug tests and can be sent to jail immediately if they breach their conditions. In this country, four intensive supervision courts have been piloted, successfully, in Liverpool, Birmingham, Teesside and Bristol. The commission visited two and saw the power of an on-going relationship between offender and judge. An initial evaluation found that more than three quarters of the offenders involved in the scheme stuck to the conditions imposed and did not need to be sanctioned. They also tested negatively for drugs more than two thirds of the time. Lord Timpson, the prisons minister, said: “I do think it’s working. When you pick the right offender at the right time in their criminal life this can be the difference between turning their life around or seeing it keep spiralling down.”

*The Times Crime and Justice Commission, 2024.*



\*Figures from <https://www.wbg.org.uk/publication/the-case-for-sustainable-funding-for-womens-centres/>

# WHAT IS THE IMPACT?

*"I still feel like I'm learning. I've come so far, it has been a proper journey. It's been so positive, I didn't realise how long I've been on it. It's really positive to know I'm not the only one, and hearing other people's stories too. Any woman who goes through what I've been through, this has to be the best thing for them.*

**You guys have been there every step of the way.** *If you weren't there I don't know what would have happened but I also know now that I'll be OK... before the order I wasn't going anywhere, I was jogging on the same spot. The order has taken me further than I could have done by myself. It has really put things into perspective.*

*I am still on this journey. You guys are so understanding. I would really recommend any woman to do this because it really does help. They could've put me in jail or anything but they gave me a chance, it's been a lifeline."*

**ISC Client**

*"My client was referred through ISC, she had complex needs such as alcohol misuse and mental health. She had a negative self-belief, and not much confidence. I provided her with one-to-one support, conducted home visits when she couldn't attend the centre, and referred her onto the confidence course. We have since built a very good relationship, and she is doing very well on the ISC order."*

The client said: *"I will never forget the day when [caseworker] came to visit me. It was like having a friend around, a true friend you can confide in, express all of your emotions, the anger, fear, intimidation, hurt pain, sadness, grief and confusion. She truly did listen, engage and remember all of what I told her"*

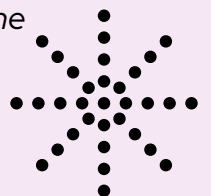
**Anawim ISC Caseworker.**



*The visit to Burningham last week, to see specifically how the ISC works, was inspirational, and it's clear that the level of support you give makes a big difference in the women's chances of turning things round. It was wonderful to see.*

*Thank you again for all you do*  
*James Timpson*

**Minister of State for Prisons - James Timpson.**



# THE WOMEN'S RISK NEEDS ASSESSMENT



The Women's Risk Needs Assessment (WRNA) is a comprehensive trauma informed, gender-responsive risk, needs and strengths assessment designed specifically to be used with criminal justice involved women. It is the only validated, peer-reviewed risk and needs instrument in the public specifically designed by and for system-impacted women.

The WRNA drives a comprehensive, holistic case-plan designed to enable frontline professionals to work alongside women in a way that best accounts for their specific needs and strengths and which mitigates risk. This is crucial to recognise among the people we work with in order to enhance motivation and case planning strategies.

**The WRNA data is being collected by the University of Birmingham as part of the Effective Women's Centre Partnership, and will provide evidence that has previously been lacking. WRNA backs up what we already knew – that trauma is at the root of women's offending. These offences are more likely than those of men to begin earlier in life, often as an escape from that trauma and victimisation.**

- **81%** of women have experienced physical or sexual abuse. They are nearly **3x** as likely to have experienced domestic abuse than the general population.
- 81% of women have a mental health diagnosis or referral – 4x more than the general population – with 80% on medication.
- **1 in 5** experience violence at home, and more than **1 in 10** don't feel safe there.
- More than half use substances most days – less than a third have received treatment.
- **57%** have attempted suicide – **8.56x** the average rate.
- **28%** have been hospitalised.
- **30%** rely on foodbanks/vouchers.\*

*"The WRNA is really helpful for being able to actually provide holistic support. On certain referrals we have very specific pathways that probation would like the woman to complete, however from the WRNA you are able to see the big picture and that there are other areas, sometimes more priority, that she needs support with. This allows us to listen to the woman's needs and make a more tailored and beneficial plan of support."*

**Anawim Caseworker**

In one sample period we found that the most common needs (areas we can support the women with) at their first assessment are:

- **PTSD**
- **Depression/Anxiety**
- **Employment/Financial**

and at review stage:

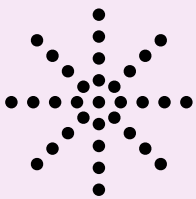
- **PTSD**
- **History of Mental Illness**
- **Adult Abuse**

Our women's top strength is consistently: **Education.**

**28** women secured housing - and **14** were prevented from becoming homeless.

**5** women had their children returned and **18** are working towards that. On average keeping a child in foster care costs £482 a week in Birmingham - £25k a year.

**13** women separated from abusive partners, and **3** perpetrators were tried and convicted.



Our **16** volunteers contribute **76** hours a week to Anawim. This is the same as **2** full time staff members, or **£47k** a year.

**14** women gained education and **12** gained employment.

*"It's my favourite day of the week, coming here."* - Anawim Volunteer.

## OTHER IMPACTS

At Anawim, we work with women facing complex and challenging circumstances - from homelessness and abuse - to separation from their children. We offer immediate compassionate support, and our holistic approach can build long-term pathways to safety, stability and independence.

Keeping women out of the criminal justice system and with their families does reduce public costs, but the impacts aren't just financial. Critically, women have opportunities to heal from trauma, to learn and grow, and to pass that knowledge on to others. Behind these simple numbers are changed lives, reunited families and renewed futures.

**204** more women now know how to recognise the signs of domestic violence.

**5** women successfully obtained non-molestation orders.

After working with us **43** women said they now knew how to avoid harmful relationships.

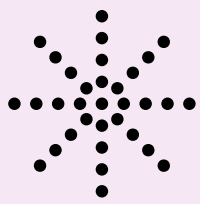
## VOLUNTEERS, CHAMPIONS AND PEER MENTORS

Our volunteers come from all walks of life and play a vital role in keeping Anawim's services running smoothly. Their work ranges from shifts in the charity shop, to counselling, casework, fundraising and outreach projects. Their time, skills, and compassion are contributions, and also lifelines for our women. We are planning to expand the work our volunteers do and are so grateful for their commitment to our work and women.

Our eight champions are current or previous Anawim clients - who now volunteer - and are integral to our work. They may progress to be Peer Mentors, who are more involved in the day to day running of the centre, and assist with recruitment and other tasks.

*"Every single person I have encountered at Anawim has been amazing. They can't do enough to support, even if it's not their remit they will try and get you to the right person, or will sit and help you with the task. Anawim's a very special environment and I've always felt like I belonged. I'm not 'just a volunteer'. Great place, great people."*

# FUNDRAISER STORY



Sheila Fawkes chose to support Anawim with her exhibition "Is it me..." at Location 29 in the Jewellery Quarter, donating a proportion of her sales. The venue is a historically significant former jewellery factory restored by Jan Arkwright and her husband Malcolm Kirkham. Jan works in the legal system, and knew Anawim through her job. Sheila said: *"The exhibition is something I've been working on all my life really, it's about women's issues. Women go through a lot of very difficult things in their lives and I think my work is about myself, but it is universal. In other words, it isn't about my story, it's about the story of women really. It became something that was what I wanted it to be, that is opening it out so that I could show my work, the things that I believe in and have worked on for such a long time."*

**The exhibition raised more than £1000 through art sales and donations.**



## COMMUNITY SUPPORT

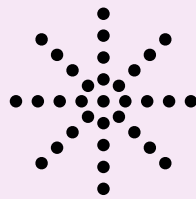
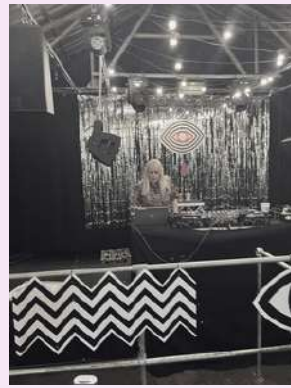
It's very important for us to get out in the community, both to raise visibility and much needed money that directly supports our services.

This year we have been overwhelmed by the support shown to us by individuals, community groups, organisations, and businesses. The total raised from community events **more than doubled to £8005**, a really essential contribution to our work. Making it easier for people to raise money has been vital in this, and ensuring we make and maintain strong relationships.



# STAFF FUNDRAISING

This year we challenged our staff to raise money for Anawim in their teams and they more than delivered! Events and sponsorship pages collected more than **£8000**, a significant proportion of our fundraising total. There were fayres, a talent show, a sleep out and even tea with two Mayors.



# INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY ROADSHOW

For International Women's Day 2025 we went on the road, to spread the word about our work, and increase visibility of Anawim across Birmingham and beyond.

The centre was decorated with bunting made by our sewing group, and we ensured there were events for the women who use our centre throughout the week, ending with a celebration party - including karaoke...



- **20** Locations visited
- **7** different centre events
- **2** Quizzes written

- **1** DJ set completed
- **1** banner broken
- More than **£2000** raised!

# ADVOCACY AND COMMUNICATIONS

Over the past twelve months we have continued to amplify the voices, and advocate for, women in contact with the criminal justice system, and more widely continue campaigning against violence and discrimination. The Independent Sentencing Review argued for sustained funding for women's centres, an assumption against short sentences, and that no more pregnant women should be sent to prison. We would urge the government to follow these, and other recommendations.

Through memberships of organisations including the National Women's Justice Coalition (NWJC) and collaboration with Women in Prison, Women's Aid and many others we have worked to get our message across. That's included campaigns around the criminalisation of domestic violence victims through the Assault of an Emergency Worker offence, and for better mental health care of survivors. We are hopeful that some progress is finally being made, for example the Independent Sentencing Review directly refers to NWJC's contribution.

We made the decision to disable our X (Twitter) account but our other channels did well with post impressions increasing 83% to just under 300,000, shares more than doubling, and reactions up by 74%. Follower numbers grew from 3,450 to 4,394. Over the year we also appeared on, or consulted for, a number of media channels including Radio WM, Das Spiegel, Channel 4, The Birmingham Mail and Hits Radio.

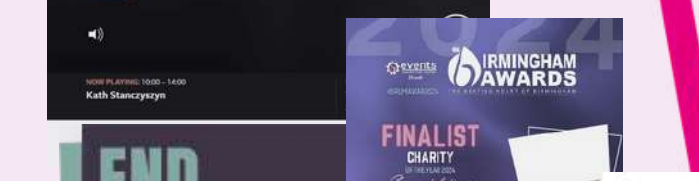
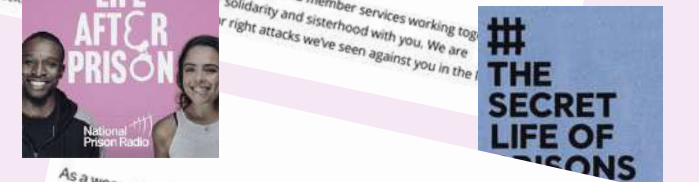
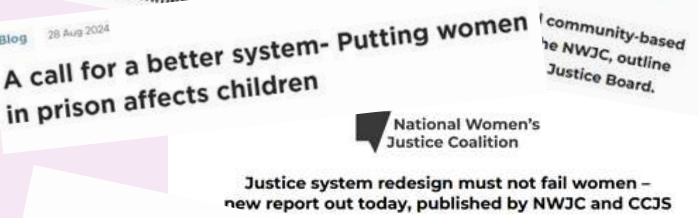
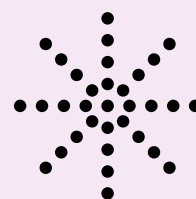


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# WANT TO SUPPORT OUR WORK & MAKE AN IMPACT? HERE'S HOW:

**VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES** - if you'd like to support us by volunteering please email [volunteering@anawim.co.uk](mailto:volunteering@anawim.co.uk).

**CORPORATE SUPPORT** - if your company could support Anawim, or you'd like to learn more about the opportunities available then please email [giving@anawim.co.uk](mailto:giving@anawim.co.uk).

**COVERAGE** - We are happy to work with the media on stories about our work, and women's services more generally. Please contact us on [communications@anawim.co.uk](mailto:communications@anawim.co.uk).

**COMMUNITY PARTNERS** - We love to get involved with community events, and are so grateful for everyone who fundraises on our behalf. Email [giving@anawim.co.uk](mailto:giving@anawim.co.uk) to get involved.

**RAISE MONEY** - All fundraising efforts - whether a cake sale or a mountain climb are gratefully appreciated! You can set up a [fundraising page with JustGiving](#).

**DONATE** - Our food and toiletry bank is always in need of a top up and we welcome donations - or you can [shop online](#).

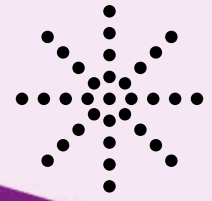
**FOLLOW US** - We talk about our work and its impact on our social media channels and would love for you to join us - search "Anawim BCW".

# THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR FUNDERS



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# WHAT'S NEXT?



## ANAWIM IS 40!

In 2026 Anawim is celebrating a BIG Birthday and we would love your support.

### We're looking for:

- Memories, stories and old photos.
- Fundraising events and ideas.
- You to get involved with all of our celebrations!



### How two nuns helped transform Birmingham's most notorious red light zone

Sisters Magdalene Matthews and Maisie Nevin offered cups of tea instead of judgement to women working in Cheddar Road, Balsall Heath



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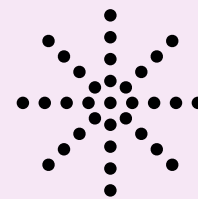
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