

SVAAN Monthly Update – January/February 2010



Welcome to the Sexual Violence Action and Awareness Network (SVAAN) email update. The update is full of information for organisations who work in the sexual violence sector. If you have events or information you would like to be included please email nisan.kesete@eaveshousing.co.uk. Feel free to quote or circulate information from the update, but please credit Lilith if you do so.

Baroness Stern's Independent Rape Review – Developments so far

The ongoing independent rape review into the handling of rape complaints by public authorities was commissioned by the Home Office and the Government Equality Office. The review, lead by Baroness Stern, is examining the whole process of a rape complaint from the moment a rape is first reported until the court has reached a verdict. So far Baroness Stern has conducted a series of visits around the UK; nine meetings in the regions and 40 bilateral meetings where she has been talking to professionals involved at different levels in the handling of rape complaints.

A major focus of this review is ensuring key agencies involved in rape complaints; the police, local authorities, the CPS and health services, work more effectively together to improve the treatment of victims. It will identify ways to increase victim and witness satisfaction, encourage more victims to report, and increase conviction rates; with the ultimate goal of improving confidence in the Criminal Justice System amongst those who experience sexual violence. The review is also looking at the attitudes of the public and professionals towards the crime of rape and those whose lives it has impacted.

At a recent event staged to provide an update on the review, the Review Secretariat reported that the process has highlighted a significant amount of good practice, and Baroness Stern noted that the UK has one of the most 'developed responses' to rape in the world. She added that the 2002 Rape Action Plan is the right programme to handle rape complaints, that the Sexual Offences Act of 2003 is 'revolutionary', and brought about a huge shift in understanding about sexual offence and consent. Baroness Stern also noted that Sexual Assault Referral Centres (SARCs) and Independent Sexual Violence Advisors (ISVAs) are great steps forward and an indispensable part of the recovery process for survivors of rape. However, she also pointed out that these services are not provided everywhere and ISVAs are on a short term contract with insecure funding.

During the update event in London, the Baroness also expressed her concerns about the quality of forensic examinations and the response to rape complaints by the police which she said could sometimes be 'disastrous'. She identified groups that may be particularly vulnerable to sexual assault and rape; including migrants, asylum seekers, people with drug and alcohol problems, people with disabilities, teenagers and women in street prostitution.

The review will make recommendations to improve the implementation of the policies and procedures that are already in place. The Baroness said, 'we have all the ingredients, the question is how do we ensure it is provided for all and its continuity'.

The review will make its final report in March 2010.

For more information click [here](#) or

Contact the Review Secretariat on sternreview@geo.gsi.gov.uk

Parliamentary Update

Equality Bill 2008-09 to 2009-10

The Bill was introduced to create a clear standard that applies to all equalities strands such as race, age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, religion or belief, sex, and sexual orientation.

The Equality Bill is currently at the committee stage in the House of Lords. The Bill along with the amendments is being discussed on the 9th of February 2010.

For further information click [here](#)

Anti-Slavery Day Bill 2009-10

The Anti-slavery Day Bill is being introduced to establish a national day to raise awareness of the need to eradicate all forms of slavery, human trafficking and exploitation. The Bill is on the Order Paper for a Second Reading debate in the House of Commons on Friday 5th of February 2010.

For further information click [here](#)

Campaigns

Rape Crisis Centres should be centrally funded by HM Government – Sign the Petition!

A decade ago, the UK had nearly 80 rape crisis centres, but now there are 39 operating and offering specialist support services to women who have survived sexual violence.

Without central government, local authority or primary care trust funding for sexual violence services, rape crisis centres are closing because they cannot find the money to cover their core costs.

To sign the petition to show your support for the central funding of Rape Crisis click [here](#).

Demand Change! Campaign

The Government is currently preparing to take its first steps to directly tackle the demand for prostitution by implementing section 14 of the Policing and Crime Act, which will make it an offence to pay for sexual services *from someone subjected to force or exploitation*. Many thanks to all those who have supported the Campaign to date! However, whilst this measure is a crucial step in the right direction, it does not go far enough to ensure that all those exploited in prostitution are effectively protected and supported, and their rights upheld. Therefore the *Demand Change!* Campaign urges you to sign our petition for the adoption of the 'Nordic model' to addressing prostitution, which decriminalises *all* those who sell sexual acts and supports them to exit prostitution safely, whilst at the same time criminalising *all* those who purchase sexual acts. Curbing the demand for prostitution, which draws more vulnerable people into the

industry and fuels sex trafficking, is a vital step towards ending the exploitation and abuse experienced by the majority of people in prostitution.

Click [here](#) to add your name to the petition

Glasgow City Council

End Prostitution Now! New Scottish Campaign

End Prostitution Now is a campaign led by Glasgow City Council which aims to raise awareness of the harm caused through prostitution and put the focus on the buyers of sex, those who create the DEMAND, who have in the past been invisible from public debate.

We believe that it is the demand which fuels the sex industry in Glasgow and, only by targeting this demand and challenging attitudes towards buying sex, will we be able to put a stop to this harmful activity which blights cities and towns across Scotland.

Prostitution is not a choice.

The only choice in prostitution is that of the buyer, who decides when, where and how he will buy sex. For this reason we believe that legislation which criminalises the purchaser of sexual services is needed. Credible legislation is vital in order to send the message that people are not and should not be for sale.

It is time to assign the responsibility where it really belongs, with the purchasers of sex, and to **ENDPROSTITUTIONNOW**.

To find out more about the campaign visit the website:

<http://www.endprostitutionnow.org>

Click [here](#) to show your support for the campaign

Consultations and Research

Metropolitan Police Authority (MPA) Domestic and Sexual Violence Board Annual Report

The Metropolitan Police Authority's Domestic and Sexual Violence Board (DSVB) set up in April 2009 to monitor, scrutinise and support the Metropolitan Police Service (MPS) response to domestic and sexual violence has published its first Annual Report. The DSVB aims to secure continuous improvements in the MPS response to domestic violence, rape, and sexual assaults, and forms part of the MPA mission to fight crime across London, Met Forward. It functions by reviewing individual Borough Operational Command Unit's (BOCU) practice, in conjunction with the practice of the local Sapphire units and the MPS role in local partnerships and borough service provision across the capital. The DSVB also holds annual thematic meetings exploring issues such as abuse of older people and disabled people in London, and shares best practice and innovation across the capital.

To download the report go to

<http://www.mpa.gov.uk/downloads/work/dsvb/annualreport09-10.pdf> and for further information on the DSVB please go to www.mpa.gov.uk/dsvb

Home Office Consultation Launch Notice!

Mainstreaming the commissioning of local services to address violence against women and girls

Following the publication of the cross-Government strategy *Together We Can End Violence Against Women and Girls* on 25 November 2009 the Home Office have produced draft commissioning guidance to support local commissioners and partnerships to develop the best approach to commissioning services to prevent violence against women and girls, protect victims and potential victims and provide services to victims and perpetrators in local areas.

The guidance is available for a 12 week consultation from Tuesday 22 December 2009 – Monday 15 March 2010

To download the consultation document and for further information please visit:
<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/crime-victims/reducing-crime/violence-against-women1/>

Women's National Commission

WNC consultation on single sex services

The WNC has launched a consultation on single sex services after concerns raised by a number of partner organisations that women-only services are currently under threat. We are keen to find out the views of our partners on this issue and invite you to take part in a short survey.

Please click [here](#) to make your contribution by Tuesday 2nd March

CPS Equality and Diversity Unit

Consultation - Single Equality Scheme

A public consultation on proposals for the second Single Equality Scheme

The Single Equality Scheme sets out how we will tackle discrimination and promote fairness and equality. The scheme will be for one year, pending enactment of the Equality Bill currently going through Parliament. During 2010 we will be preparing our next three year scheme for the period 2011-14.

We are now asking for your views on what priorities should be included in the scheme. Following this consultation, the final scheme will be published in April 2010. For more information on the consultation and to download the document visit - http://www.cps.gov.uk/consultations/ses_index.html

Closing date for responses is March 10th 2010.

Still We Rise: Report from WNC Focus Groups to inform the Cross Government Consultation "Together We Can End Violence Against Women and Girls"

The Home Office commissioned the Women's National Commission (WNC) to organise focus groups across England to gather the views of women and girls on what would make them feel and be safer, and on proposals to prevent violence against women and girls. The focus groups were designed around the themes used in the cross-government consultation: prevention, provision and protection.

The report of the findings of these focus groups, which summarises participants' views and their recommendations for change, can be read [here](#)

Consultation Announcement: Statement of Principles and Guidance on Practice for Supporting Victims of Trafficking in England & Wales

The purpose of this consultation, developed by the POPPY Project and other partners, is to evaluate the proposed minimum standards for providing services and advocating on behalf of trafficked persons in the United Kingdom. It seeks to establish the overall perceived quality and usefulness of the guidance, the ability of support providers to implement these standards, and suggestions for the development of effective monitoring and evaluation techniques that would provide the type of information that will be useful to all stakeholders working with trafficked persons in England and Wales.

The consultation closes at 5pm on 19 February 2010.

To access the consultation document and full text of the guidance please email consultations@eaveshousing.co.uk

Reports

Ministry of Justice

A Report on the Government's Strategy for Diverting Women Away from Crime

The report sets out progress on implementing the Government's strategy for diverting women away from crime. It describes plans to consolidate delivery of the investment in more community provision, and to make more widespread changes which will aim to stop women entering into the system in the first place.

To read the report click [here](#)

Shifting Sands: A Comparison of Prostitution Regimes across Nine Countries

This report, published by the Child and Woman Abuse Studies Unit, provides an update to the 2003 report on four countries for Glasgow City Council (Bindel and Kelly, 2004) and expands the focus by comparing legal and policy positions on prostitution in Australia, Finland, Germany, Ireland, Netherlands, New Zealand, Spain, South Africa and Sweden.

To read the report click [here](#)

Crown Prosecution Service

Violence Against Women Crime Report 2008 – 2009

This is the second Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) annual Violence Against Women performance report, which covers the following strands of VAW for 2008-09: domestic violence; forced marriage; honour based violence; female genital mutilation; rape and sexual offences; human trafficking; prostitution; child abuse; and pornography.

Read the report [here](#)

Home Office

Tackling the demand for prostitution: A rapid evidence assessment of the published research literature

This rapid evidence assessment is part of the Tackling Demand for Prostitution Review published by the Home Office in 2008 which aimed to assess what further action the Government and other agencies could do to reduce the demand for prostitution.

Read the full report [here](#)

Men Who Buy Sex – Who they buy and what they know

Eaves recently released a new research report titled ***Men Who Buy Sex: Who they buy and what they know*** based on interviews with 103 London men who buy sex from trafficked and non-trafficked women. The report explores the men's awareness of coercion and violence against women in prostitution.

The research was conducted by Eaves and Prostitution Research & Education, and is now available to download from Eaves' [website](#).

Comments from the report authors:

"These findings are especially timely given the recently passed Policing and Crime Act of 2009. The 103 men said that there were many effective deterrents to their buying sex. These included time in prison, public exposure, and being issued an ASBO." **Julie Bindel**

"This research provides new information about London men who buy sex. More than half of the men we interviewed were aware of pimping, trafficking, and other coercive control over women in massage parlour, brothel, and escort prostitution." **Melissa Farley**

Rights of Women

Policy newsletter - Focus on Women: Issue 11, 2010

This edition of Focus on Women contains important updates on law and policy affecting women including information on long awaited changes to legislation on prostitution as well as an overview of proposed new emergency protection orders for victims of domestic violence ("go-orders").

You can view the latest edition of Focus on Women on the Rights of Women website [here](#).

Also within the newsletter you will find information on our [Women's Legal and Policy Network](#) which is open to all London-based women's organisations.

Conferences, Training, Meetings and Events

Women's Question Time!

Your chance to question all potential Women's Ministers on their manifestos for women and girls before the General Election.

Confirmed panellists:

Vera Baird QC MP (Labour)
Theresa May MP (Conservative)
Lynne Featherstone MP (Liberal Democrat)
Caroline Lucas MEP (Green)
Yasmin Alibhai-Brown **Columnist for the Independent** (Chair)

Members of the audience will have the chance to question candidates and comment on their answers.

Although this event concerns women's issues, **all are welcome** to attend. Entry is free but ticketed.

Tuesday 16 March 2010 (7 - 8.30pm)

The Great Hall, Central Hall Westminster, Storey's Gate SW1H 9NH

Please RSVP to book your place and obtain your free ticket. Tickets must be shown at the door.

To ensure the event runs smoothly, questions must be submitted in advance.

Email RSVPs and questions to anna.bowden@eaveshousing.co.uk

Women Advancing Freedom and Equality (WAFE)

Achieving Equality in Parliament Event

First in a series of WAFE events on its 2010 theme 'Equality'

Chair: Baroness Harris of Richmond

Date: Monday, 08 March 2010

Time: 18:00 - 20:00

Location: Room G, House of Lords Street: Westminster, SW1A 2PW

Payment of £5 (or £2.50 from students) should be made in advance from non-members wishing to be put on the list of attendees

Please email us on es_mantra@onetel.com or phone 0207 6076592 to express your interest.

Feminist Webs

The Feminist Webs National Launch

2nd March 2010 at the National Women's Library, London

Feminist webs (www.feministwebs.com) is an award winning national movement and network to promote working with girls and young women in youth work settings to break down sexism and provide safe spaces for young women to learn to be assertive, to fulfil their potential, to break down the cycle of violence against women, and for women to be exposed to hundreds of experiences which will enhance their life and career opportunities.

This launch will see the showcase of the body image animation 'More Than a Face' and North West regional body image banner, as well as 'What Young Women Want' book of postcards created by young woman across the country about their needs and wants today.

Refreshments will be provided.

Please RSVP by February 15th 2010 to feministwebs@yahoo.co.uk

Equality and human rights commission and documentary filmmakers group (DFG)

Film Screening: Survivors and Services - A Way Forward to End Violence Against Women

Date: Friday 12 February 2010

Time: 11am - 12.30pm

Venue: AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL, The Human Rights Action Centre, 17-25 New Inn Yard, London EC2A 3EA

Refreshments will be provided

Please state your interest as there is a limited number of seats and free copies of the DVD. Seats must be secured before arrival. A copy of the Map of Gaps for London (joint EHRC / GLA) publication will also be available. Please RSVP to Anna.Edman-Bastos@equalityhumanrights.com

Book Launch

You are invited to celebrate the publication of:

The Equality Illusion- The truth about women and men today

By Kat Banyard

Friday 12th March, 9pm -10.30pm

Exhibition Hall @ The Women's Library, London Metropolitan University, 25 Old Castle Street, London E1 7NT

FREE ENTRY

To attend the launch please RSVP to Rebecca Pearson on 020 7927 3886 or rebeccap@faber.co.uk

You are also welcome to The Equality Illusion panel event which takes place from 8pm – 9pm.

Tickets must be bought in advance from the Women's Library.
Tickets are £6.00 / £5.00 concessions. Available from 020 7320 2222.

Eaves

Free workshops - Prostitution, exit strategies and best practice in supporting women

Eaves is running a series of free workshops for borough-level statutory agencies and voluntary service providers who work with women involved in prostitution. The aim is to equip attendees with the knowledge required to assist individuals who want to leave prostitution – including victims of trafficking – through facilitating access to appropriate services. Workshops will be run over a day and a half and attendees are expected to attend both days.

Workshop content

Day 1 – awareness-raising

Prostitution: facts and figures • UK and global context • services and prevention

Day 2 – best practice

Local context • legislation • case studies with guest speakers • taking action on exiting – how to improve your borough's response

Dates - There are two workshop dates to choose from:

2-3 March 2010

On Day 1 the course runs from 12.30pm-4.30pm and includes a case study delivered by Safe Exit.

Day 2 runs from 9.30am-4.30pm.

24-25 March 2010

On Day 2 the course runs from 12.30pm-4.30pm and includes a case study delivered by Street Link.

Day 2 runs from 9.30am-4.30pm.

Lunch and refreshments will be provided

For further information, to find out if you're eligible to attend or to book a place, please contact Louise Jenkins on 020 7840 7103 or email louise.jenkins@eaveshousing.co.uk

The Survivors Trust and CRISIS POINT

Independent Sexual Violence Advisor Training Programme

The Survivors Trust and CRISIS POINT have come together to develop a comprehensive Training Programme for **Independent Sexual Violence Advisors (ISVAs) and ISVA Service Managers**.

The ISVA and ISVA Service Manager Training Programmes have been specifically designed to provide key learning and course material to ensure students are equipped to meet the requirements, demands and challenges of delivering effective ISVA practice and provision for working with victims and survivors of all forms of sexual violence and childhood sexual abuse.

Successful students will gain an accredited qualification at Level 3 with the Open College Network, equivalent to GCSE A level.

For more information about the programme or to register please click [here](#).

FORWARD

Strengthening partnerships to attain zero tolerance – Community Consultation

Marking International Zero Tolerance to FGM Day!

Date: Thursday February 11th 2010

Time: 10:00am - 3:00pm

Venue: Muller Hall, 39 Seymour Road, Easton, Bristol

- Lunch and refreshments provided
- Onsite crèche available

To RSVP contact: Mrs Layla Ismail by email: laylalayla12@gmail.com or mobile: 07985463920

Half-day training on Female Genital Mutilation (FGM): Cultural competence and guidance procedures for professionals

Date: Wednesday, 23 February 2010

Time: 10.00- 1.00

Venue: The Lighthouse, Room 7, 111-117 Lancaster Road, London W11, 1QT

Who should attend this course?

This course will be invaluable to front line professionals from health, education, children services as well as the police and voluntary agencies.

To attend and for more information visit: <http://www.forwarduk.org.uk/news/events/49>

CROP

Supporting Parents and Carers of Sexually Exploited Young People

The training explores Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) as experienced by parents, carers and the wider family unit and will equip professionals with the tools to support parents and carers in safeguarding their children and in disrupting / prosecuting the activities of offenders, including the new national DCSF guidance on *Safeguarding Children and Young People from Sexual Exploitation* (June 2009) .

Date: Wednesday 24 February 2010

Time: 09:30 to 16:30

Venue: The Resource Centre, 356 Holloway Road, London N7 6PA

Spaces are limited so early booking is recommended

To book call 0113 240 3040 or email: info@cropuk.org.uk

Greater London Domestic Violence Project (GLDVP)

Children Under Five Years Old and Domestic Violence

Date: 24th February 2010

Time: 10 – 16:30pm

Venue: GLDVP offices, 1 London Bridge, London, SE1 9BG

Cost: £90/£130 – vol/stat

Website: www.gldvp.org.uk

Details: The course will look at basic domestic violence theory and specifically how children under five years old are affected. Focus will be given to behavioural, emotional and cognitive effects on children under five years old, as well as the links between domestic violence and child abuse and the effects on mother-child relationship. There will be a workshop on pregnancy and the effects of domestic violence on the unborn child. Practical guidance will be given on safety planning with younger children.

To book a place, visit the GLDVP Training page on GLDVP's website - www.gldvp.org.uk or email: sophie.taylor@gldvp.org.uk

Rights of Women

Women-only courses

Protecting children from domestic violence: children and the law

1 Day course

London – 25 February

Cardiff – 19 May

Manchester – 26 May

Doncaster – 21 September

Breaking the cycle: using civil and criminal remedies to protect women from violence

1 Day course

London – 26 February

Cardiff – 20 May

Manchester – 27 May

Doncaster – 22 September

Forced Marriage: gaining protection through the law

½ Day course
 Darlington – 10 March (afternoon)
 Leeds – 29 April (afternoon)
 London – 20 October (morning)

No recourse? EEA national? Overcoming the barriers

1 Day
 Cardiff - 11 March
 London – 21 April
 Manchester - 12 May
 Doncaster – 27 October

Stop the traffic: protecting and supporting trafficked women in the UK - *In partnership with the Poppy Project*

1 Day
 Sheffield – 29 March
 London - 06 October

Enforcement: making domestic violence injunctions work

½ Day (morning)
 London – 13 October

Protection from persecution? Asylum law and process - *In partnership with Asylum Aid*

1 Day
 London – 21 October

Seeking Refuge? Claiming asylum and accessing financial support – *In partnership with Asylum Support Appeals Project*

1 Day
 London – 23 June

When you attend our training, in addition to receiving comprehensive course materials you will also be given free copies of relevant Rights of Women books to enable you to use the knowledge you have gained in the training in your work. For further details: www.rightsofwomen.org.uk or contact: training@row.org.uk 0207 251 6575

St Mary's Centre

St. Mary's Centre 8th Annual Conference: Sex crimes and vulnerable adults: are we a caring society, or a society that no longer cares?

Date: 24th & 25th February, 2010

Venue: Manchester's Town Hall

St Mary's Centre was the first sexual assault referral centre in the UK. Its 8th annual conference will be addressing issues relating to vulnerable adults as victims of rape and sexual assault/abuse. The conference is aimed at forensic physicians and scientists, doctors, counsellors, nurses, health and social service providers and the police.

Speakers include:

- Keir Starmer QC, Director of Public Prosecution
- Sir Professor George Alberti, Leader of the new taskforce following on from the Violence against Women and Girls consultation
- His Honour Judge Andrew Gilbert QC, Honorary Recorder of Manchester
- Chief Constable Dave Whatton, ACPO Lead for Rape and Serious Sexual Offences
- Mike Farrar, CBE, Chief Executive, NHS North West & Member of the health taskforce on Violence against Women and Children
- Professor Anthea Tinker, Institute of Gerontology, King's College London.

For further information please contact: Louise at Louise.Goodwin1@cmft.nhs.uk

Million Women Rise

Fundraiser Party – Saturday, February 13, 2010 at 1:00pm to 3:00am

There will be music, a film, guest speakers, environmental art and crafts, a Transition Town stall, books, food, spirituality and much love.

ALL ARE WELCOME!!!!

Location and transport details here:

<http://www.oakbar.co.uk/newoak/index.php/location>

If you would like to contribute to the day in any way, please let us know as we can always make space for you!!

£3 suggested donation on entry.

Funding News and Opportunities

New Home Office funds

Deadline Monday 22 February 2010

The Home Office has opened a new funding round for voluntary sector organisations for Independent Sexual Violence Advisers (ISVAs) – maximum £20,000 per organisation.

Please note, SARCs and public bodies are not eligible to apply – the guidance note advises that SARCs will be able to set out their case for funding as part of the 2010/11 SARC funding round which will be announced shortly.

The Government Equalities Office and the Office for Criminal Justice Reform have also launched a joint fund for voluntary and community sector organisations that provide support to victims of sexual assault and abuse. It is aimed to support organisation that are at risk of reduction/closure/temporary suspension due to funding difficulties – maximum £50,000 per organisation.

Details of both funding opportunities can be found on the Home Office website here:

<http://www.crimereduction.homeoffice.gov.uk/violentcrime/sexual12.htm>

Completed forms needs to be sent to: victims.fund@justice.gsi.gov.uk by **Monday 22 February 2010**

City Parochial Foundation

Deadlines: 30 May, or 25 Oct 2010

CPF is an independent charitable foundation which aims to enable and empower the poor of London to tackle poverty and its root causes, and to ensure that its funds reach those most in need. Each year it expects to make funds of approximately £6.5 million available, of which over £5 million is allocated to its open programme and the remainder to its special initiatives and commissioning.

CPF expects to make approximately 100 grants each year through its open programme. There is no minimum or maximum size of grant and the amount you request should be the amount you need. However, the average grant is currently £52,000 in total.

CPF has comprehensive funding guidelines available on its website or which can be requested from its offices. Please read these funding guidelines in full before making an application. The guidelines set out how you should go about making an application.

For further information: City Parochial Foundation, 6 Middle Street, London, EC1A 7PH

Tel: 020 7606 6145

Fax: 020 7600 1866

Email: info@cityparochial.org.uk

Website: <http://www.cityparochial.org.uk>

Trust for London

Deadlines: 30 May, 25 Oct 2010

Trust for London is an independent charitable trust set up in 1986 to support small, new and emerging voluntary organisations which have been established to improve the lives of people and communities in London.

Most of their grants are made through their open programme but they also occasionally fund special initiatives. They aim to develop supportive relationships with the community and voluntary organisations that they fund and to provide a 'funding-plus' approach. 'Funding-plus' includes providing advice, guidance, and where appropriate, consultancy support and training to help organisations grow and develop.

They highly recommend you visit their website and read their funding guidelines before submitting your proposal.

For further information: Trust for London, 6 Middle Street, London EC1A 7PH

Website: <http://www.cityparochial.org.uk/tfl/grants/>

Learning Launchpad

The Learning Launchpad is a fund delivered by the Young Foundation working in partnership with Edge to enable young people, whatever their background, to achieve their potential.

Deadline: Tuesday 16th February 2010

For full details and application forms: Launchpad, 18 Victoria Park Square, Bethnal Green, London E2 9PF

Tel: 020 8980 6263

Fax: 020 8981 6719

Email: launchpad@youngfoundation.org

Website: <http://www.learninglaunchpad.org>

BBC Children in Need - Small Grants Programme

Application Deadline: Four general grant deadlines each year: **15 January, 15 April, 15 July, and 15 October**

Maximum Value: £ 10,000 for up to three years

The programme is keen to fund work in the following areas:

- Illness, distress, abuse or neglect
- Disability
- Behavioural or psychological difficulties
- Poverty and deprivation

Eligible organisations must:

- Be not for profit (including registered charities, voluntary organisations, schools, local authorities, churches, social enterprises, community interest groups and universities).
- Work with disadvantaged children and young people up to the age of 18.
- Be operating for the benefit of residents in the UK, the Isle of Man or the Channel Islands.

For further information Contact: BBC Children in Need, PO Box 1000, London W12 7WJ
Telephone: 020 8576 7788

London Legal Support Trust Grant

Funding is available for third sector organisations (TSOs) providing specialist legal advice in London and throughout the South East.

Value: On average, grants are normally made within the region of £5,000 - £10,000. In exceptional circumstances, grants of up to £40,000 will be offered.

Deadline: application could be made anytime however *no funds will be available until March 2010.*

Eligible organisations include: Voluntary sector legal agencies or network organisations in London and the Home Counties that employ solicitors or retain the services of solicitors as volunteers to provide free legal advice to poor or disadvantaged members the public.

For further information contact: **Emma Shaw**, London Legal Support Trust, c/o Allen & Overy, 1 Bishops Square, London E1 6AD

Tower Hamlets Community Chest - Capacity Building Fund

Financial assistance is available for voluntary and community organisations based in Tower Hamlets.

Maximum Value: £ 15,000

Minimum Value: £ 2,000

Eligible organisations must:

- Be based in, and delivering services to, the London Borough of Tower Hamlets.
- Be a properly constituted organisation with a governing document.
- Have a management committee or Board which has local residents as members.
- Have an Equal Opportunities Policy.
- Have a bank or building society account which has at least two signatories.
- Have current insurance that covers its activities, premises, equipment, staff and volunteers, as well as service users.

Ineligible expenditure includes:

- Staff salary costs.
- Ongoing core costs.
- Costs associated with delivering services (funding is targeted at increasing capacity to deliver services).

For further information contact: Everett Haughton, London Borough of Tower Hamlets Council, Strategy and Performance, Chief Executive's Directorate 6th Floor, Mulberry Place, 5 Cover Crescent E14 2BG

Telephone: 020 7364 4639

Centre for Social Justice Awards

For charities and voluntary organisations in the UK that are working to tackle issues of social justice and poverty at a grassroots level. The awards are aimed at grassroots organisations that are doing exceptional work in these areas and offers financial support to help continue their good work

Deadline for applications: 22 February 2010

Fund Value: £ 50,000

Maximum Value: £ 10,000

Successful entries must be helping people out of poverty or reversing social breakdown, and will be able to demonstrate their activity is:

- People focused.
- Tackling causes of poverty as well as the symptoms.
- Practical.
- Entrepreneurial.
- Driven by conviction.
- Motivated by compassion

For further information contact: Centre for Social Justice, 9 Westminster Palace Gardens, Artillery Row, London SW1P 1RL

Telephone: 020 7340 9650

Short Breaks Services for Disabled Children, Young People and Families and Parent/Carer Engagement

Contracting opportunity for the provision of short break services for disabled children, young people, families and parent/carer engagement in the London Borough of Lambeth

Application Deadline: 12 February 2010

Start Date: 01 April 2010

Duration: 1 Year to 2 Years

Reference: S2G100126119727/01

Further Information

The London Borough of Lambeth Council is seeking expressions of interest for the provision of reliable short breaks for children and young people with severe and profound disabilities in the following categories:

- Category One: Community Short Break Services.
- Category Two: Specialist Family Based Carers Pool.
- Category Three: Parent/Carer Engagement.

Organisations are invited to submit tenders for one or more of the three categories.

The Council is seeking organisations with:

- Experience in the provision of Short Break services for children and young people with complex needs;
- Resource capability and location to enable an efficient and responsive service delivery within the borough boundary;
- Evidence of robust quality assurance and safeguarding arrangements;
- Evidence of sound organisational and financial standing;
- Evidence of commitment to training and of successful partnership working to enable a responsive and accessible service;
- Evidence of addressing Equalities and Diversity in service provision;
- A commitment to achieving the Council's targets and the Every Child Matters Agenda.

For further information contact : **Anna Eracleous**, London Borough of Lambeth Council, Aiming Higher Short Break Transformation Team, CYPS - 2nd Floor, Hopton House, Streatham, London SW16 6EY

Telephone: 020 79926 9654

Vacancies and Volunteering

The Amina Project – Eaves

Amina Volunteers

Could you speak out about sexual violence? We're looking for volunteers who can.

Amina volunteers are women who have experienced sexual violence. They are women who have overcome their experiences, grown stronger from them, and feel they can give two to three hours a week to help other women deal with the effects of rape, sexual assault and abuse.

We're looking for six more women to join us in 2010.

The Amina Scheme is run by Eaves. It trains women who have experienced sexual violence to support other women.

We offer our volunteers comprehensive training, travel expenses and childcare costs during training as well as emotional support through independent, counsellor-led support groups.

Best of all, we offer the chance to use your experiences to help someone else.

Download an application form now:

<http://www.eaves4women.co.uk/Vacancies/Volunteers/volunteers.php>

For more information call Cat on 020 7840 7959 or email amina@eaveshousing.co.uk or visit www.eaves4women.co.uk

We particularly welcome applications from women with disabilities.

Her Centre

Outreach and Information Officer

Duration: Initially on a one year contract, but with a strong possibility of the post becoming permanent.

£26,401 SO1 inc. OLW

Closing date 19th February, 2010 at 12 noon

Description: You will need at least two years experience giving one to one advice and support to women experiencing domestic abuse, and knowledge of the practical issues women face and what resources they can access for support.

Post based in Greenwich SE10 but will require travel across Greenwich borough.

For more information and an application form please contact Stacy Smith on Stacy@hercentre.org or ring 0208 858 0748.

Lambeth Women's Aid (LWA)

Senior Outreach Worker

Closing date: 12th February 2010

LWA manages a refuge and has an outreach project that is committed to providing the highest quality service for its users. LWA is seeking to employ a woman with an informed understanding of the social, psychological and political issues surrounding domestic violence.

35 hrs pw - Fixed till September 2013

£24,690

The above position will require a Criminal Records Bureau Check and relevant qualifications and skills. Experience paid or unpaid will be considered.

LWA strives to be an equal opportunities employer.

Interviews 22nd February 2010

These posts are for women only and are exempt under section 7 (2)(d & e) of the Sex Discrimination Act 1975

For an application pack:

Email: info@Lambethwomensaid.org.uk

Fax: 0208 678 9311

Post: LWA PO Box 17616 London SW2 2WD

Safe Choices and The Nia Project

Sessional Workers Needed

£15 per hour on freelance basis

Safe Choices is a London based project working to reduce and prevent violent offending by young women.

Safe Choices is delivered in partnership by the nia project, The Children's Society and The Makeda Weaver Project.

Workers should have experience of delivering single gender provision for young women and young men as well as experience of working with young women involved in offending/violent offending. Workers should hold knowledge of violence against women issues as well as how young women might experience sexual violence in the context of gang and group offending.

Workers should be able to co-deliver 8 week group work programmes on an ad-hoc basis. Safe Choices is delivered in Hackney, Haringey, Greenwich and Lewisham and workers may be required to travel to and deliver in each of these boroughs.

The post holder must be female. Section 7 (2)e of the Sex Discrimination Act (1979) applies.

Please send your CV and covering letter detailing whether enhanced CRB is held.

Availability for informal meeting in the first two weeks of January 2010 and availability for commencement in February 2010, should an offer be made.

The nia project PO Box 58203, London, N1 3XP

For more information, please contact: Abi Billingham, Safe Choices Project Manager, 02076831270 ext 229, abillinghurst@niaproject.plus.com

Oxfam

Gender Programme Co-ordinator

Closing date: 21st February 2010

£27,020 – £30,000 pa, permanent, 18 hours/week (0.5 FTE)

Oxfam is launching a new ambitious programme to tackle the causes of women's poverty in the UK. Over the last 10 years we have worked with others to create innovative projects in the field of gender equality and women's rights, covering work with grassroots partners, research, lobbying, media, alliance building and mobilisation. This challenging role will develop new work with a focus on poor women's economic empowerment.

To find out more this role and to apply, visit the following website quoting ref: INT 3593 <http://www.oxfam.org.uk/jobs>

Interview date: 15 March 2010.

Wandsworth Women's Aid

Chair of the Board of Trustees

Are you looking for a new challenge, the opportunity to build on your skills and experiences and to make a positive contribution to the local community? If so Wandsworth Women's Aid would like to hear from you.

We are looking for a committed and enthusiastic individual with good leadership skills and experience of the charity sector to take on the key role of voluntary Chair of the Board of Trustees.

Our trustees oversee the charity's operation and play a vital role in ensuring women and children experiencing domestic violence get the support needed to improve their lives.

The successful candidate would lead the board meetings on the last Tuesday of each month, liaise with the Director to ensure the successful management of Wandsworth Women's Aid's affairs and act as a spokesperson for the board.

We welcome women from all backgrounds and especially encourage women who may have experience of domestic violence to apply.

Our current Chair is due to resign in August 2010 and we are recruiting for this position early as we are looking for a managed handover of this role.

If you are interested in this voluntary role please email admin@wandsworthwa.org.uk for an application pack.

Or if you would like to discuss the role of Chair please call 020 8870 8580

Due to the nature of our work, all posts are exempt from the Sex Discrimination Act 1975, section 7(2)(d+e). Only women should apply.

WWA are an equal opportunities employer.

SVAAN Meeting Dates for 2010

- Wednesday March 24th 2010
- Thursday May 27th 2010
- Thursday July 22nd 2010
- Thursday September 23rd 2010
- Wednesday November 24th 2010

All meeting times: 2:00 – 4:30pm

We look forward to seeing you at the next SVAAN meeting on Wednesday the 24th of March 2010, 2:00-4:30pm @ Eaves. The meeting will be a closed forum.

