



# January 2021

## WWP EN Newsletter

**Dear Friends, Colleagues  
and Supporters,**

I wish you all a happy and  
healthy new year.

2020 has been a unique and  
challenging year, and most of us  
are left wondering what 2021 will  
bring. The past year has shown  
us scenarios we did not think  
possible and has left us, at best,  
curious, at worst, anxious for the  
future.



At WWP EN, our intense professional journey has just begun. 2021  
will be **transformational and challenging** for us. Joining us for the  
journey are **our members whose input and support is invaluable**.  
They will provide us with reflections on the most relevant questions in  
perpetrator work, which will centrally shape our strategy in the years to  
come.

This year, we will focus on working with **men who use violence and  
have a history of migration and/or displacement**. We will need to  
question the privileges, biases and racist assumptions in our work. As  
when addressing accountability or sexualised violence, **our first**

**reflections must be on our practices and attitudes.** Personal growth is hard work, but it is also what makes our field so interesting. **Working on social change means continuously reflecting on ourselves.** This year, we challenge ourselves to move an anti-racist agenda forward in perpetrator work while centring victim-safety and creating effective interventions for diverse groups of men.

We must also take time to reflect on the **consequences of working online**: How effective are these treatments? What place will digital practices have in the future? Shifting so much of our work online has changed our world. Some of these changes may have negative consequences, but many developments are likely here to stay. We must start accepting positive change and pushing back against unsafe practices.

But **how do we know whether our work is safe and has the desired impact?** Outcome measurement and the question “Do perpetrator programmes work?” remain central criticisms of perpetrator work. One of our main objectives continues to be developing a **coherent way of measuring the impact of perpetrator work**. The WWP EN IMPACT Toolkit is a comprehensive and collaborative way of ensuring interventions are safe and impactful. We dedicated this newsletter to giving you insights into the toolkit and our efforts in quality assurance. If you are interested in learning more or have ideas for collaboration, please contact us.

I hope you enjoy our first newsletter of the year.

**Stay healthy, safe and connected,**

**Alessandra Pauncz**

(WWP EN Executive Director)

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## Do Perpetrator Programmes Work?

### Improving quality assurance in perpetrator work

Why is it so complex to determine the long-term effectiveness of perpetrator programmes? How can organisations evaluate their impact & improve their interventions objectively and data driven?

**So, what does successful perpetrator work look like?**  
No more arrests? The man saying he is no longer violent?  
The partner feeling safe? All of the above and more?

**WWP** IMPACT

The effectiveness of work with men who use violence is a much-debated topic. Quality assurance is crucial for responsible and safe perpetrator work. But how can perpetrator programmes make sure that they are offering safe, impactful and innovative interventions?

At WWP EN, our colleague Berta is responsible for everything related to research. She took some time and shared her thoughts on quality assurance in the work with men who use violence.

[Read more](#)

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## Upcoming Events

### **Expert roundtable: "Do Perpetrator Programmes Work?" - 25 January, 10-11:30 CET**

The effectiveness of work with men who use violence is a much-debated topic. Quality assurance is crucial for responsible and safe perpetrator work. However, we currently even lack a common definition of what "success" looks like when working with men who use violence.



As part of our roundtable, European experts will talk about:

- the complexities of defining "success"
- the issue of reliable and data-driven evaluation procedures
- their own outcome measurement
- how victim support services & survivors must be part of the evaluation

We invite you to join us and make our roundtable come alive with your interest and questions!

### [Register for the roundtable](#)



### **Webinar: "Show your IMPACT" - 27 January, 10-11 CET**

You want to show the impact of your work? You are unsure how to see if your programme is leading to long-term positive changes in men who use violence? You want to make sure that survivors voices are part of the evaluation process?

The [IMPACT Toolkit](#) was developed by perpetrator programmes for

perpetrator programmes.

With the help of the toolkit, you can

- see the process of change of the men in your programme
- get direct feedback on the experiences of (ex-)partners & their children
- show funders & donors your work is worth their support

Join us for an introductory webinar on the IMPACT Toolkit & discover how you can show your IMPACT!

[Register for the webinar](#)

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## [Interview](#)

What does outcome evaluation look like in practice? How do men react when asked to fill out questionnaires about their violent behaviour?



Letizia and Elena are both facilitators of perpetrator programmes in Italy. The organisations they work for have been using the IMPACT Toolkit for several years now. This month, they were nice enough to "sit down" with us and discuss their experiences with the toolkit and outcome measurement.

**[Read the full interview here](#)**

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**[A.S.A.P. Project Final Conference](#)**

23 February

9-12:30 Central European Time



Using best practice examples from Croatia, Bulgaria and Italy, the A.S.A.P. project partners developed a **model for productive cooperation between perpetrator programmes and victim support services**. This model includes outcome evaluation using the IMPACT Toolkit. The project is now coming to a close and partners will share the model and their experiences during the project final conference.

Join us to learn more about A Systemic Approach for Perpetrators( A.S.A.P.). The conference will be simultaneously translated to Italian and Bulgarian.

[See the preliminary agenda](#)

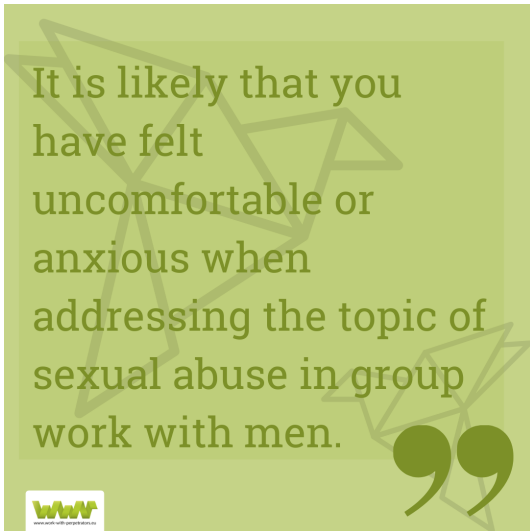
[Register for the conference](#)

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## [How to work with perpetrators on sexualised violence](#)

Guidelines Document now available on our website

"In many, if not most cultures, talking about sex is a taboo subject. It is therefore likely that you have felt uncomfortable or anxious when it comes to addressing the topic of sexual abuse in group work with men. On top of this reluctance to talking about sex is the knowledge and perhaps experience that hearing about sexual abuse – whether from perpetrators or victims can be uncomfortable, painful, and even traumatic."



It is likely that you have felt uncomfortable or anxious when addressing the topic of sexual abuse in group work with men.



Kate Iwi and Nathan Eisenstadt ([Respect](#)) created guidelines for all those anxious about addressing sexualised violence with the men in their

programmes.

These guidelines include

- video conversations between facilitators
- session outlines for practical work in groups
- advice on leading difficult conversations with colleagues
- and much more...

**Read the guidelines**

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