



The Church of Scotland



Violence against Women Charter

This Church:

- Believes that violence against women, girls and children in all of its many forms is unacceptable and irreconcilable with our Christian faith and our Christian way of life
- Accepts that such violence is a serious and common problem and affects those in the life of the Church as well as in wider society
- Condemns all gender based violence and teaches that such abuse is a sin
- Teaches that men and women are equally made in God's image and reflects on what this means for our lives
- Understands violence against women, girls and children to be rooted in gender inequality and an abuse of power and privilege
- Undertakes to listen to, and, where appropriate, provide pastoral support to those affected by violence against women, girls and children
- Will always prioritise the safety of those affected by violence against women, girls and children
- Will seek to create links with local support services, work with them, support them, refer survivors to them and publicise their work when appropriate