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Please post to: **JUSTICE FOR WOMEN**  
**55 Rathcoole Gardens, London N8 9NE**

You can also contact us at  
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## You can help support our work

We need your support now more than ever. Justice for Women continues to work on other cases and for the reform of legislation and policy so that these cases need not arise.

You can help support our work; our only funding is voluntary donations, yet our work can be expensive. We do not pay lawyers fees. All your money goes directly towards supporting our work for women who have experienced male violence.



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## Introduction to Justice for Women

Justice for Women is a feminist organisation set up in 1990 to campaign against discrimination within the legal system towards women subjected to male violence. Despite many changes since then, the law does not yet recognise women's experience of male violence. Too often, women who have killed in self-defence or desperation because of years of violence are given life sentences for murder, whereas a man who kills a woman because she 'nagged' or 'was unfaithful' gets a more lenient sentence.

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## What we do

- Campaign for changes in the law until defences to murder take proper account of women's experiences of male violence
- Monitor and raise awareness around the response of the criminal justice system to male violence
- Work with similar organisations

## How we do it

- Support women undergoing cases at trial or appeal for killing their violent male partners or ex-partners; find good legal teams; identify opportunities for re-opening old cases
- Advise MPs and policy-makers – including the Law Commission – about the issues of male violence and women's responses
- Expose and campaign around cases where women who have suffered male violence have been unfairly treated, or where the courts and prosecution authorities have failed to deal adequately and effectively with men who have killed their women partners or ex-partners

Early ground-breaking cases supported by Justice for Women and Southall Black Sisters included those of Emma Humphreys, Sara Thornton and Kiranjit Ahluwalia. These cases changed the law on provocation to take more account of women's experience of male violence.

Our recent successes include:

### Emma Protheroe

Emma was 18 years old when she killed her boyfriend after months of violence. The jury accepted that she had killed in self-defence and Emma is free today to re-build her life.

## Christine Devaney

Christine was convicted of the murder of her violent partner in January 2001. Despite obvious psychiatric problems, her lawyers failed to obtain a report. Evidence obtained by Justice for Women resulted in Christine's conviction being overturned.

## House of Lords

We intervened in a landmark case at the House of Lords, *R v Morgan James Smith*, resulting in yet more positive changes to the law on provocation.

## But the struggle is far from over

- The House of Lords case has been challenged. **We may lose many of the gains we have made**
- The Court of Appeal has ruled against a number of women who have killed violent partners or ex-partners. For instance, Joanne Cole was convicted of the murder of her partner in January 2001. In 2005 the Court of Appeal rejected her case. They refused to consider the fresh evidence that showed the lifelong history of abuse she suffered

## And men are still getting away with murder

- In January 2006 the Court of Appeal ruled that a sentence of two years in prison was "entirely appropriate" for Paul Dalton, who killed his wife, sawed up her body and stored it in the freezer
- In February 2006 solicitor Christopher Lumsden was sentenced to just five years for repeatedly stabbing his wife after she had told him she was leaving him for another man. He claimed he was depressed

## I WANT TO SUPPORT JUSTICE FOR WOMEN

Contact Name and/or Organisation:

Postal Address (including postcode):

Phone Number (optional):

Email Address (optional):

1. I WANT TO BE A MEMBER OF JUSTICE FOR WOMEN AND RECEIVE:

- A regular newsletter keeping me informed about developments in the way the justice system responds to male violence
- Information and up-dates about events and campaigns

I enclose **annual** membership fee £ \_\_\_\_\_  
(**£10** unwaged/student, **£25** waged, **£50** organisations)

2. I WANT TO MAKE A SINGLE DONATION:

As little as £5 buys a woman in prison some stamps and a phone card so she can communicate with us about her case. £50 enables us to run a publicity campaign on behalf of a woman going through an appeal, or on behalf of the family of a woman killed by her partner or ex-partner.

I am enclosing a cheque for £100 / £50 / £20 / £10 / £5 / other

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