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WMWA Newsletter, March 2024

We are pleased to share our March newsletter with you. This extended edition looks back on the exciting activities that took place in March as we celebrated International Women's Day, Women's History Month and Mother's Day. Including our trek across the Malvern Hills, an exciting trip to London and the honour of being recognised in today's Royal Maundy Service.

We are truly grateful for your continued support.
From the West Mercia Women's Aid Team!



Smiley Charity Film Awards 2024

It was a privilege to spend this inspiring evening alongside fellow charities all working to make a difference by raising awareness and instigating change.

"We were so thrilled that WMWA's film was mentioned in the People's Choice roll of honour. And we were in good company – as the number of films that focussed on issues for women was notable. Some really inspiring, innovative and memorable work that highlighted health and well-being, and issues for women and girls who live with oppression, inequality and poverty in other parts of the world. It was a truly inspiring evening."

-Sue Coleman, Chief Executive, WMWA

[See the winners!](#)

Thank you to our supporters!

Last year Rainbow Hill Community Hub and Rainbow WI hosted the Power of Colour Wellbeing Showcase. This event included a fashion show, crafts, yoga and dance. They raised an absolutely fantastic £1135 to be shared between West Mercia Women's Aid and Rainbow WI. We are so grateful to Rainbow Hill Community Hub and Rainbow WI for their support. Earlier this month we visited them at their meeting to say a huge thank you for their donation of £567.50.



[Fundraise for WMWA](#)

WMWA recognised in the Royal Maundy Service

The annual Royal Maundy Service was held at Worcester Cathedral today where Her Majesty The Queen distributed Royal Maundy gifts on behalf of His Majesty The King.

"This invitation not only acknowledges our organisation's vital role in supporting and empowering women but also highlights the collective efforts of our dedicated team. I am grateful for the recognition of our organisation's commitment to making a positive difference in the lives of those we serve."

- Clair de Groot, Chair of the Board of Trustees, WMWA



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Marking International Women's Day

On Saturday, 9th March, we were delighted to be a part of "Take the leap" an event celebrating International Women's Day! .

The day was focused on inclusion and was filled with interesting talks, interactive activities and informative stalls. Our WMWA choir performed a number of empowering songs, including our original song 'Still Strong'.

It was an honour to share the day with those who like us, want to celebrate women's achievements, raise awareness about discrimination and take action to drive gender parity.

[IWD 2024!](#)



How The Vicar's Relief Fund supports our clients

Find out how The Vicar's Relief Fund has helped us to support clients to pay the first month's rent on independent properties. Where they could be safe and supported, and could plan for a future free from coercion and abuse.

"The Vicar's Relief Fund has been essential in providing deposits for women to make their escape into safety and comfort, so we can support them in their ongoing recovery."

- Sue Coleman, Chief Executive, WMWA

[Read the full article here](#)

We raised an incredible £2210 through the Malvern Hills Challenge!

Thank you to everyone who has donated!

