



## INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE

The Safe and Together (S&T)  
London Partnership, spans 6

London Boroughs and aims to improve the way children's services and partner agencies respond to domestic abuse. The Child and Woman Abuse Studies Unit, London Metropolitan University are evaluating the work of the partnership to understand the extent and quality of change since S&T has been implemented in your borough. Year 2 evaluation highlighted quality assurance as a space where change was and could be affected, and we would like to explore this in more depth with you.

**“it's difficult to change cultures in institutions, Safe and Together asks for a cultural shift ... people in quality assurance in a sense are the people where it matters, because they're the people evaluating what is good work”.**  
(Social worker interview, Evaluation Year 2)

**Join our cross-borough action learning set (ALS),** to share your experience and expertise on the challenges, opportunities, and complexities of working with the Safe and Together approach within quality assurance.

To find out more or to join the Action Learning Set contact the researchers: Maria Garner: [m.garner3@londonmet.ac.uk](mailto:m.garner3@londonmet.ac.uk) or Liz Kelly: [l.kelly@londonmet.ac.uk](mailto:l.kelly@londonmet.ac.uk)  
[www.cwasu.org](http://www.cwasu.org) [Read Years 1 and 2 evaluation reports: https://www.cwasu.org/resource/green-shoots-of-change/](https://www.cwasu.org/resource/green-shoots-of-change/)



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**What does joining an ALS involve?** Committing to 3 monthly sessions, each lasting around 90 mins. We want to explore the challenges, successes and wider learnings involved in embedding the S&T model into practice, and how quality assurance is and can be part of this. Each session will be organised around a core theme, based on where you want to take us, and will offer a space to reflect with professionals from other boroughs.

**When and where?** March- June 2024, sessions will be online via Microsoft Teams – dates tbc in collaboration with you.

**Will what I say be confidential?** If you take part we will agree a confidentiality standard – where, as a group we state that we will not share information from the group more widely. To ensure accuracy and with your permission we would like to audio record the sessions. Only the research team and trusted transcribers will have access to the recording and the transcript, and if any quotes are used, they will be anonymised. Your data will be stored securely and in accordance with General Data Protection Requirement (GDPR) standards.

### **How will you use the information?**

The information you give us will be analysed and incorporated in a report, but you will **not** be identified in the report.

**Do I have to take part?** No, it is completely up to you whether you participate.