

## **Men and Boys Coalition: Mission Statement**

The aim of the Coalition is to establish an informal but cohesive and mutually supportive network of responsible groups, organisations, academics, journalists, politicians, commentators and leaders who are committed to taking action on the gender-specific issues that affect men and boys.

The Coalition will aim to strengthen and support the work of members, not to replicate or replace it.

Members of the Coalition share the aims of:

- Highlighting and tackling issues where the needs of men and boys are unmet\*
- Highlighting and tackling the circumstances where the victims of unfair discrimination are men and boys
- Helping create positive and constructive public discussion about men, manhood and masculinity

The Coalition will act as a vehicle to promote a year-round focus on the above broad issues beyond their current focus on International Men's Day. The issues include (in no particular order):

- The high male suicide rate
- The challenges faced by boys and men at all stages of education including attainment
- Men's health, shorter life expectancy and workplace deaths
- The challenges faced by the most marginalised men and boys in society (for instance, homeless men, boys in care and the high rate of male deaths in custody)
- Male victims of violence, including sexual violence
- The challenges faced by men as parents, particularly new fathers and separated fathers
- Male victims and survivors of sexual abuse, rape, sexual exploitation, domestic abuse, forced marriage, honour-based crime, stalking and slavery
- The negative portrayal of men, boys and fathers

By 1 January 2018, Members of the Coalition will decide on whether they wish to formalise the structure of the Coalition including giving due consideration to forming a charitable unincorporated association, charitable company or charitable incorporated organisation. This also includes moving to a formal process of electing trustees and/or committee members.

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