

**Awareness training in  
Coercive Controlling Domestic Abuse  
is coming this May and June**



The award winning, Open Clasp Theatre Company, will host screenings of Rattle Snake with post-show Q&As across 6 dates.

6 workshops will also be available to explore the play from different perspectives challenging prejudices, myths, stereotypes and bringing voices into the room from real life case studies.

**“Fantastic course,  
best I’ve ever been on.  
Actual awareness of the  
subject matter. May it be  
rolled out to everyone!”**

Cleveland police,  
feedback

**“Hugely impactful piece.  
Very effective  
for gaining an understanding  
of what coercive control  
means.”**

Garda Officer in training

Sessions will be led by the award-winning creative team and domestic abuse peer educators from West End Women and Girls.

The dates are as follows:

**Hosted screenings (online)**

**May:** 11th, 18th, 25th    **June:** 1st, 10th, 15th (10am-12pm)

To attend the screening, click here:



**Workshop dates (online)**

**May:** 12th, 19th, 26th    **June:** 2nd, 11th, 16th (10am-12.30pm)

To attend a workshop, click here:



*BSL available 25th and 26th May*

**“The characters come alive, elicit compassion, cry out for justice. We feel the magic go out of them. The play compels discussion and response. This is living theatre at its best.”**

Professor Evan Stark, author of *Coercive Control: The Entrapment of Women in Personal Life*

Get to know Open Clasp by watching their play **Sugar on BBC iPlayer** now.

Sugar is three episodes devised by women who have experienced domestic abuse, childhood sexual abuse and drug and alcohol dependence and the criminal justice system.

*A probation office, a prison cell, a homeless shelter...meet Annie, Julie and Tracy. Three survivors. Three voices seldom heard.*



Based on research identifying gaps in police understanding of coercive control by Professor Nicole Westmarland and Kate Butterworth (Durham University) and the impact of arts-based research interventions by Professor Maggie O'Neill (University College Cork), Rattle Snake was created by Open Clasp and funded by Durham PCC and the Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC) to train frontline officers in better responding to sexual and domestic violence – coinciding with the change of lawmaking coercive control in relationships a crime in 2015.