





What I'm going to talk about

- Purpose of the public workshops
- Who took part
- Methodology
- Facilitating with care



Workshop purpose

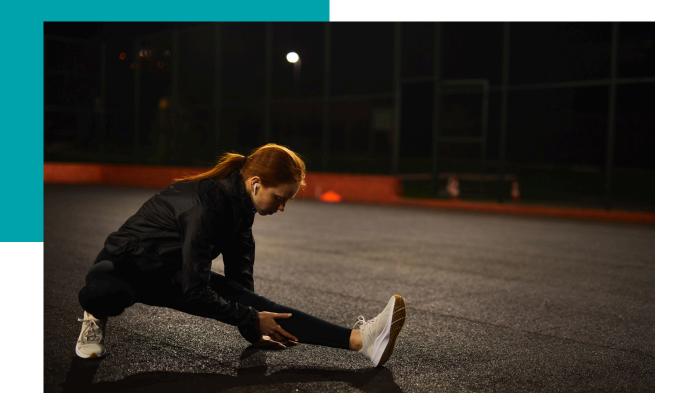
- To **sense-check** emerging action areas for the prevention of violence against women and girls in outdoor public spaces, identified in the systems mapping workshop held in January 2025.
- To look to the public for **ideas and innovation**, **priorities and recommendations** for how the identified actions can be most effective to address the issue of VAWG in outdoor public spaces.

Multiple groups - diverse perspectives - eight workshops in total

Defining VAWG

- Light-touch definition focus on what VAWG feels like, looks like, and means in the context of everyday public life.
- Range of behaviours including visible acts and micro-behaviours
- Participants connected it to **freedom of movement, sense of ease, belonging, and the right to feel safe** in shared public spaces.

VAWG in outdoor spaces isn't just about incidents – it's about environments that either enable or prevent harm.



Representation and inclusion

- Four groups: women, men. teenage girls/ young women, teenage boys/ young men
- Internal **diversity** including socio-economic, educational background, sexual identity, gender identity, age, ethnicity
- Key considerations:
 - Intersectionality
 - Safety and trust
 - Collaboration
 - Recognition of trauma and resilience
 - Framing men's involvement as active participants and allies



Building conditions for honesty, trust, and care

- Establish ground rules together
- Introduce a protocol for if harm was caused in the space
- Lots of different kinds of activities
- Fidget toys
- Facilitated, open discussion that encouraged curiousity
- Adapting for different groups
- Wellbeing support and signposting









