ABWA is Argyll & Bute’s specialist provider of support for women, children & young people who have experienced domestic abuse. Our service is free, confidential and independent, and we are affiliated to Scottish Women’s Aid.

**What we do:**

* Support women, children and young people who have experienced domestic abuse
* Risk assessment & safety planning
* Raise awareness of the cause and impact of domestic abuse
* Work with organisations to improve their response to those affected by domestic abuse

**What we can offer:**

* Women’s Crisis & Refuge Support Service including refuge where appropriate
* Women’s Outreach & Follow-on Service
* Advocacy on issues relating to domestic abuse
* Children &Young Persons Refuge Support Service
* Children & Young Persons Outreach & Follow-on Service

**Our Values & Objectives**

**Mission Statement:**

We want to work towards a society free from all forms of domestic abuse through the provision of practical and emotional support for women, children & young people affected or at risk from such harms.

**Our beliefs:**

ABWA believes that there can be no acceptable excuses for domestic abuse as Women, children and young people have a right to live their lives free from abuse.

**Our values:**

We will always put our service users at the centre of all our efforts, delivering a non-judgemental and equitable service regardless of age, ethnicity, sexuality, religion and beliefs. Empowering each one to self-determine future choices.

**Our ethos:**

ABWA support focuses on empowerment and ensuring our service users have the information needed to make their own choices. We are committed to equal opportunities and anti-discriminatory practice in all our work and services.

**Our status:**

Scottish Charity No: No. SCO20012

Service registered with: The Care Inspectorate

Main funders: Argyll & Bute Council & Scottish Government