



NORTH EAST

FEMINIST GATHERING

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Revisiting the continuum of sexual violence

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Liz Kelly is a feminist researcher and activist. She has worked in the field of violence against women and children for 40 years: she was a member groups that founded the refuge in Norwich in 1973, and later the Women's Centre and Rape Crisis Centre. She is currently co-chair of the End Violence Against Women coalition.

She is the author of *Surviving Sexual Violence*, and many book chapters, journal articles and research reports. In 2000 Liz was appointed Professor of Sexualised Violence and in 2006, she was appointed Roddick Chair of Violence Against Women.

She is director of the Child and Woman Abuse Studies Unit (CWASU), London Metropolitan University, which is recognised as one of the world leading research centres on violence against women. The Unit has completed over 100 research projects (www.cwasu.org) and is known for making connections - between forms of gender based violence, and between violence against women and abuse of children. Recently completed studies include: how young people understand sexual consent; the evaluation of DVPOs; and with Solace Women's Aid how women rebuild their lives after contacting specialised services.

CWASU run the only MA on Woman and Child Abuse in Europe, with students from the UK, Europe, Africa, Asia and Latin America. The MA has been designed to provide 'thinking time' for practitioners, to deepen their understanding and reflect on policy and practice through the lens of research.