

How to Give

What are we collecting?

We are mainly in need of **supermarket gift cards** (Sainburys, Tesco etc...), other houseware chains (Argos...) and topped up **oyster cards**.

Vouchers help BCWA meet the emergency needs of women and children who come to refuge (or live in the community) and don't have any resources.

Who are vouchers for?

Many of our clients suffer from financial control, and this prevents them from seeking help (e.g. they can't travel to appointment with us, with housing or with their solicitors, don't have money on their phones).

Other women struggle with emergency needs, fresh food, while we struggle with managing in-kind donations (drop in and collections) and we don't have storage space.



Women who move to refuge have to wait long periods (as long as 2 months) for their benefits to be in place, leaving them for long periods without money, where they build up rent arrears and can't meet their family's needs.

Why are vouchers effective?

- ✓ Easily manageable (no storage space needed - easily transferable)
- ✓ Empower women to make their own choices and managing their own money after years of control
- ✓ Meet the culturally diverse needs of women
- ✓ Support both refuge and outreach clients in the community
- ✓ Big chains now cover for all needs (clothing, food, glasses, baby stuff, food for any dietary requirement, houseware etc...)
- ✓ Oysters cards allow women to travel to meetings to get support (court hearings, solicitors, BCWA...), take the children to school etc.
- ✓ Remove the stigma of having to access food banks, ask us for food or other emergency needs.
- ✓ Like an in-kind donation, it reaches the women directly and help them concretely.

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