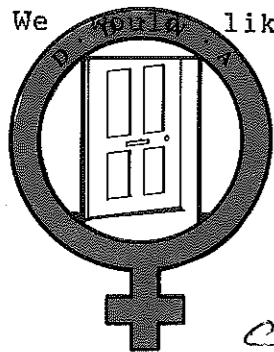


# Dumbarton District Womens Aid

Dear Sir,

We would like to bring your attention to current d



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that Clydebank Womens Aid are having in relation to securing long term financial security. This is of particular significance to Dumbarton District on two main points which is outlined below.

There has always been a strong connection between the two communities of Clydebank and Dumbarton and considerable movement between the two areas. In terms of Womens Aid this has shown itself through being able to use the 'open door' policy, moving women between areas if she feels unsafe in her home territory. This has been used with tact by both groups, and indeed the District Councils in both directions.

If we were to see a reduction of refuge space or support workers through any retrograde action of Clydebank District Council in withdrawing or reducing funding to their local Womens Aid group, there would be a marked influence on the service that we in Dumbarton could offer women from our district, or women needing to return to their home area.

Furthermore, with local government reorganisation a reality, (but as yet undecided in form,) developments in adjoining districts must be of concern. Here in Dumbarton the Council and Womens Aid have worked together to provide and improve services for abused women and their children. It would be a disaster to see this eroded after reorganisation because another District has in the past decided to withdraw support of Womens Aid.

For the reasons laid out above we ask that you take an active and ongoing interest in what is happening, and keep informed of developments surrounding provision for women escaping violence in Clydebank District. Further, we would ask you to use any influence you have to encourage the District Council to maintain their support of Clydebank Womens Aid.

Clydebank Womens Aid would be happy to give you more information if necessary, and can be reached on 041-952-8118.

Yours in peace,

for DDWA