

Active Bystander Communities — the UK's First Community-Based Bystander Programme Against Domestic Abuse

Gender Equality · Good practice · United Kingdom

Quality score: 63/100

Evidence strength: Moderate

Summary

A three-session bystander-training programme piloted with 70 community members in Exeter, Torquay and Gloucester produced large, statistically significant, durable reductions in domestic-violence myth acceptance, published in BMC Public Health (2020).

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Transferability / replicability	2/3
Impact on gender equality	0/1
Effectiveness	1/1
Efficiency	0/1
Evaluated outcomes	1/1
Sustainability	0/1
Achievement / evidence	1/1
Gender-mainstreaming embedding	1/1
Curator validation	1/1

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-09-05

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