

**Upcoming business of interest and opportunities to raise Global Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR)**

**UPCOMING PARLIAMENTARY BUSINESS**

*Please note that the schedule and locations of events are subject to change. See the parliamentary*[*calendar*](https://whatson.parliament.uk/) *for up-to-date information.*

**House of Commons**

**Tuesday 12 November**

Westminster Hall, sitting at 4:00pm

Debate – Tackling Image-Based Abuse – Kirith Entwistle MP

**Wednesday 13 November**

Main chamber, sitting at 11:30am

Oral questions – Women and Equalities

* If she will make an assessment of the effectiveness of primary prevention measures in schools in tackling violence against women and girls – Jodie Gosling MP
* What steps she is taking with Cabinet colleagues to tackle violence against women and girls – Kevin Bonavia MP, Alice Macdonald MP, Harpreet Uppal MP, Claire Hughes MP
* What steps she is taking to tackle period poverty – Jonathan Brash MP
* If she will have discussions with the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government on the potential impact of Part II of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 on the effectiveness of the Government's work on tackling violence against women and girls – Max Wilkinson MP
* What steps she is taking with Cabinet colleagues to help improve women's health – Preet Kaur Gill MP

Committee Room 6, Palace of Westminster, sitting at 2:00pm (private) 2:20pm (public)

Women and Equalities Committee – Inquiry: Women’s Reproductive Health Conditions (oral evidence session)

Prof. Dame Lesley Regan, Women’s Health Ambassador for England and Dr. Sue Mann, National Clinical Director for Women’s Health – Watch [here](https://parliamentlive.tv/event/index/f2f49c7b-6873-408c-bbc5-610f3e689e12)

In this one-off evidence session the Women and Equalities Committee will explore developments relating to reproductive health conditions following the Women’s Health Strategy for England, including awareness, diagnosis, treatment options, training, and the expansion of women’s health hubs.

**Thursday 14 November**

Main chamber, sitting at 10:10am

Oral questions – Solicitor General

What steps she is taking to help increase prosecution rates for cases in relation to violence against women and girls – Sarah Coombes MP, Will Stone MP

**House of Lords**

**Monday 11 November**

Main chamber, sitting at 2:30pm

Debate – Autumn Budget – Lord Livermore

**Tuesday 12 November**

Main chamber, sitting at 2:30pm

Oral question – Removing the reservation on Article 59 of the Istanbul Convention regarding residence status of domestic abuse victims – Baroness Gale

**Friday 15 November**

Main chamber, sitting at 10:00am

Legislation - Support for Infants and Parents etc (Information) Bill - third reading – Lord Farmer

Legislation - Women, Peace and Security Bill – second reading – Baroness Hodgson of Abinger

Library briefing available [here](https://lordslibrary.parliament.uk/research-briefings/lln-2024-0065/)

**INVITATIONS TO APPG ON GLOBAL SRHR EVENTS**

**18 November:** 3:45-4:45pm. Room N, Portcullis House. APPG on HIV/AIDS and Sexual Health, STOPAIDS, APPG on Global SRHR Roundtable meeting. **‘Breaking Barriers to Global HIV medicines: Pathways to Ending the Epidemic’**. Please see attached invitation. RSVP to molly@stopaids.org.uk.

**19 November:** 3:00-4:30pm.Committee Room 3a, House of Lords. **Roundtable meeting with Global Financing Facility**. Please RSVP to francislawtonm@parliament.uk to attend. [The Global Financing Facility](https://www.globalfinancingfacility.org/) (GFF) is a mechanism aimed at catalysing the allocation of grant resources to scale up healthcare initiatives in 36 low- and middle-income countries by leveraging domestic government resources, International Development Association and International Bank for Reconstruction and Development financing, aligned external financing, and resources from the private sector. Please see attached invitation and this [analysis](https://www.countdown2030europe.org/resources/analysis-of-sexual-and-reproductive-health-and-rights-prioritization-in-select-global-financing-facility-countries/) on SRHR in Global Financing Facility Countries.

**27 November:** 11:00-12:30pm. Committee Room G, House of Lords. **‘Jordan Policing and Gender-Based Violence Briefing Meeting’.** Please RSVP to francislawtonm@parliament.uk to attend. Please see attached invitation.

**INVITATIONS TO OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS**

**12 November:** 2:00pm. The Medical Science Sex and Gender Equity (MESSAGE) presents **‘Sex and Gender Equity in Medical Research: a new framework for UK best practice’.** High-quality, reproducible, and inclusive medical research requires consideration of sex and gender at every stage, from study design and participant recruitment to data analysis and transparent reporting of results. The UK has no standard, unified guidance for researchers about how to consider sex dimensions in cell and animal studies, and sex and gender dimensions in human studies. Register [here](https://georgehub.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_vf8LDI70Q5-9a5DYddqsIg#/registration).

**12 November:** 6:00-8:00pm. Committee Room 10, House of Commons. IPPF with Amnesty International and Nadia Whittome MP are hosting the [launch of two research reports](https://prostitutescollective.net/event-parliamentary-launch-proceed-without-caution/) on sex workers' rights – **‘PROCEED WITHOUT CAUTION: The Impact of “Prostitute’s Cautions” and Convictions on Sex Workers’ Lives’** and ***‘Exposed from All Sides: The Role of Policing in Sex Workers’ Access to Justice’.*** No need to RSVP.

**13 November:** 1:00pm. USAID and Momentum present ‘**Integrating Action on Climate Change and Nutrition: Findings from a review of national climate, health, and nutrition policies and plans’.** MOMENTUM Country and Global Leadership conducted a desk review to identify national policies in eight USAID priority countries for nutrition that could guide nutrition and climate adaptation actions. This webinar will share major findings and recommendations from this review; highlight opportunities for integration within national climate, health, and nutrition policies; and engage participants and encourage sharing of country experiences and learning on nutrition and climate.Registration [here.](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_B-fRXQPURqaO8jtqz0XVNQ#/registration)

**13 November:** 11:30am, Committee Room G, House of Lords. The APPG on Women, Peace and Security, in collaboration with the Foreign Policy Centre and the University of Birmingham, is hosting a parliamentary roundtable: **‘Promoting Inclusive Peace’**. Please RSVP to appg-wps@gaps-uk.org.

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**13 November:** 3:00pm. The Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung presents ‘**Resisting the Anti-Gender Agenda: Reviving Reproductive Justice’.** Reproductive justice is facing intense opposition from the anti-gender movement, which increasingly takes over parliaments and governments. By shaping policies and narratives around abortion, contraception, and access to health care, they target our human right to bodily autonomy and self-determination. This discussion explores the methods and strategies used by the reproductive justice movement to resist the rising right-wing movement. Register [here.](https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJMldeCorTwtGdB3iVL6-SiUPuX33nVy55aM#/registration)

**13 November:** 5:00-6:00pm. USC Institute on Inequalities in Global Health presents’ **Until We Are All Equal: Protecting Equal Rights’.** This one-hour virtual panel will emphasise the importance for health of reclaiming rights amid anti-rights and anti-gender movements in this complex geopolitical moment. The conversation will reflect in particular on the importance for sexual and reproductive health and rights and explore strategies for disrupting unequal power dynamics and pushing forward with equal partnerships to better protect rights, health and well-being. Register [here.](https://events.humanitix.com/until-we-are-all-equal-protecting-equal-rights)

**13 November:** 5:00pm, Macmillan Room, Portcullis House. The APPG for Human Rights and APPG on Latin America are holding a panel event organised with ABColombia highlighting the UN Security Council’s role in the implementation of the Peace Accord in Colombia, and progress on President Petro’s Total Peace Policy. The event will focus on the work of the UN Security Council’s Verification Mission in Colombia and the UK's role as the penholder on this mandate. Please RSVP to pichen@parliament.uk.

**13 November:** 5:15-6:15pm. Room N, Portcullis House. Action Aid UK and Sarah Champion MP present ‘**Women, Peace and Security: Women’s rights organisations leading alternative approaches to humanitarian emergencies, development and climate change’.** Amid the rollbacks on women’s rights around the world, there is a critical need for innovative approaches to address the interconnected challenges of emergencies, development and climate change. With current approaches failing, women and girls’ needs are remaining unmet. Join a panel of experts as they explore the opportunities and challenges for women's rights organizations who are leading alternative approaches to multiple challenges. Speakers will discuss how donors can support these approaches and address the root causes of crises and gender inequality. Please RSVP to Jessica.Haskins@actionaid.org by Friday 1st November.

**14 November:** 1:00pm. USAID’s MOMENTUM Safe Surgery in Family Planning and Obstetrics invites you to join them at the next ‘**Safe and Appropriate Cesarean Delivery in Low-Resource Settings Community of Practice meeting**’, focused on sharing innovations in quality care and patient follow-up and discussing the design of a new Caesarean Safety Checklist, and learnings from innovations for post-caesarean follow-up in rural Rwanda and the Democratic Republic of Congo, among other topics. Register [here.](https://engenderhealth.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_MDs7jFQURpqNtCXjspXmtA#/registration)

**15 November: 1:00pm-2:00pm. ‘Social Behavioral Change for inclusive SRHR in humanitarian settings’** One in five women worldwide live with a disability, often in low- and middle-income countries, and 220 million persons with disability are young. Despite effort for fulfilling the Right to Health stated in the Convention of the Right of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD), social and gender norms may limit the access to inclusive information and quality services regarding Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR). Social Behaviour Change (SBC) can play a pivotal role in addressing structural, attitudinal and communication barriers to SRHR services. This webinar will present a new “Inclusive SBC for SRHR” practical guide, sharing experiences and stories, and exploring how to use inclusive SBC in SRHR to dismantle stigma related to the intersection of disability and SRHR. Register [here.](https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/bafed11b-46c1-4da4-9dbf-a6b8d1a6805c%4043fda1c4-4efd-419a-a747-448d287773f0)

**15-17 November 2024:** 45 Ploughley Rd, Lower Arnco, Bicester OX25 1NY. Women and Girls (Special Interest Group) Association of Baha’i Studies in collaboration with National Alliance of Women’s Organisations are hosting **‘Advancing Towards Equality Retreat and Reflection Weekend’.** Register [here](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfaZBQbYPiH_A9p0msmnnZbYlMw5t8Crsu1hCPFoA3jEYNw1Q/viewform) or email Zarin Hainsworth at zarin@serenecommunications.com.

**20 November:** 3:00pm. SRHM presents ‘**The (mis)use of evidence in contested rights: the UN Special Rapporteur on violence against women and girls’ report on “prostitution and violence”’.** In this online event, we will hear from the authors of the paper *'The (mis)use of evidence in contested rights: the UN Special Rapporteur on violence against women and girls’ report on “prostitution and violence”'* and the Global Co-ordinator of The Global Network of Sex Work Projects. The paper will be available online soon and will be open access.Register [here](https://events.humanitix.com/the-mis-use-of-evidence-in-contested-rights-the-un-special-rapporteur-on-violence-against-women-and-girls-report-on-prostitution-and-violence?utm_source=Newsletter&utm_campaign=311b78ae04-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2020_03_26_09_58_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_018d392124-311b78ae04-109212693).

**27-31 January 2025**: EPF Study Trip to the Philippines. Please email kjaerbym@parliament.uk to express your interest, if not already done so.

**10-25 March 2025**: New York. [Commission on the Status of Women](https://www.unwomen.org/en/csw) (CSW). Please email kjaerbym@parliament.uk to express your interest, if not already done so.

**5-9 October 2025:** Cape Town, South Africa. [2025 FIGO World Congress of Gynaecology and Obstetrics](https://figo2025.org/week-at-a-glance/) - email kjaerbym@parliament.uk to express your interest, if not already done so.

**3-6 November 2025**: 2025 International Conference on Family Planning - Bogata, Columbia – email kjaerbym@parliament.uk to express your interest, if not already done so.

**NEWS**

**USA –** The election of Donald Trump has been the big news this week, with various news outlets and NGOS are publishing their statements and analysis on the possible implications of another Trump presidency on international development generally and sexual and reproductive health and rights specifically.

* [Rutgers](https://rutgers.international/news/srhr-and-the-outcome-of-the-us-election/) answers FAQs on how the U.S. presidential election could affect sexual and reproductive health and rights around the world.
* [She Decides](https://www.shedecides.com/what-you-need-to-know-about-project-2025s-potential-global-impact-on-srhr-3-actions-you-can-take/) examines the aims and plans of Project 2025.
* [PAI](https://pai.org/resources/lets-not-sugar-coat-it-a-quick-first-take-on-the-implications-for-international-family-planning-programs-in-a-second-trump-term/) ‘s analysis ‘**Let’s Not Sugar Coat It—A Quick First Take on the Implications for International Family Planning Programs in a Second Trump Term’** shows that Project 2025 would take the GGR restrictions a step further by proposing that the rule should not only apply to foreign nongovernmental organisations (NGOs) accepting US global health funding but those taking any US foreign assistance funding at all, including humanitarian aid. It proposes a further dramatic expansion of the GGR by applying the rule to American NGOs, the UN, other multilateral organisations and even foreign governments, jeopardising these entities’ eligibility to receive US foreign assistance.
* [The Guttmacher Institute](https://www.guttmacher.org/2024/11/10-reasons-second-trump-presidency-will-decimate-sexual-and-reproductive-health) give ten reasons why a second Trump presidency will decimate sexual and reproductive health
* [The Center for Reproductive Rights](https://reproductiverights.org/trump-presidency-2024-threats-reproductive-freedoms/) warns that “On both the domestic and international fronts, an anti-rights agenda risks progress made on gender equality, reproductive rights, and access to health care.”
* [Devex](https://www.devex.com/news/what-does-trump-s-election-mean-for-global-development-108710?access_key=JT14Zo1KnFTypDjuBNwZEYnuKB0Mbn3t&utm_source=nl_newswire&utm_medium=email&utm_term=article&utm_content=cta&mkt_tok=Njg1LUtCTC03NjUAAAGWqqDgZBLtWmKG5OQU8Izpv3ry8OhA_Jo6L67sMoo7qXzHP4XyBeV6tTIMZMgkslViYEgEuWJxbqGshPujr06liSwq9Uji9x1cioO9fU6ACDXrwOQ) look at the implications for global development in general in a new podcast.
* [Action Aid](https://www.actionaid.org.uk/latest-news/us-election-sends-global-threat-women-and-girls-rights) says that Trump election sends an “existential and dangerous threat to women and girls’ rights across the world”.
* [IPPF](https://www.ippf.org/media-center/trumps-election-global-reproductive-justice-risk-and-health-services-threatened-across)’s press release examines the implications of both the Global Gag Rule and Project 2025.
* [MSI Reproductive Choices](https://www.msichoices.org/latest/us-election-the-worlds-poorest-women-and-girls-will-pay-the-price-if-global-gag-rule-is-reimposed/) warns that the reinstatement of the Global Gag Rule would deprive millions of women of contraception, safe abortion and other essential healthcare, specifically that their organisation alone would lose **$14 million in USAID funding**, which it estimates could result in **an additional 2.4 million unintended pregnancies.**
* The EPF analysis circulated to members this week is now on [our website.](https://www.appg-pdrh.uk/new-page)

**UK** – New research published in the [European Journal of Public Health](https://academic.oup.com/eurpub/advance-article/doi/10.1093/eurpub/ckae154/7850938?login=false) this month shows that UK Government "austerity" policies since 2010 are associated with striking increases in rates of preterm and low birthweight babies, particularly among those living in the poorest neighbourhoods. [The Guardian](https://www.theguardian.com/society/2024/nov/02/uk-austerity-policies-premature-low-birth-weight-babies-scotland) and [The Independent](https://www.msn.com/en-gb/health/other/austerity-increased-rates-of-premature-births-in-uk-research-says/ar-AA1tnZUf?ocid=BingNewsVerp) report.

**Climate Change -** An EngenderHealth and Women’s Earth Alliance blog post [‘**Women on the Frontlines: Climate Change, Gender-Based Violence, and Reproductive Rights’**](https://www.engenderhealth.org/article/women-on-the-frontlines-climate-change-gender-based-violence-and-reproductive-rights?utm_source=ibpnetwork&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=fall_dissemination)examines the profound impact that climate change has on sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) and gender-based violence (GBV).