SESSION ONE (1 of 8)

Objectives for this session:

- To develop ground rules for the programme
- To learn basic theory of bystander intervention
- To understand why sexual violence and domestic violence is a problem in society and in student populations
- To engage students in becoming motivated active bystanders speaking out against violence
- To obviate feelings of hostility and resistance when confronted with the reality of male violence

Session plan ONE HOUR to one and a half hours

Time allocation	What you need to know as facilitator before the session begins	Resources for this session
One hour to one and a half hours	You must have read the 'Good facilitation' resource: http://www2.uwe.ac.uk/faculties/BBS/BUS/law/Law%20docs/bystander/toolkit/ Guide-to-Good-Facilitation/Good-Facilitation.pdf You must have read the guide to safeguarding, confidentiality and disclosure http://www2.uwe.ac.uk/faculties/BBS/BUS/law/Law%20docs/bystander/toolkit/ Guide-to-Good-Facilitation/Safeguarding-confidentiality-disclosure.pdf You (or your course leader) must have researched and written a bespoke version of the handout about local support services including support at your institution and links to complaint procedures http://www1.uwe.ac.uk/bl/research/interventioninitiative/support.aspx You must be ready to hand out the Social Norms Questionnaire (unless your institution is taking part in an evaluation where participants will have answered these questions online).	 Powerpoint slides Internet connection set up to play clips from YouTube White board / flipchart / pens Handout – support services local Handout – support services national Handout – Social Norms Questionnaire Handouts - printed handout notes to accompany presentation if using

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Time allocati on	Focus / Activity	What to say	What you need to know as facilitator – info only	Resources
10 mins	Welcome / icebreaker	See the "Good facilitation" resource. Introduce yourself and the group to each other. If you have time, run an icebreaker (e.g. ask participants to pair up ready to tell the group their partner's name and something good that happened to them this week – or something they like to do, or eat, etc.)		"Good facilitation" resource for facilitators Slides – 1 and 2 Session One Introducing the Bystander
	Ground rules	Explain that we will from time to time in this course be discussing difficult and sensitive issues. Discuss confidentiality, listening, disclosure and ensure you have set the ground rules together. Ensure you give your contact details to your group and explain you are trained to help them discuss any issues.	ntic	Slide — some ground rules **Profit having and consultation as a program to program of the strain and the strai
	Survey	Explain that you are asking everyone to fill in (anonymously) a very short questionnaire at the beginning of the course, and that you will collect the questionnaires so that you can share the data with the group later in the programme.	You will use the results to show students in Session 5 comparisons (%) between their responses and how they thought their peers would respond.	Handout – Social Norms Questionnaire Handout – printed presentation notes pages if using
	Who is a bystander?	We are going to begin by looking at the definition of a bystander. Who is a bystander? A bystander is a person who witnesses an event. We are all bystanders, all the time.		Slide: who is a bystander Who is a bystander?

5 mins	Question: What would you do?	Here is a scenario for you: It's a lovely sunny day and you are sitting by the river on your own, no one else is around. Suddenly you hear splashing and screaming for help. A person is caught in the current and drowning. You are the bystander. There is no mobile phone signal. You can swim. There is a life ring on the riverbank. What might you do? (If there is time, write some suggestions on the board) Looking for: - Jump in and save (presuming you can swim well) (being safe yourself is a very important factor – emphasise this) - Call emergency services (but no signal) - Throw a life ring These responses are those of an active / prosocial bystander - Nothing?	Don't spend too much time on this exercise as the point to get to is about prevention. It is not an exercise about how to respond in this type of situation. (This scenario is adapted from Crapser, B. G., & Stewart, A. L. (2014). Men's Project: Sexual assault prevention program for college men program manual. Storrs, CT: University of Connecticut,pp.26-27)	Slide: scenario Ita is body surry day and you are alting by the new on you run on the side is amount. So disferry you have splashing and screening for help. A person is cought in the current and drowing. You are the bystander. There is no mobile phone signal. Tou can wim. There is a life ring on the newthern. What do you do? What do you do? What bystander. A person is completed and the side of
	Two types of bystander	- Run away? These responses are those of a passive bystander. So there are two types of bystander – passive and prosocial.	idti	Slide: passive / prosocial bystander Passive bystander (does nothing) The intervals # # # # # # # # # # # # # # # # # # #

5 mins	Prevention before the event	Let's say you save the person. No sooner have you swum them to shore or hauled the life ring to shore then another person is in the water drowning. You repeat the action. No sooner have you saved the second person than a third is in the water drowning. What might you be wondering now? What would you want to know? Looking for - Why are these people in the river? What's going on? - What is happening upstream so that all these people are in the river? So it turns out that upstream there's a person pushing people into the river one by one.		Whiteboard / smartboard
	Tr	Ask participants: How does this change the situation? How does it alter your prevention effort? What are you trying to prevent? (people drowning?) So you might be better off at the source – i.e. preventing the person pushing the person in the river rather than saving them once they are in.	entic	
		So the learning point – a bystander can intervene to stop events before they happen or while they are happening i.e. a bystander can PREVENT the potential outcome as well as deal with an outcome.	iati	Slide: prevention A bystander can intervene to stop events before they happen or while they are happening Le. a bystander can PREVENT the potential outcome as well as deal with an outcome.
8 mins	Group activity	Can you think of a situation where you have been a bystander and something has happened and you have - Intervened? (active / prosocial) - Not intervened? (passive) It might be a situation that has made you uncomfortable or concerned and put you in the position of thinking to yourself "should I do	DIVIDE THE GROUP INTO SMALL GROUPS - of 2 or 3 or have a group discussion if you have less time.	Slide: have you Have you
		something? Should I say something?" and you chose to intervene or not to intervene. It might be in the supermarket, the train station, at school or college, in a club, on a bus. Anywhere.	You might want to give an example of your own to get the discussion going.	

		What factors are at play in the decision to intervene or not intervene?	Make a brief list on board or flipchart under each heading. If you have time you could ask the groups to do it.	Slide: factors at play What factors are at play in Intervention? Whiteboard / smartboard or flipchart and pens
3.5 mins	Video	Play YouTube bystander effect video If you have more time, discuss participants' reactions to this video	ntic	Slide: embedded YouTube video The Bystander Effect https://www.voulube.com/watch?y=OSaPfbu
		Explain that we will be discussing all the various forms and techniques of intervention later in the course. This is to enable students to realise from the start that interventions can be small even seemingly insignificant acts and which do not need to be confrontational.	iati	Slide: What is intervention? WHAT IS AN INTERVENTION? - Different forms e.g Body language signalling disapproval - Distraction - Interruption - Facebook post - Choosing not to laugh at a Joke - Being supportive to friends - It's not all about confrontation!

2 mins	Bystander	Now we are going to look at the research on bystanders and the	This is an overview only at	
	research	reasons why people do and don't intervene.	this stage	Slide: 4 stages for
				intervention
		For a bystander to intervene, research shows there are 4 stages:		4 Stages for intervention
		A Nation the according to a single field in the set in the size of the second	Adapted from Berkowitz,	1. Notice the event
		Notice the event/behaviour (this is about being informed)	A. (2009) Response Ability: A Complete Guide	Interpret it as a problem Reel responsible for dealing with it
		2. Interpret it as a problem (not presuming that the problem has been	to Bystander Intervention,	Possess necessary skills to act
		solved/underestimate its importance)	Beck & Co.)	(Angula fore Bertault, A. (200) Requires Abity A Couplible Intervention & Intitative Solds to Appendix Princettion for A. Co., J. IS)
		corres, and or commute no importance)		
		3. Feel responsible for dealing with it (realising that it's your		
		responsibility / not presuming that because you are not causing it		
		that you are not part of the solution / recognising that behaviours		
		have knock-on effects and affect others too / empowering	10 41 6	
		someone to be a social justice ally)		
		4. December the processory skills to get (prod to have training on how		
		4. Possess the necessary skills to act (need to have training on how to intervene/role play/practising).		
		to intervene/role play/practising).		

4 mins	Bystander research	 Reasons why we don't intervene Social influence and social identity (social psychology theory) (no one else is doing anything so I shouldn't either – and I don't feel a connection to the victim) Fear of embarrassment (audience inhibition) Diffusion of responsibility (assume someone else will intervene) Fear of retaliation (physical harm, others' reactions, can be overcome if have training in diffusion) Pluralistic ignorance (social norms theory) Pluralistic ignorance is where individuals underestimate others' internal beliefs and believe they are in the minority when actually they are in the majority. (I.e. nobody else thinks this behaviour is wrong) This is important in a bystander context because it means they are less likely to act. 	Adapted from Berkowitz, A. (2009) Response Ability: A Complete Guide to Bystander Intervention, Beck & Co., p.10)	Slide: reasons for non-intervention Reasons for non-intervention **Control of density **Address windows **Control of density **
		An important influence on negative behaviour from the perspective of the red person, the problematic person, is 'false consensus' which is the incorrect belief that other individuals are like oneself when they are in fact not. This functions to enable an individual to deny that their behaviour is problematic and encourages problematic behaviour that people think is the norm. The combination of pluralistic ignorance and false consensus is 'mutually reinforcing': the holder of false consensus bias wrongly believes they are in the majority whereas the real majority view is silent due to pluralistic ignorance. The silence makes it appear that the false consensus view is supported.	idti\) /e
30 sec		WARNING!! THE GOLDEN RULE IS ONLY INTERVENE WHEN SAFE TO DO SO. You must not start intervening until you have been taught skills in intervention and you have completed this course. You will also learn that intervention comes in many forms – it is often absolutely possible to make safe, unthreatening interventions that don't involve putting yourself in physical danger – and sometimes the best way to intervene is to wait for a better opportunity, or get in touch with a professional who can handle things safely.	This is a vital message – students are not yet equipped with the skills to intervene.	Slide: golden rule Golden Rule Only intervene when it is safe for you to do so. If not safe, in an emergency, dial 999

4 mins	Motivating the group to become active bystanders	This is a programme that is specifically about bystander intervention in rape and sexual assaults and domestic violence. You may be wondering why this is relevant to you – here is why – the evidence	It is important to be upbeat and positive here to engage students and facilitate their 'buy-in' to this course	Slide: this programme is about This programme is specifically about bystander intervention in sexual violence and domestic violence.
3 mins	Th	You may have seen a lot of media coverage recently about problematic behaviour in student populations. There have been some surveys carried out which will be referred to a lot in this course. In particular the NUS carried out a survey called Hidden Marks (2011) and Cambridge University also did a survey (2014), among others. What all the surveys have found is a large percentage of students being subject to sexual violence and this age group is also more likely to experience domestic abuse. Are you surprised by this?	Give students some time to read the slide Go through some of the key statistics on the slide	Slide: evidence shows that Why? Evidence shows that: Why? Evidence shows that:
		In summary, there is a serious problem – and you are part of the solution! That's really important to note – that you can make a difference and this course will teach you how to do that! You need to be aware that violence and abuse can happen to anyone but also that it most often happens from male to female – i.e. males abuse females BUT that does not mean that all or most men are offenders or that women don't offend. In fact, men are very much part of the solution in tackling other men's violence! No-one is pointing the finger at men in this, we are not telling you that you are perpetrators – what we are telling you is that you can stop other men's violence against women!	It is incredibly important to get this across in a positive manner so as not to alienate the men present.	Slide: key points Vey points Description of the point o
		Research indicates that men and women may feel resistant and hostile to the message about gender. Ask how those statistics make students feel because we need to acknowledge these feelings. Be extremely reassuring that we are talking about men as a statistical group and that most men are not abusers.		Slide: how does this make you feel? How does this make you feel? Research indicates that: "Prevention messages can be heard by someas defining all men as perpetrators only and women only as victims" (Powel 2011)

30 secs	Aim	This is where we want to get to and this is the fundamental aim of this course – to ensure that all students are free from violence		*All students have the right to live and study in an environment of dignity and respect, free from the fear of harassment or violence*
3 mins	Violence is everybody's problem	Violence impacts a great many people and these are people we love and care about. It happens more often than we realise. One reason violence is everybody's problem is the massive cost to society – billions of pounds of taxpayers' money is spent – and this affects all of us because there is then less money for other services. But this is not why we expect you to act. Does this economic cost surprise you?	You might be asked about that figure and what it includes. It includes things like the economic costs of lost output due to victims' absence from work, the cost of services for victims such as NHS, police, prosecution, courts, social services, housing etc. See Walby, S. (2009) The Cost of Domestic Violence: Up-date 2009 http://www.caada.org.uk/commissioners/The%20Cost%20of%20Domestic%20 Violence%20-%20Walby%202009.pdf	Slide: violence is everybody's problem VIOLENCE IS EVERYBODY'S PROBLEM Impact on victims our friends and loved ones Costs our society estimated £15.7bn per year

4 mins	Motivation	As University students you really are our future leaders, you are the next generation of leaders of our society YOU ARE PART OF THE SOLUTION to stopping violence. You need to STEP UP, SPEAK OUT, BE HEARD Explain: There is help and support available in the university as well as from a range of local and national organisations and charities. Here is a short video made by UWE students as part of the campaign on UWE's campus to speak out about violence and abuse. Play the short UWE video	Again be very positive here, you must engage the students so they end this session feeling motivated to continue!	Slide: future leaders YOU ARE OUR FUTURE LEADERS! STEP UP! SPEAK OUT! BE HEARD! University of the West of Explands Falls International Control and Co
3 mins	Information & motivation	Give out handouts (local and national support) and point students to the website at www.uwe.ac.uk/interventioninitiative . Play James Bond / Obama clip. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xLdElcv5qqc	entic iativ	Handouts: local support services; national support services Slide: embedded youtube clip 2014 White House video https://www.voulube.com/watch?vexi.dElcu5
		If not moving straight to the next session, explain that the next session will involve taking a look at how people understand each other's beliefs and values as well as looking at gender roles in our culture.		Slide: references References Management of the property of t