



What Were You Wearing? Exhibition

Community Gallery at Dunfermline Carnegie Galleries and Library (just off the library on the Ground Floor) 1-7 Abbot Street, DUnfermline, KY12 7NL 29th August 2023 2.00pm-4.30pm & 30th August 2023 11.00am-2.00pm

This exhibition displays types of clothing that were worn by survivors when they were sexually assaulted or abused. Testimonies which were gathered by the University of Arkansas are featured alongside the types of clothes they wore at the time. Clothing featured is not the actual clothing worn at the time of assault, but the kind of item (e.g. a pair of jeans and a t-shirt).

The exhibit was inspired by a poem by Dr. Mary Simmerling, titled "What I Was Wearing". Jen Brockman and Dr. Mary Wyandt-Hiebert created the exhibit which was first shown at the University of Arkansas in 2014. Since then, it has toured across the globe, and is now here in Fife. The exhibit raises awareness of sexual assault and encourages conversations surrounding consent and sexual violence.

Fife Violence Against Women Partnership brings together groups including NHS, Police Scotland, Education Services, Social Work Services, Housing, and the voluntary sector. This exhibition is specifically supported by Fife Rape and Sexual Assault Centre (FRASAC) and OnFife.

This exhibition is open to the local community to encourage discussion about the damaging impact of victim blaming and how we aim to dismantle rape culture.

There will be a safe space available for the entirety of the exhibition supported by a member of Fife Rape and Sexual Assault Centre.

You are welcome to leave the exhibition at any time.

CONTENT WARNING : rape, sexual assault and abuse, domestic abuse, child sexual assault