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## READAPT PARTNERSHIP



Dear,

Welcome to the second edition of the [READAPT](#) newsletter which contains a round-up of key developments across the READAPT partners and the research undertaken so far. We are delighted to announce that across the UK, Spain and France, in excess of 1200 young people have completed the research questionnaires on domestic violence. The responses collated are being analysed and next month we hope to start announcing some important findings. We hope you enjoy reading this newsletter.

READAPT, which is an EU-funded DAPHNE project aiming to establish how best to support young people who have been exposed to domestic violence, whether at the hands of a parent, step-parent, or even in a dating relationship, and help them move on, recover, and build healthy relationships of their own. You can read the official press release announcing the launch of the project [here](#).

## READAPT partners merge on Murcia for 2nd Partner meeting

All the READAPT partners met in the beautiful town of Murcia in South-Eastern Spain in September 2011 to discuss project progress and updates across all of the work-streams. The meeting was kindly hosted by the Directorate General for Gender-Based Violence Prevention, Youth Affairs and Juvenile Crime of the Regional Ministry of Presidency of the Region of Murcia. [\[Read More\]](#)

## Meeting update

The meeting in Murcia was very successful with lively and thought-provoking discussions across all the partners on domestic violence and the impact on children. [\[Read More\]](#)

## Dignity for Domestic Violence Survivors in Malta

Prevention strategies against domestic violence have recently gained momentum in Malta through the ESF funded project "Dignity for Domestic Violence Survivors" which is a campaign that aims to improve the social structure pertaining to domestic violence by training and sensitising professionals and employers who come



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into contact with people experiencing or escaping domestic violence. The campaign however ends next month in November 2011 and so **the Malta Regional Development and Dialogue Foundation (MRDDF)** and READAPT partner plan to meet the team responsible for the campaign and explore possibilities for further collaboration. Besides these recent prevention efforts, shelters (emergency and 2nd stage), the Appogg helpline and victim support services remain the main pillar of domestic violence work locally. [\[Read More\]](#)

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## The Association Du Côté des Femmes de Haute-Garonne (France) lobbies for support

### POLICY UPDATE

European Commission ensures better protection of crime victims [\[READ MORE\]](#)

18 May 2011

Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence [\[READ MORE\]](#)

7 April 2011

For the READAPT French partner, **the Association Du Côté des Femmes de Haute-Garonne**, the last few months have been devoted mainly on the dissemination of the project, namely meeting with representatives from schools and the French Government to rally their support for the project and the importance of domestic violence education. [\[Read More\]](#)

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## READAPT: October 2011 Blog

The READAPT project is using a pre-test post-test quasi-experimental design at 3 sites (UK, Spain and France). In all three sites young people are completing questionnaires to measure their attitudes towards aggression before they receive the intervention/programme (this is the pre-test) and then completing the same questionnaire after the intervention (this is the post-test). This is to determine the impact of the intervention on their attitudes from before to after they receive the intervention. The key questionnaire being utilised is the Attitudes towards Domestic Violence scale (ADV) which was developed by Dr Claire Fox and Prof David Gadd, in close collaboration with Arch North Staffs. This questionnaire includes 12 items which aim to capture young people's thoughts about how wrong it is for a man to hit a woman, and a woman to hit a man under certain conditions. [\[Read More\]](#)

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## Interview with the READAPT Director, Criminology Professor David Gadd

David's expertise lies primarily in the areas of violence research, including domestic abuse and other forms of hate crime. David's books include *Psychosocial Criminology* (co-written with Tony Jefferson and published by Sage in 2007) and *Losing the Race* (co-

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written with Bill Dixon and published by Karnac in 2011). David is also the lead editor of the *SAGE handbook of Criminological Research Methods* (co-edited with Susanne Karstedt and Steven F Messner, and to be published by Sage in 2012). Over the next six months my role will be to coordinate the work of all the partners, facilitate good communication between them, and ensure READAPT delivers on its promised outputs. [\[Read More\]](#)

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## **EU must put an end to ‘hypocrisy’ and go from talk to effective action to end violence against women and girls in internal and external policies, say MEPs and NGOs (press release issued on 22nd September 2011)**

*The following article is taken from a press statement from the European Women’s Lobby. Permission to re-produce for the READAPT newsletter granted.*

“We all have the right to live free from violence, and women face so many forms of violence. We just have to end it, and we know the EU has the means to do so.” With these words Sirpa Pietikäinen, Member of the house (EPP/FI), opened the Roundtable in the European Parliament organised in Brussels, 21 September 2011 by the European Women’s Lobby (EWL), the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS) and the 11th International Women’s Health Meeting to explore and challenge the EU’s current internal and external policy approaches to violence against women and girls. READAPT’s Brussels partner West Midlands European Service also attended this important meeting.

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