

Survivors West Yorkshire – 12.09.17

Cohen Cramer Solicitors is proud to announce its collaboration with Survivors West Yorkshire which has been chosen as the practice's new charity partner for 2017 - 2018.

The mission of Survivors West Yorkshire is to support adult survivors of sexual violence and abuse with a core focus on male survivors of sexual violence, via its new developing cloud-based counselling service Ben's Place.

Mike Massen of Cohen Cramer Solicitors said: "We do a lot of work assisting the victims of rape and sexual assault with regard to the recovery of compensation from both individuals and organisations, as well as helping with applications to the Criminal Injuries Compensation Authority and we feel it is vital that specialist support services like Survivors West Yorkshire receive assistance from the corporate sector to enable their survival and growth."

The long-established Leeds law firm, which is based in Joseph's Well in the city centre, has currently raised **£787** for Survivors West Yorkshire by fielding a five-strong team in the Leeds 10k in July and holding office-based events including regular dress down days.

It is officially launching the charity collaboration by sponsoring Survivors West Yorkshire's commissioning of journalistic articles focused on its showing of a ground-breaking documentary, Resilience: The Biology of Stress and The Science of Hope, at Bradford College on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October.

This highly-acclaimed film by director James Redford (son of Robert Redford) considers and explores how childhood stress can impact adult health and well-being as a means of promoting a greater understanding of Adverse Childhood Experience studies and the science of Toxic Stress.

The screening will be followed by a discussion session led by local and national key figures involved in the prevention of abuse and those dealing with and providing support for the victims of sexual violence.

Commenting on the new collaboration, Bob Balfour, Founder and CEO of Survivors West Yorkshire, said: "

Collaboration between the sexual violence specialist sector and the private sector is an important developing element in allowing specialist services to explore areas of public awareness that government funding is often unable to support. We therefore welcome Cohen Cramer's creative and transparent support of our complex work. ACE awareness is a rapidly developing area of knowledge that impacts all sectors.

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