

## SVAAN Monthly Update – May/June 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](mailto:nisan.kesete@eaveshousing.co.uk). Feel free to quote or circulate information from the update, but please credit the Lilith Project if you do so.

### **Could legalisation of prostitution have helped the women killed in Bradford?**

Last week Stephen Griffiths, a 40-year-old PhD student in criminology at Bradford University, was charged with the murder of Suzanne Blamires, Shelley Armitage and Susan Rushworth, all women who were involved in street prostitution.

In light of these tragic murders there has been much discussion regarding prostitution law in the media recently, with some groups using this as an opportunity to push for legalisation of the entire industry and decriminalisation of pimps and punters.

However, what legalisation would achieve is to allow punters and pimps to operate with impunity. It would not help the vast majority of people in prostitution. It would have no impact at all on those who work on the streets; it would simply consolidate their vulnerability. Countries which have legalised prostitution have seen an expansion of the industry with more vulnerable people being coerced and trafficked to meet the demand for paid-for sex.

In a press release published by Eaves last week Denise Marshall, Eaves Chief Executive, said, "We need to stop pandering to the opinions of a very small minority of people who work in the sex industry out of choice and who call for legalisation to make their lives easier and boost their profits. They do not have the interests of the majority at the heart of their campaign."

She also stressed that politicians and policy makers should understand that women in prostitution must be decriminalised. "Punitive action against those who sell sex has been shown time and time again to be a futile exercise. These women have no options, and no choice.

"Fining them today for "anti-social behaviour" just means they need to bring in even more money tomorrow. And how do they do that? - By selling sex. Punishing a woman for selling sex does not take away her drug addiction, or the pimp who controls her. It does not give her the opportunity to exit prostitution and get herself off the street. It simply makes her more vulnerable."

On-street prostitution is not legal anywhere in the world. When some groups advocate for legalisation they are actually campaigning to legalise brothels. When it comes to street prostitution there are only "tolerance" zones. Therefore, Therefore referencing

other countries' legislation (e.g. the Netherlands) in relation to the vulnerability of those working in on-street prostitution is irrelevant

Even in well-policed "tolerance" zones, women in prostitution are still open to attack. In Glasgow, for instance, from the late 1990s until her retirement in 2002, Detective Chief Inspector Nanette Pollock ran an unofficial tolerance zone for women in prostitution, because she wanted to be able to see them and know they were safe. During that time, there were still seven murders of women in prostitution.

The women murdered in Bradford, like the ones murdered in Ipswich in 2006, were all addicted to hard drugs and had 'chaotic' lifestyles. These women would not have been permitted by brothel owners to use their premises to sell sex to punters because women with drug addictions would struggle to adhere to the 'house rules' of set shift patterns, fines for lateness and the payment of 'fees' which go straight into the pockets of those profiting from the industry.

A woman who is a survivor of on-street prostitution said, "Women on the streets need their money for drugs. They can't afford to share that with a brothel owner – sometimes you end up paying them more than you make. And in brothels you work shifts; most women on drugs can't wait 12 hours before their next fix. They'd have to go out, and then they lose their job. Legal brothels wouldn't take on women from the streets."

One of the arguments for legalisation is that women do not currently have the time or the opportunity to assess whether a punter is 'safe' before agreeing to his demands. However, as in the case of the Ipswich murderer Steve Wright, Stephen Griffiths was a regular punter and had been for some years. The former was well known to the women he murdered, and the latter may have been also. In both cases the men were seen as 'safe' for years by the majority of the women they bought. This shows that there is no such thing as a 'safe' punter and that human judgment is not infallible.

The small minority of women and men who work in prostitution and who clamour loudly for it to be legalised do a great disservice to those disenfranchised individuals who do not operate from a position of privilege. Those who have serious drug or alcohol addiction or who are controlled by pimps – the majority of people in prostitution – do not have the opportunity to tell the public of their feelings.

**To find out more or to take action to urge the Government to reject calls to legalise prostitution and instead to fully decriminalise those exploited in prostitution, provide exit services to exit the sex trade, and support, enforce and strengthen legislation which tackles demand, click [here](#).**

## Invitation to join the Havens Strategic Board

The Havens are looking to fill positions from third sector representation on the Pan London Haven Strategic Board. The board meets every quarter and has traditionally had one representative from the third sector or bodies representing the interests of victims of serious sexual violence.

**The board have decided to increase this to two posts subject to two-year tenure.**

Selection will be based on a written application followed by an interview. The interview panel will include Commissioners of the Service from the Metropolitan Police Service and the National Health Service.

If you are interested in applying to become part of the strategic board please email me on [nisan.kesete@eaveshousing.co.uk](mailto:nisan.kesete@eaveshousing.co.uk) to get a copy of an application form.

**Complete application should reach the Havens by 1600 on 11 June 2010**

## Campaigns

### Early Day Motion (105)

#### **ANONYMITY FOR DEFENDANTS IN RAPE CASES by Fiona Mactaggart**

An EDM is tabled in the House of Commons regarding the Government's proposal to grant anonymity to defendants in rape cases. The EDM states a deep concern that this move sends a message to juries and rape victims that the victim is not to be believed inhibiting the effective prosecution of serial rapists. It also states concern that this will reverse the progress made on the prosecution of rape cases noted in the independent Stern Review and that the Government has put forward the proposal without any research, evidence or examination of these issues and calls on the Government to withdraw its proposal.

Please publicise this EDM around your contacts and networks to encourage as many MPs as possible to sign the EDM.

For further information visit the following link

<http://edmi.parliament.uk/EDMi/EDMDetails.aspx?EDMID=41020&SESSION=905>

### **OBJECT**

#### **Stop YOUR Council from Licensing Lap Dancing Clubs as Cafes**

Thanks to your efforts, it is now possible for councils to stop licensing lap dancing clubs like cafes and instead regulate them as part of the sex industry. Sex industry licensing gives local authorities far greater powers to regulate clubs, to determine if, or how many, new clubs should open and ultimately decide whether or not to renew the licensing of existing clubs. It also gives communities more say in whether or not lap dancing clubs should open.

However, councils can choose whether or not to take up this new licensing. You need to urge your council to take it up, if you want a say on lap dancing clubs in your area.

#### **Take Action**

We have put together a toolkit to help you to persuade your council to stop licensing lap dancing clubs as cafes.

#### **[Visit our Site to Download our Toolkit \(complete with lobby letters and FAQ\)](#)**

#### **Call to Action! – Wales Women's National Coalition**

WWNC is the only Welsh membership network representing both individual women and women's organisations on a range of key areas. Our aim is to be the voice of women in Wales, with a vision for all women to be able to equally participate in and influence Welsh society. We heard on 15th February that we have been unsuccessful in our bid for core funding from the Welsh Assembly Government.

We now only have funding to last until the end of June 2010, at which time we will have to close.

### **TAKE ACTION**

Please challenge the decision made by Carl Sargeant, Welsh Assembly Government Minister for Social Justice, by writing to him and the First Minister Carwyn Jones.

Write to Carl Sargeant (carl.sargeant@wales.gov.uk ) and Carwyn Jones (Carwyn.jones@wales.gov.uk ), postal address: Welsh Assembly Government, Cardiff Bay CF99 1NA.

Let WWNC know the action that you have taken by emailing Naomi-Brightmore@wwnc.org.uk

### **Support the campaign to save Island Refuge Services**

The only domestic and sexual violence support service on the Isle of Wight is going to be closed down. The Isle of Wight Council closed the refuge service at the end of March and funding for the outreach service ceases at the end of June 2010. This is the only support for victims on the island and last year 23 families were accommodated safely in the refuge and 500 victims and their children used the outreach service.

Please sign the online petition and also print off hard copies to gather as many signatures as possible.

Click [here](#) to sign the petition.

### **Centre for Justice and Human Rights: Help save Berenice Celeyta's life**

The Robert F. Kennedy Centre for Justice & Human Rights is highly concerned with the safety of 1998 Robert F. Kennedy Human Rights Award Laureate Berenice Celeyta and other indigenous and afro-descendent leaders of Colombia who have repeatedly received threats against their lives.

To find out more and sign the petition click [here](#).

### **Paraguay: Protest abduction and violence against a woman on the basis of her sexual orientation**

On April 7 2010, a 20-year old lesbian, Norma Machado, was abducted from her home in Asunción, Paraguay by five family members and a family friend. She was dragged into a car where she was suffocated, strangled and subjected to multiple blows, resulting in severe bruising to her body. According to multiple news reports, one of her abductors was her uncle, Viviano Machado, former commander of National Police.

To find out more and sign the petition click [here](#).

### **Glasgow City Council**

#### **End Prostitution Now! Scottish Campaign**

End Prostitution Now is a campaign led by Glasgow City Council which aims to raise awareness of the harm caused by prostitution and put the focus onto the buyers of sex – those who create the demand and 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 that 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 END PROSTITUTION NOW.

To find about more about the campaign visit the website:  
<http://www.endprostitutionnow.org>

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

## Consultations, Reports and Research

### **"For Honour and Love" DVD Launch Report**

'For Honour and Love' DVD, a specialist training resource on honour-based violence has been launched. The training resource includes a DVD and a training manual. The short films were produced in collaboration with Eighteen and Under and the Nationwide Foundation. Each short film explores a different aspect of 'Honour'-based violence; the threat of 'honour' killing, forced marriage, female genital mutilation and issues relating to isolation and control.

Report is now available to view at ['For Honour and Love' DVD Launch Report](#)

### **Greater London Authority**

#### **The Greater London Authority's Gender Equality and Race Equality schemes are now out for consultation**

You can read all the documents and find out more on the consultation section of the GLA website. You'll be able to complete an online questionnaire or download one to fill in later.

#### **The consultation deadline for both schemes is 11 August 2010.**

To request hard copies of the schemes, the Easy Read version(s) accessible formats and/or the questionnaire(s), please email: [formats.scheme@london.gov.uk](mailto:formats.scheme@london.gov.uk)

You can also telephone the Public Liaison Unit on 020 7983 4100 or write to us at: Equality Schemes, Post Point 19A, Freepost LON15799, City Hall, The Queen's Walk, London SE1 2ER.

We are holding a series of meetings to provide you with the opportunity to put forward your views and suggestions on each scheme. These meetings will take place at City Hall.

#### **Gender Equality Scheme**

Thursday 8 July at 2pm or Tuesday 13 July at 10am

#### **Race Equality Scheme**

Thursday 10 June at 2pm or Thursday 22 July at 10 am

**To register and for further information please visit**  
<http://www.london.gov.uk/get-involved/consultations/current-consultations>

### **Government Equalities Office**

GEO has developed a Strategic Action Plan with the support of other government departments to look at what the Government could be doing to support the sustainability of the violence against women and girls (VAWG) third sector. GEO are keen to gather views from the VAWG third sector, commissioners and others with an interest in the work. The Women's National Commission, which successfully raised the need to address the sustainability of the third sector with government, has agreed to manage this consultation on GEO's behalf.

**The consultation period will run till Friday 23 July 2010.**

[http://www.equalities.gov.uk/what\\_we\\_do/violence\\_against\\_women/strategic\\_action\\_plan\\_consultation.aspx](http://www.equalities.gov.uk/what_we_do/violence_against_women/strategic_action_plan_consultation.aspx)  
<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/QVVNPSB>

**If you are unable to download the documents or complete the questions on Survey Monkey please contact us on 030 3444 4083**

## Conferences, Training, Meetings and Events

### Domestic Violence Co-ordinators Network

#### Involving Health in Domestic Violence Partnerships

**Date:** 10th June

**Time:** 10.30 – 3.30

**Venue:** Friends House, 173 Euston Road, London

We are pleased to announce this Involving Health in Domestic Violence Partnerships training event. Speakers include:

- Medina Johnson & Annie Howell – IRIS: Identification and Referral to Improve Safety, who will be attending to talk about how the project has engaged with health around a response to domestic violence and abuse.
- A representative from Bradford NHS, who will explain how they persuaded health services in Bradford to agree to a Health and Violence against Women Strategy
- Trish Harrison – Worth Services, who will chair a discussion on 'How to get Health involved in Domestic Violence Partnerships'

**To find out more, or to book your place, contact Laura Burtenshaw, [admin@dvcn.org.uk](mailto:admin@dvcn.org.uk) or 0208 748 5717**

### LDAN Domestic Violence Network meeting

**Date:** Wednesday 9 June

**Time:** 1pm- 4pm (Lunch and networking from 1-1.30pm)

**Venue:** London Councils

This meeting is being delivered in partnership with The Stella Project and will be looking at Risk Management and what it means for the domestic violence and substance misuse sectors. The afternoon will have presentations from The Stella Project, Coordinated Action Against Domestic Abuse, London Drug and Alcohol Network and Newham Community Drug Team (to be confirmed). There will also be an interactive group work session looking at client case studies facilitated by London-based specialist DV/SM staff.

**Places at this event are limited so please RSVP your attendance as soon as possible to [carlitam@drugscope.org.uk](mailto:carlitam@drugscope.org.uk), citing any dietary or access requirements.**

In order to ensure that this meeting is open to all, there is a limit of three representatives per organisation.

## **Rights of Women: 35th Anniversary Conference**

**Date:** Tuesday 22 June 2010

**Time:** 9.30am to 5pm

**Venue:** Hamilton House, Mabledon Place, London, WC1H 9BD

A conference to assess how the UK measures up to its commitments under international to prevent and respond to all forms of violence against women

We now have a new term of national Government and we must place women's rights at the top of the agenda. Although we have seen major improvements over the past decade, violence against women remains a key determinant that restricts the ability of women to participate as equals in society. Join us to take stock and strategise where we must go from here to ensure effective prevention and protection from all forms of violence against women – for all women.

**For further information and to receive a booking form, please telephone ROW on 020 7251 6575 or email [events@row.org.uk](mailto:events@row.org.uk).**

## **UN Forum 2010**

**An effective UN in a more secure and just world**

**Date:** London 12 June 2010

A free one-day civil society event organised by UNA-UK featuring debates, workshops and contributions by prominent speakers including Dr Hans Blix, Dame Margaret Anstee, Zeinab Badawi, Edward Mortimer, Elizabeth Wilmshurst, Dr Abiodun Williams, Sir Nigel Rodley and Dr Rebecca Johnson.

This is an unmissable event for anyone interested in international affairs.

**Click on the link below to register and to find out more**

**<http://www.una.org.uk/UNForum2010>**

## **Women for Women International**

### **First Official UK Run for Congo Women**

Run for Congo Women is a grassroots movement benefiting Women for Women International's Congo programme. The first official Run for Congo Women UK will be taking place at the Regents Park (London) Race on July 3rd 2010.

Visit the following website for more information and to participate

<http://www.womenforwomen.org/help-women/run-for-congo-women-london.php>

## **WOMEN'S LIBERATION MOVEMENT – the 1970s**

### **Get-together 19/20 June 2010**

Were you involved? Fancy a get-together in a lovely place in the Peak District – see where we're at now, renew old friendships, make new connections – think about where we are now and if the things that changed our lives then are still useful as we approach a very different part of our lives – and just have a laugh and some fun!

We are arranging a weekend, Saturday morning till Sunday afternoon, at Losehill Hall, near Castleton, in Derbyshire. The costs will be about £160 for everything,

accommodation and all meals, or a much cheaper rate for joining us for the day/s only and finding your own accommodation – there are lots of B&Bs and some camping in the area. We have a reduced rate for those who need it.

We have been using friendship networks first to let women know, and now we are widening out the invitation, so please tell anyone you think may be interested. If you were involved in the WLM in the 70s, you are invited. We already have quite a few bookings, so don't delay – get in touch if you want to come. Please note that this one is for the 70s activists, with maybe an 80s one to follow?

We'll be sending out proper forms for payment and to ask you what you would like to see happening during the weekend – any ideas? So don't send money until we send you a booking form.

**Contact Lynn Alderson and Brenda Whisker at: [gettogether@talktalk.net](mailto:gettogether@talktalk.net)**

**Or, Get Together, c/o 56 Wood End, Hebden Bridge, West Yorks.**

### **Eaves' Scarlet Centre**

#### **Mums, bumps and babies!**

Come and relax at our specialist mother and baby course, every Friday for six weeks from 25 June (apart from session two, which will be on Saturday 3 July).

A light lunch will be provided.

12pm - 1pm Mums' Antenatal Massage

To relieve morning sickness, muscle spasm and cramps

1pm - 3pm Baby Massage & Post Natal Exercise

Learn massage techniques to help calm and relax your baby.

Followed by exercises tailored to strengthen, tone and tighten muscles.

2.30pm/3pm - 3.30pm Mums' Post Natal Massage

Get back in touch with your body's needs following pregnancy

**For more information, or to book onto the course, call the Scarlet Centre on 020 7840 7142**

### **London Feminist Network**

#### **Fundraising Event**

**Date:** 19 June 2010

We are planning a fantastic midsummer feminist fund raising party. It will be held in a bowling club with a large outside space in South London. Starting in the afternoon and going on until late, there'll be outside games, puppet and craft workshops, women poets, singers and performers and a chance to dance to some good tunes. Hopefully it will be a lovely sunny day and an opportunity for people to meet, have a good time, think, enjoy great performers, discuss feminism and get to know each other.

**For further information or to book email [info@feminisminlondon.org.uk](mailto:info@feminisminlondon.org.uk)**

### **Women's Aid - Annual National Conference**

**15th and 16th July 2010**

**University of Warwick, Coventry**

You are strongly advised to book now as places for this popular event are limited. To book a place at the conference please complete the Conference booking form and return by 18th June 2010.

Please note that due to low take-up in previous years, we will not be offering a dedicated crèche service this year. However, should you wish to bring your child/children and require child care please contact Katie Ross and we will help where possible.

**To make a booking or for any other queries, please contact Katie Ross or by telephone on 0117 983 7121**

## **WHRIN's First International Conference**

### **Preventing 'Witchcraft' related abuse**

**Date:** 23 July 2010, 9:30am - 4:30pm

**Venue:** Amnesty International UK, The Human Rights Action Centre, 17-25 New Inn Yard, London, EC2A 3EA.

**Price:** £35

**For more information and to book a place please contact Christopher Kimberley at [Christopher.kimberley@whrin.org.uk](mailto:Christopher.kimberley@whrin.org.uk) or call 01926512182**

## **SKiLD in partnership with the NEP**

### **Diversity – Making it Real**

21st June (Taunton)

Diversity affects you in all aspects of your everyday and working life. This introductory course will help you develop the knowledge and skills you need to understand diversity and tackle inequality in the groups you work with, look at the similarities and differences between equal opportunities and diversity, introduce you to UK legislation on diversity, and provide you with practical strategies to address diversity issues in the groups you support.

### **Equality impact assessments**

16 August (Reading)

Are you or your organisation looking to develop or deliver new projects? Do you support groups to develop new projects? Have you considered how you will assess the impact your project may have on groups and the possibility of discriminatory practices?

This course will provide you with an update on expected legislative developments as well as revisiting existing statutory requirements, explain the methodology, purpose and benefits of EQIAs, explain to you when EQIAs need to be carried out, and provide you with the tools and understanding to help you undertake an EQIA with voluntary and community groups you are supporting.

### **Human rights and equalities**

7th September (London)

Do you work with groups that work specifically with individuals, or with people from diverse backgrounds and experiences? Does your role involve working with groups and enabling them to improve the lives of the people they support?

By attending this course you will understand how Public Sector Duties can be used to enable individuals and groups that you work with to take positive action in challenging inequality and prejudice, understand how human rights relate to equality and diversity,

and also understand the core principles, standards and features of human rights and how rights 'work'.

**For more information or to book on these courses visit: [www.skild.org.uk](http://www.skild.org.uk)**

## **Safe Choices Training**

### **Young Women, Gangs and Serious Youth Violence**

#### **Date for London based training:**

Wednesday - 9th June

Monday - 5th July

Wednesday - 28th July

Wednesday - 25th August

Duration: 10:00 - 4:30 pm

Full Rate: Statutory Agencies, Commercial Sector – £200.00 per delegate

Concessionary rate: Non-statutory agencies – £150.00 per delegate

**For more information and to register contact Laura Bettinson:**

**[safechoices@niaproject.plus.com](mailto:safechoices@niaproject.plus.com)**

## **Refugee Council Training**

### **Key issues in asylum**

21 June – London

[Read more](#)

### **An introduction to asylum support**

22 June - London

[Read more](#)

### **End of Process – support for asylum seekers who have been refused asylum**

5 July – London

[Read more](#)

### **Asylum seekers, refugees and migrants: Entitlement to housing and other services**

9 July – London

[Read more](#)

## **Safeguarding children and young people from sexual exploitation**

### **Half-day training workshops for professionals and practitioners**

The sexual exploitation of children and young people (CSE) is a growing issue in the UK. It can ruin childhood and cause lasting damage in every aspect of a young person's life. Everyone working with children, young people and families has a responsibility to be aware of CSE and the role they can play in helping to put a stop to it. Our parent organisation, Safe and Sound Derby has been fighting CSE in partnership with statutory agencies for over ten years. In response to many requests, we are now sharing this experience through a series of affordable training workshops across the UK.

#### **Venues and dates**

Nottingham – Voluntary Action Nottingham

10 June 2010 - 9.30-12.30

Liverpool – Quaker Meeting House

15 June 2010 - 9.30-12.30

Cardiff – All Nations Centre  
17 June 2010 - 9.30-12.30

London – Abbey Centre, Westminster  
22 June 2010 - 9.30-12.30

The price per delegate is £75.00 + VAT  
Registered Charities are entitled to a 10% discount

**To book and for further information email to [events@justWhistle.org.uk](mailto:events@justWhistle.org.uk) or call 01332 291166**

## **Eaves**

### **Workshop – Prostitution, exit strategies and best practice in supporting women**

Eaves is running a workshop for borough-level statutory agencies and voluntary service providers who focus on 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. The workshop will run over a day and a half and attendees are expected to attend both days.

The training costs £90 (statutory agencies) or £60 (voluntary agencies)

#### 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:** 14-15 July 2010

On Day 1 the course runs from 12.30pm-4.30pm, plus lunch and refreshments.

Registration/networking from 12pm

Day 2 runs from 9.30am-4.30pm and includes a case study delivered by Trust, Lambeth. Lunch and refreshments included.

#### Who should attend?

Anyone in the statutory, voluntary or community sectors in contact with women in prostitution but not (currently) offering a specialised support service; and/or service managers and commissioners from all sectors who are seeking to improve/strengthen their service responses to women in prostitution.

**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](mailto:louise.jenkins@eaveshousing.co.uk)**

## **Women's Resource Centre**

### **FREE Training: Building relationships with funders and commissioners**

**Date:** Wednesday 16 June 2010

**Time:** 9:30am - 4pm

**Venue:** WRC

In these increasingly challenging times women's organisations need to be actively working to develop strong relationships with funders and commissioning staff to help ensure that their voice is heard when funding priorities and decisions are being made. This course will look at practical ways to build these relationships and increase your organisation's chances of accessing funds.

**For further information or to book a place please contact Samantha on 020 7324 3031 or [samantha@wrc.org.uk](mailto:samantha@wrc.org.uk)**

## **Woman's Trust**

### **Children and Domestic Violence**

**Date:** 16 June 2010

**Venue:** London W11 – Please contact us for further information

**Cost:** Voluntary sector £100.00 / statutory sector £150.00

The one day course is aimed at all staff working in agencies who work with women and children experiencing domestic violence and will cover the following issues: Ways in which children experience domestic violence; Impact of domestic violence on children; Child protection issues; Issues related to residency and contact; Prevention work; Sources of help and good practice.

**For more information or to book a space email [admin@womanstrust.org.uk](mailto:admin@womanstrust.org.uk) or send fax to 020 7034 0305**

### **Domestic Violence Awareness Training**

**Date:** 16 June 2010

**For more information and to book please email [admin@womanstrust.org.uk](mailto:admin@womanstrust.org.uk)**

## **Eaves**

### **First Aid training**

The Scarlet Centre with the Red Cross

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> June: basic Save a Life Training, and an optional extra hour on first aid for babies and children

If you would like to learn these practical skills please contact the Scarlet Centre on 020 7840 7142

## **Rights of Women**

### **Women-only courses**

#### **Protecting children from domestic violence: children and the law**

1 Day course

Doncaster – 21 September

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

1 Day course

Doncaster – 22 September

#### **Forced Marriage: gaining protection through the law**

½ Day course

London – 20 October (morning)

**No recourse? EEA national? Overcoming the barriers**

1 Day

Doncaster – 27 October

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

1 Day

Sheffield – 7 July (free)

London – 6 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 (discounted)

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](http://www.rightsofwomen.org.uk) or contact: [training@row.org.uk](mailto:training@row.org.uk) 0207 251 6575**

## Funding News and Opportunities

### Foyle Foundation Small Grants Scheme

Grant assistance available to small UK charities for projects that will make a significant impact on their work.

**Maximum Value:£ 10,000**

The Small Grants Scheme is provided by the Foyle Foundation to support smaller, grass-roots and local charities in the UK with projects that have the potential to make a significant difference to their work.

Eligible organisations should evidence how a grant will positively impact their work.

Restrictions include:

- Organisations which hold operational surpluses or reserves up to the value of three months' turnover.
- Applications from individuals.
- Charities with an annual turnover of more than £100,000.

To apply and for more information contact David Hall - Foyle Foundation, Rugby Chambers, 2 Rugby Street London WC1N 3QU

Telephone: 020 7430 9119

### **Private Rented Access Service**

**Application Deadline:** 06 July 2010

**Contract Value:** £ 500,000

**Duration:** 2 Years to 5 Years

Contracting opportunity on behalf of the London Borough of Hackney Council for the provision of a private rented access service for single people in non-priority housing need

Contract duration is three years with the possibility to extend subject to performance. The contract is expected to begin in November 2010.

For further information and to apply contact Sandie Atwell, London Borough of Hackney Council, Hackney Town Hall, Mare Street London, E8 1EA

Telephone: 020 83565755

## **Vacancies and Volunteering**

### **Eaves**

#### **Independent Sexual Violence Advocate**

**Salary SP33 – £31,149**

**Fixed Term until March 2011**

Working with the Safer Lambeth Partnership, your role will be to provide high level support to victims of sexual violence to assist them in accessing appropriate support and advocating on their behalf with criminal justice processes.

To be successful in this role, you will need to have:

- Substantial knowledge and experience of advocating and supporting victims of sexual violence as well as an understanding of the impact it has on their lives
- Experience of managing caseloads including needs assessment and risk planning
- Knowledge of the legal responsibilities around child protection.

You will also need to have excellent communications skills which will enable you to communicate appropriately and sensitively with women in crisis and affected by traumatic events.

**Closing date: 12 Noon, Friday 4 June 2010.**

**Interview date: 8 June 2010.**

To download the recruitment pack, by visiting our website [www.eaves4women.co.uk](http://www.eaves4women.co.uk). You can also obtain a recruitment pack by emailing [recruitment@eaveshousing.co.uk](mailto:recruitment@eaveshousing.co.uk) or calling 020 7840 7124 (please state clearly the post you are applying for).

### **Women and Girls Network**

#### **Central Services and Development Director – up to £45,000**

Providing strategic direction and leadership you will translate WGN's strategy into high quality service delivery, working practices and participatory working cultures. Coordinating the development of our infrastructure services you will ensure we have the

financial and human resources in place to see through our commitment to deliver high quality services. You will be responsible for fundraising and the development of new services, one of your first priorities will be to support the development of a new Rape Crisis Centre.

### **Services Delivery Manager – up to £40,200**

As a key member of our Senior Management Team you will provide operational leadership, management and support to our front line services. Your external priorities will be to develop productive working relationships with our partners and stakeholders. You will monitor trends in service delivery which will influence and shape WGN's policy and clinical practices.

### **Administration Manager – up to £35,000**

An expert in administration, ICT systems you will provide executive support services to our Senior Management Team and manage the delivery of reception, administration, facilities and ICT services to WGN's main centre and satellite locations. To support you in delivering these services will be a full time receptionist/administrator and a team of exceptional volunteers.

### **Rape Crisis Centre Manager – up to £40,000**

You will manage, co-ordinate and ensure the delivery of safe, high quality, culturally appropriate services to women and girls who have experience sexual violence. Developing relationships and protocols with external agencies will be a critical aspect of your service development role.

### **Rape Crisis Centre Reception-Administrator – up to £21,000**

You will provide a warm, calm and supportive welcome for all visitors and callers to the Rape Crisis Centre. Working with the Centre Manager you will provide a range of reception, administrative and facilities support services enabling WGN to deliver high quality services.

To apply download application forms from [www.wgn.org.uk](http://www.wgn.org.uk)

If you have any difficulties downloading the pack, please call 020 7610 4678.

### **The closing date for all jobs is Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2010.**

Applications are only accepted by post to our PO Box so allow an additional day for your application to reach us.

All positions are open to women only; exempt under S7 (2) (e) of the Sex Discrimination Act 1975

### **Eaves**

Would you like experience in an influential Research & Development team within a feminist organisation? Would you like to be involved in a key piece of research on women's experiences of exiting from prostitution?

### **Volunteer Research Assistants**

We are now recruiting two Volunteer Research Assistants to provide data processing support on a joint research project between Eaves and London South Bank University. Tasks will include transcribing interviews with women exiting from prostitution, entering and checking quantitative data in SPSS, and contributing to the data coding and analysis process.

**14 hours per week, for at least 6 months:** we provide daily travel expenses up to the value of a Day Anytime Travelcard Zones 1-4, daily lunch expenses up to £5.00

**Deadline to apply: 11<sup>th</sup> of June 2010**

Full role description, person specification and application form available to download at <http://www.eaves4women.co.uk/Volunteers.php>.

## Next SVAAN Meeting Date

We look forward to seeing you at the next SVAAN meeting on Thursday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of July 2010, 2:00-4:30pm @ Eaves.

