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Our mission is to improve health and health equity in the UK and worldwide; working in partnership to achieve excellence in public and global health research, education and translation of knowledge into policy and practice.

### How to Apply

Applicants should complete the online application form available on the relevant course web page:  
[www.lshtm.ac.uk/study/cpd/gender\\_violence.html](http://www.lshtm.ac.uk/study/cpd/gender_violence.html)

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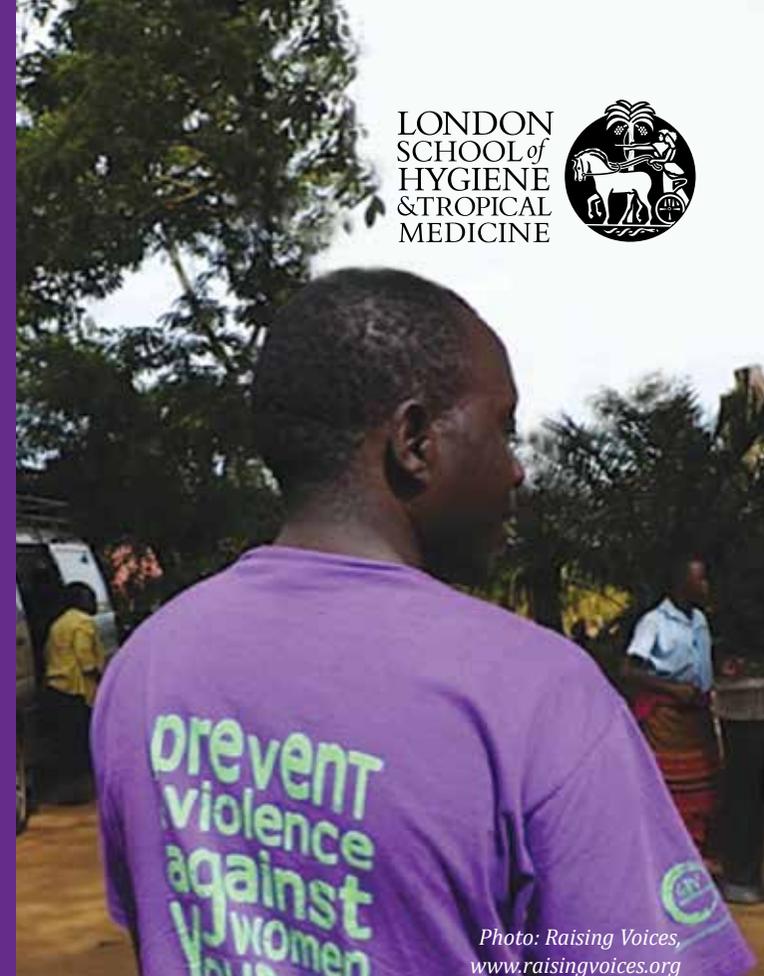


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## Researching gender-based violence: methods and meaning

Short Course: 15 - 19 February 2016

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## The Course

Gender-based violence is prevalent globally. It occurs in many forms, including intimate partner violence, rape and coerced sex, child sexual abuse, and human trafficking. Such forms of gender-based violence are significant risk factors for poor health, impacting on individuals' physical, sexual and psychological health, as well as their social and economic well-being. Evidence from rigorously conducted research is essential to ensuring that policies and services to prevent and respond to violence are well-designed and appropriate to the context where women and men live. Conducting action-oriented research on gender-based violence that is robust and carried out in ethical and safe ways requires specific methodological approaches.

Launched in 2006, the Gender, Violence and Health Centre at the School is a multi-disciplinary research group that works in partnership with local and international organisations around the world to carry out research on gender-based violence and health. The Centre aims to improve the health and well-being of populations, particularly women and girls, through action-oriented research on the extent, cause and consequences of gender-based violence. We are experts in the evaluation of complex social interventions to prevent violence, using rigorous, cutting-edge evaluation methods, including randomised controlled trials. We are committed to using our research and our strong global partnerships to inform policies and interventions that promote reductions in gender-based violence.

The course is intended for individuals who will conduct or commission research on gender-based violence. It will be of particular interest to those who want to add a 'violence component' to a study that is quantitative or qualitative or an intervention evaluation. It is relevant for individuals working on health-related topics such as sexual and reproductive health, maternal health, HIV, mental health and substance use.

Upon completing the course, participants will have a strong understanding of current gold standard methods to conceptualise and measure violence exposures, and knowledge of various methodological techniques for assessing the relationship between violence and health outcomes. Participants will also learn about practical issues faced when meeting ethical and safety obligations.

## Further Information:

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## Course Organisers

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## Who Should Apply

This is a specialised course focusing on methods to research gender-based violence. Participants are expected to have some prior familiarity or experience with conducting research, and relevant knowledge about the subject of gender based violence. Teaching will be conducted in English and participants will need sufficient language skills to read course materials and participate actively in group discussions. Participants will be expected to have an undergraduate degree and, ideally, some postgraduate training in research methods. Knowledge of computers and a basic knowledge of Word and Excel is essential.

## Teaching Methods

The course will be taught through a series of interactive lectures, practical exercises, group work and assigned reading.

## Course Fee

The fee for the course is **£1,440**. This fee covers participation in the course, materials and light refreshments, but does not cover travel costs, accommodation and meals. If the course fee is to be paid on the applicant's behalf, please send a letter from the sponsor to confirm this as soon as possible. Otherwise, the applicant will be held responsible for payment. Fees are payable in full by **18 January 2016**.

## Accommodation

The School cannot provide accommodation for participants. A list of hotels and other accommodation located in the vicinity of the School can be provided on request to Registry.

## Course Content

The course will cover the following topics:

- Conceptualising and researching various forms of gender-based violence
- Associations between violence and health: current knowledge
- Ethics and safety
- Approaches to researching violence: qualitative, quantitative, mixed methods, intervention research
- Developing conceptual frameworks for violence and health research
- Survey research on violence and questionnaire design
- Special circumstances and practical tips for specific contexts
- Intervention research: approaches and challenges
- Qualitative research on violence
- Violence research in health care settings
- Practical planning and budgeting for studies on violence