

5 November 1992

General Executive
Clydebank District Council
Clydebank G81 1TG

Dear Sir

Save Women's Aid in Clydebank

This is a letter of support for Women's Aid, Clydebank. The undersigned strongly oppose the plans of the Clydebank District Council to withdraw the funding that Women's Aid has been receiving over the last years.

Women's Aid has provided an invaluable service to thousands of women all over Scotland. Women who were beaten up and abused found here advice, help and shelter, often with their children.

The organisation relies on the work of trained volunteers to be able to invest most of their limited funds in refuges and offices. Withdrawing funding threatens the existence of the centres and refuges, which means turning out women and children, and depriving them of one of the few opportunities to escape from violent homes.

Particularly in urban areas, such as Clydebank, branch offices are crucial because that is where domestic violence takes place. That is where counselling, support and advice is needed most.

Also, other branches of Women's Aid including Glasgow's main office are struggling under the demand for refuge space and the very limited funding so that they could not take on Clydebank's workload.

By withdrawing funds you are withdrawing part of an often life-saving network for women and children.

We, the undersigned, therefore urge you to scrap the plans and continue to fund Clydebank Women's Aid.

Yours sincerely