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Haven Horizons makes Donation of Books on Domestic Abuse to National Library Service as part of the '16 Days' Campaign

Ground-breaking Books enlighten Public on Domestic Abuse and Coercive Control

This important book donation by Haven Horizons to Libraries Ireland will allow the public to read an extensive list of books on domestic abuse and coercive control.

Haven Horizons was set up in to focus on education, research and the prevention domestic abuse and coercive control. As part of that work Haven Horizons donates books to the Libraries Ireland every year during the 16 days campaign which raises awareness around gender-based abuse locally, nationally, and internationally.

The '16 Days' runs from 25 November, the UN Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, to 10 December 2022, International Human Rights Day and this year's theme is "Zero Tolerance".

Handing over the books in De Valera Library, Madeline McAleer, Research and Development Director of Haven Horizons said: "Haven Horizons is proud to make this important donation to Libraries Ireland. This collection of books includes everything from memoirs of women who have suffered domestic abuse and come out the other side to books that focus on cutting-edge international research in the area. So, whether you work in the area, or just have an interest in the area you can walk into your local library and find something for you."

Many of the books give insights from first-hand accounts of people's experiences of domestic abuse and explore the challenges for frontline service professionals working in the area of domestic, and sexual abuse and coercive control.

Books donated include *Light on the Horizon*, co-authored by Madeline McAleer and Padraig Haran which has been described by Irish Examiner journalist Sarah Harte as a 'must-read book telling the gripping story of a group of women motivated to change lives and dismantling the myths that surround domestic abuse'. This book tells the story of how small acts of compassion ignited an enduring community response to relationship abuse. *Light on the Horizon* is dedicated to the 251 women murdered in Ireland between 1996 and 2022 and to all the women and girls who have experienced domestic and sexual violence.

Emma Katz's *Coercive Control in Children's and Mother's Lives* is an accessible and groundbreaking book that sheds light on our understanding of how children are affected by coercive control and domestic violence.

See What You Made Me Do by Jess Hill combines exhaustive research with riveting storytelling while dismantling the flawed logic of victim-blaming and challenging everything you thought you knew about domestic and family violence.

Thanking Haven Horizons for the book donation from 2018-2022, Cora Gunter, Senior Executive Librarian with Clare County Library Service said: "It is great to have additional books, there are now 80 titles on the topics on domestic, sexual and gender-based abuse, some of which are available as audio books. It is so important to have memoirs and academic titles that are recently published on the topics of domestic abuse and coercive control. The library service is now a national service, any books that are donated to the De Valera branch can be requested at any branch around the country. This donation will not just benefit people from Co. Clare, it will benefit people nationwide" she said.

A full list of the books donated since 2018 is available on the Haven Horizons web-site – www.havenhorizons.com

Light on the Horizon can be purchased [via this link](#).

For anyone affected by domestic abuse contact:

Women's Aid 24-hour national freephone helpline – 1800 341 900

Clare Haven Services – 24-hour confidential helpline – 065 6822435

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Haven Horizons focuses on prevention activities including education, research, collaborative partnerships, and piloting best-practice models. [Haven Horizons](#)

Clare Haven Services offers refuge and support services to women experiencing domestic abuse. [Clare Haven Services](#)

Background Information

[16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence](#)

The 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence is an annual international campaign that kicks off on 25 November, the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, and runs until 10 December, Human Rights Day. It was started by activists at the inaugural Women's Global Leadership Institute in 1991 and continues to be coordinated each year by the Center for Women's Global Leadership. It is used as an organizing strategy by individuals and organizations around the world to call for the prevention and elimination of violence against women and girls. In support of this civil society initiative, under the leadership of the UN Secretary-General, António Guterres, the [United Nations Secretary-General's UNiTE by 2030 to End Violence against Women campaign](#) (UNiTE campaign) calls for global actions to increase awareness, galvanize advocacy efforts, and share knowledge and innovations.

