

Campaigner named on New Year's Honours list

A women's rights campaigner, a consultant and an Imperial College scientist have all been named on the Queen's New Year's Honours list.

Janet Veitch, 55, of Coulsdon, received the honour for her tireless campaign to stop violence against women.

Miss Veitch, the vice-chairwoman of the End Violence Against Women Campaign (EVAW) – a coalition that represents 7m individuals across the UK – has campaigned for the Government to take action on reducing violence against women.

As a result of her work, the Government recently announced a cross-party strategy to tackle the problem.

She has also founded advisory committee Ministers for Women, and said: "I'm really pleased, and I think it's an indication of the fact that this sort of work is recognised and acknowledged in the honours system."

"One in four women still suffer from domestic violence in the UK, and two women a week are killed by a partner or ex-partner."

She said she was going celebrating the honour with a special lunch with her friends.

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Gail Easterbrook, 53, of South Croydon, said she felt "overwhelmed, delighted and slightly unworthy" at having received the award for services to the auditing profession.

Mrs Easterbrook, who has two step-children, Richard and Peter, worked as chief executive at the Chartered Institute of Internal Auditors for 26 years. She left in 2009 after receiving chartered status and decided to go "out on a high".

She has since set up her own consulting company, Easterbrook Associates, and is currently contracted to the Institute of Risk Management.

She said: "I just feel that it's such an enormous honour and quite humbling."

And David Gentry, from Purley, the former safety manager at the Faculty of Science, Imperial College was named on the list for services to science.

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