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VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN IN LONDON

Serial rapist used women to 'lure' victims

Michael Lyons, 52, from Brondesbury Park in Kilburn, north London used groups of women to lure other female victims, the Wood Green Crown Court heard.

Lyons is accused of taking advantage of 'vulnerable' women, pretending to provide them with health treatments, acupuncture and massages before seriously sexually assaulting them.

Prosecuting Philip Katz QC said, "He is a sexual predator masquerading as a guru and a healer. He has for many years now been at the centre of a group of followers, overwhelmingly women, some of whom have been part of his circle for many years. Some of the existing members were actually actively helping to create opportunities for this defendant to take sexual advantage of new recruits".

The court heard that the women were lured with claims that he had worked for the Dalai Lama. It was also claimed that those who left the group were threatened by emails and text messages from other members.

Lyons is accused of five counts of rape, two of sexual assault by touching and one by penetration. These assaults were committed between 1998 and 2008 involving seven women.

The trail continues.

Source: [BBC](#) 08 April 2010
[Press Association](#) 09 April 2010

Brothel owner jailed

Emily Murphy, a 48-year-old woman who managed and controlled a brothel in Euston, north London, was jailed for three years by the Southwark Crown Court.

Edmund Vickers prosecuting said, "She organised the girls, told them what to do, and collected the money". He added that she also sent and received text messages from the women asking them about selling sexual services and organising 'rotas'.

The court also heard that Murphy was in charge of organising, printing and distributing prostitution 'calling cards', and paid the rent on the property she ran as a brothel in cash each month.

Undercover police officers carried out surveillance on the brothel from February 2008, as part of Operation Lindop. Murphy was arrested on June 11 2008 and police found £2,090 in cash on her person, a further £2,840 in a safe at her home and more than £45,000 in another safe deposit box.

The court heard that she had spent some of the money earned from exploiting women on several cars and her mortgage payments.

Source: [The Independent](#) 16 April 2010

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN IN THE UK

Convicted abuser leaves legacy to Girl Guides

Reginald Forester-Smith, a former society photographer from Edinburgh, who was convicted of sexually molesting young girls between 1967 and 1985 and was

sentenced to eight years imprisonment by the High Court in Edinburgh in 1999, has left a legacy to Girl Guides in his will.

Two of the girls Forester-Smith abused were five and six years old and another was nine when the abuse started. His daughter, Tori Dante, who was also abused by him, published a book in 2002 about her ordeal, waiving her right to anonymity.

Forester-Smith died last year, leaving more than £1m to charity, £312,291 each to Cancer Research UK and the Macmillan Nurses Cancer Association and his largest bequest, £400,000, to the Girl Guide and Scouting Association of Dumfriesshire.

Girlguiding Scotland, said in a statement, "We are aware of the legacy left to Guiding, in memory of Mrs Forester-Smith. The matter is currently in the hands of the executors going through the legal administrative process and as such it would be inappropriate for us to comment".

Source: [BBC](#) 12 April 2010

'Child lap dancer' club keeps license

Shadow Lounge, a lap dancing club in Weston-super-Mare, which allowed 'schoolgirls' to perform for customers has been allowed to keep its license.

The club's license was suspended in March on allegations that two young women still at school were given alcohol and performed 'pole dancing' at the club, and one of the young women actually performed a 'private dance' for an older man. ([See WWN296](#))

A police report states that one of the young women was given a basque to wear to 'make her appear more attractive to clientele'. Acting Chief Inspector Steve Date said, "At no time were any of the children asked for proof of age and there is no evidence of any due diligence in this matter being shown on this occasion."

North Somerset Council licensing committee however, decided to reinstate the license of the club subject to conditions set out by the police and the council. A total of eleven conditions were imposed on the club, including removing Paul Charalambous, one of the managers of the club, as "many of the breaches were the result of bad management."

The club will be allowed to commence trading again from June 1, 2010, whilst police are currently investigating whether an offence of inciting a child to perform sexual acts has been committed.

Source: [BBC](#) 14 April 2010
[Mercury](#) 13 April 2010

Woman seeking asylum who fled prostitution failed by social workers

A woman seeking asylum, referred to only as 'Ms T' for legal reasons, who fled prostitution in Cameroon, was failed by social workers who rejected her claim that she is a minor.

The young woman told Liverpool City Council that she was almost 15 years old, but social workers estimated that she was 23, partly based on the way she spoke. A report by the Local Government Ombudsman stated that the relevant form completed by social workers said that, "They believed her to be older than she was for a number of reasons, including that she spoke 'with enough force in the tone of her voice to make a point' ".

The Ombudsman's report further stated, "Liverpool City Council failed to follow long-established guidance when social workers who had no specific training assessed the age of the unaccompanied asylum seeking girl."

The Council has fully accepted the findings of this report and a Council spokesman said, "The council...has already undertaken the review recommended made by the Ombudsman. We have carried out an audit of the assessments and are confident that they are now conducted out in a satisfactory manner".

Ms T left Cameroon on August 26, 2006, after escaping from her aunt who kept a brothel and had forced her into prostitution. Following the Council's assessment she was without care services for over 15 months. By the time another assessment was done she was pregnant and receiving counselling support as a result of her experiences of sexual abuse and having been subjected to 'witchcraft practices'.

A later, properly conducted assessment by a different council assessed Ms T as being 16 years old.

Liverpool Council has agreed to pay her £5,000 in compensation.

Source: [Telegraph](#) 01 April 2010

INTERNATIONAL VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

Democratic Republic of Congo rape crisis on the rise

A report arising from a recent investigation of sexual violence in the Democratic Republic of Congo stated that as many as 14 women are raped every day in eastern DRC, almost half of them in broad daylight and more than half in their own homes.

The report, which was carried out by Oxfam International and the Harvard Humanitarian Initiative, states that, “sexual violence is pervasive, affecting women of all ages, ethnicities and marital statuses. Women are attacked everywhere, even in the privacy of their own homes”.

The report goes on to say that, “The sexual assaults are ruthless, with horrific reports of gang rape, sexual slavery, genital trauma, forced rape between victims and rape in the presence of family members. Sexual violence survivors often witness the torture and murder of their children and spouses”.

While the majority of the victims were raped by soldiers or armed rebels, the findings revealed that there has been a 17-fold increase in attacks by civilians between 2004 and 2008, implying a normalisation of rape amongst the civilian population.

Krista Riddley, director of humanitarian policy at Oxfam, said, “This is a wake-up call at a time when plans are being discussed for UN peacekeepers to leave the country. The situation is not secure if a woman can't even sleep safely in her own bed at night.”

“Peacekeepers must continue to play a vital role in creating security while the Congolese government builds up its own capacity to keep civilians from harm”.

Source: [Telegraph](#) 15 April 2010
[Oxfam International](#)

12-year-old girl ‘raped and buried alive’ but survives

Garsha Wilson, a taxi driver in Jamaica, is accused of abducting, raping and attempting to murder a 12-year-old girl.

Deputy Police Superintendent Herfa Beckford said that Wilson abducted the girl at a bus station in the capital, Kingston, and took her to a house in nearby St Andrew parish before raping her and choking her until she became unconscious.

Then Wilson, thinking the girl was dead, buried her in a shallow grave and covered it with rocks. Police said that the girl dug herself out after regaining consciousness and was able to report what had happened.

Authorities in Kingston say that there has been an increase in abduction of girls and blamed taxi drivers for most of the cases, saying they often take advantage of female passengers travelling to rural and isolated areas.

Wilson's case continues.

Source: [The Sydney Morning Herald](#) 08 April 2010

Priest caught in prostitution sting

Reverend William Ventura, 31, from North Chelmsford Massachusetts, was arrested in a prostitution sting by police at a New Hampshire hotel. He responded to a fake advert on Craigslist, offering 'adult services' and agreed to pay a woman for sex.

Nashua police Captain Scott Howe said, "A hotel was picked within the city, we set up surveillance within to monitor what was going on and when men showed up and actually paid for the services, that's a violation, a misdemeanour, for prostitution".

Ventura is a parochial vicar at St. John the Evangelist in Chelmsford and also serves as chaplain at Thomas More College. The Boston Archdiocese said that Ventura has taken a voluntary leave of absence and is barred from public ministry until his case is resolved.

Ventura was one of the six other New Hampshire men and one man from New Jersey who were arrested as part of the same police operation. They were all released on bail and face fines and up to one year in prison.

The case continues.

Source: [KOAT](#) 14 April 2010
[Boston.com](#) 14 April 2010

EVENTS

Women's Aid - Annual National Conference

Save the date! 15th and 16th July 2010

As with previous years, there will be up to 30 workshops and plenary sessions on both days covering a whole range of policy and practice issues – please click here for the [2009 programme](#) to see last year's conference and workshop programme to give you an idea of what you can expect.

The cost of conference has been held for the last four years – please click here for details on the 2010 conference [Prices](#).

Please email [Katie Ross](#) or call 01179 837 121 with any suggestions you have and we will endeavour to reflect your ideas within the programme.

Eaves

The Sojourner Project

We are pleased to announce that **The Sojourner Project has been extended until the end of August 2010.**

The Sojourner Project is for women with no recourse to public funds, who entered the UK on a spousal visa and are eligible to apply for Indefinite Leave to Remain (ILR) under the Domestic Violence Rule.

The project will be able to take referrals up to the 2nd July 2010.

If you have any queries, please contact Sojourner Project Duty Worker on 020 7840 7147 or sojourner@eaveshousing.co.uk

Eaves – Scarlet Centre

Rape and Sexual Abuse Counselling Support Group

A weekly free therapy group for women overcoming experiences of sexual violence and abuse.

Assessments for anyone wishing to join the group will be on: **Tuesday 20th & 27th April**

Call the Scarlet Centre for more information and to book an assessment appointment on 0207 8407 142

CONSULTATIONS AND REPORTS

Refugee Council

Refugee Council Conference Report – **From theory to practice: how asylum policy impacts on the refugee experience**

Download full report [here](#).

Eaves – POPPY Project and Anti-Slavery International

Rights and Recourse – A Guide to Legal Remedies for Trafficked Persons in the UK

This Guide aims to be a practical manual for lawyers and social service providers by presenting an overview of the legal remedies available to trafficked persons under the UK and International law.

A full electronic copy will shortly be available on Eaves' website – to order a hard copy of the document please contact Anna Bowden on: anna.bowden@eaveshousing.co.uk

Online questionnaire about sexual violence

Do you live or work in Kensington & Chelsea? Have you ever experienced any form of sexual violence? Please complete our online questionnaire here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/3WLFV8J>. Your response will remain completely anonymous, and will only be used to inform the Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea's response to domestic and sexual violence over the next 18 months.

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 from **Thursday 01 April to Friday 23 July 2010**.

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**

Consultation – Sex and Relationships Education Guidance

The purpose of the consultation is to gather views on the draft document – Sex and Relationships Education (SRE) Guidance. The document provides guidance to maintained primary, secondary and special schools and pupil referral units (PRUs) in England on all matters relating to SRE, including how good quality SRE can be planned and delivered, how to develop an SRE policy and how to support the health and social needs of all pupils with regard to sex and relationships. It is relevant to all staff, particularly senior managers and those responsible for co-ordinating, teaching and supporting the delivery of SRE.

Closing Date: Monday 19 April 2010

To respond to the consultation and for further information visit:

<http://www.dcsf.gov.uk/consultations/index.cfm?action=consultationDetails&consultationId=1637&external=no&menu=1>

CAMPAIGNS

Womankind - Speaking Out for Women

WOMANKIND Worldwide launched a new campaign on International Women's Day to persuade MPs to keep women's rights at the heart of their work on international development, foreign affairs, defence and trade.

WOMANKIND is asking people from every one of the UK's current 650 constituencies to sign a postcard in person or online at: http://www.womankind.org.uk/speaking_out.html then forward on this page and information about this campaign to everyone you know. By sending special campaign postcards – and signing up on online at www.womankind.org.uk – British voters will send a strong message to politicians that the next government must honour the UK's commitments to women's rights that are enshrined in national legislation and international agreements.

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

National public awareness campaign on violence to be launched in Wales

This campaign will follow on from the Home Office's "This is Abuse" campaign. Welsh Women's Aid is currently in discussion with the Welsh Assembly regarding the campaign but it is likely to include national media coverage, widespread advertising including TV, radio and press, and an online discussion forum.

For more information [click here](#)

DIRECT ACTION

Fawcett Society

What About Women? Campaign

In the run up to the election Fawcett has brought together over 40 organisations and thousands of individual voters to ask all the political parties 'What About Women'?

Women's votes will decide who forms the next government. All the parties know this and have been courting the 'women's vote' but what would their policies mean for women's everyday lives and women's equality? We would like answers.

In the major debates dominating the election such as the economy, public services, crime, political reform and the family we hardly ever hear discussion on how parties' proposals would impact on women. We want to change that. To do this we are asking all the main parties to answer some key questions about women and their policies. We will then make sure as many women as possible hear their answers and have their say before polling day.

Now you can add your voice to the What About Women? campaign. To join the campaign and take action click [here](#).

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 only 39 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](#).

TRAINING

Safe Choices Networking Seminar

Young women, gangs and serious youth violence

Date: 19th of April, 9:30 – 14:30

Venue: The Mermaid Conference and Events Centre, Blackfriars

This event is for commissioners, strategic and operational managers and practitioners

For further details contact: Ikamara Larasi on 02076831270 (ext 261) or email safechoices@niaproject.plus.com

Rights of Women

FREE Seminar - Ending Commercial Sexual Exploitation and Tackling demand for prostitution

On 1 April 2010, the Policing and Crime Act 2009 entered into force. We invite you to come and hear from a panel of leading practitioners and campaigners working on this issue to find out why this change in legislation is a victory for the rights of women and a crucial step towards ending violence against women

Date: 20 April 2010 1.00-3.00pm

Venue: BSG House, 226-236 City Road, London, EC1V 2TT

Places are limited, and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. Where space is available, you will receive an email confirming your place with a map and directions to the venue.

Who should attend? This seminar is open to representatives of voluntary and statutory organisations working on violence against women, equality and non-discrimination issues. It is not a women only event.

How to book your place: to find out if you are eligible to attend and to book a place, please complete a booking form available at www.rightsofwomen.org.uk or contact the Policy Officer on events@row.org.uk or 020 7251 6575

Centre for Public Policy Seminars

Effectively Tackling Domestic Violence, Abuse and Sexual Exploitation

Key seminar in Leeds on a major health and social policy and criminal justice issue affecting families, adults and children

Date: Wednesday 28 April, 2010

Venue: Queen's Hotel, Leeds

To apply and see the full programme, speaker biographies, venue information and booking details: [Click Here](#)

How Best Can We Tackle Sexual Health?

Date: Thursday 13 May, 2010

Venue: Royal Commonwealth Society, London

To apply and see the full programme, speaker biographies, venue information and booking details: [Click Here](#)

There are discounts for voluntary and community organisations and for block bookings.

For further information contact the Office on 01422 845004 or email seminars@cppseminars.org.uk.

Women's Resource Centre in partnership with Croydon Voluntary Action

Free Funding Seminar for Women's Organisations

Date: Wednesday 12th May 2010 from 9:30am – 1:30pm

Venue: CVA Resource Centre, 82 London Road, Croydon CRO 2TB

The session is open to all women's organisations, groups, networks and projects in London.

Lunch will be provided whilst you network.

Speakers will include local commissioners and commissioned groups as well as funding experts from the Women's Resource Centre. Come along to listen and pose your questions to inspiring experts in fundraising, commissioning, and partnership building. They will share pearls of wisdom about how you could make your organisation more financially stable. There will also be an opportunity to network with other women's organisations.

To book a place please complete the attached booking form and return it to Samantha Smallcombe at development@wrc.org.uk

Tender

One day training – Awareness and Good Practice when working with women experiencing violence and abuse in relationships

Date: 19th May 2010, 9.45am – 4.00pm

Venue: Central London

This training will equip participants with an understanding of the issues for women experiencing violence from men they know, the pressures on women to stay in violent relationships and the impact on children witnessing and experiencing domestic abuse.

The programme is designed to give participants an appreciation of the barriers experienced by abused women, which might prevent them from seeking and securing the help they need.

The day is aimed at staff in any agency who may be called upon to support, advise, treat, or otherwise assist a woman experiencing violence from a man she knows.

The cost of this training is £75

If you would like to book a place or find out more information, please contact Susie McDonald at Tender Susie@tender.org.uk; 0207 431 7227

Women's Support Project

Who Profits & Who Pays? – Challenging Demand 4

A one day conference to challenge the demand from men for prostitution, pornography and other forms of sexual exploitation.

Date: Monday 24th May 2010, 9.15am – 4.30pm

Venue: Teacher Building, 14 St Enoch Square, Glasgow

This conference is offered at **£15** per place. (A fee of £50 will be payable if you do not notify us in advance of your non-attendance).

To book and for more information contact the project on:

wsproject@btconnect.com or call 01415522221

The nia project

Dates: 26th – 27th April 2010

Time: 9.30 – 4pm

Venue: City Edge, 125 -127 Mare Street, E8 3RH.

We would like to invite you to attend a **free 2-day training course for Hackney professionals** working with families who have been affected or are currently affected by domestic violence.

Supported by the Parenting Fund, this training will enable practitioners to improve the safety of women and children with a particular focus on parenting and children's needs. The service will seek to reduce the impact of domestic violence on parenting capacity and on children. This is a great opportunity to learn about current practice and developments around domestic violence and parenting. It will particularly enable you to develop your practice in relation to engaging and working safely with abusive fathers/carers.

The training is free to Hackney delegates

You need to attend both days of the course that you select.

If you would like to book or require any further information please email Marie on actemp@dvip.org

Eaves

First Aid training

The Scarlet Centre with the Red Cross

Friday 7th May: 11-1pm for basic Save a Life Training, and 1-2pm for 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**

C.I.S. Training Course

3 Linked Workshops (9.30am-4pm) £150 to attend **ALL**

Venue: Eastleigh, Hampshire

Session 1 – Thursday 24 June 2010

- What is sexual abuse?
- Prevalence
- Myths & Stereotypes
- Abuser theories
- Prevention & Detection

Session 2 – Thursday 8 July 2010

- Survival Skills (including self-harm)
- Counting the Losses
- Crime & Memory

Session 3 – Wednesday 21 July 2010

- Managing Disclosures (Adult Survivors)
- Re-traumatisation/Re-victimisation
- Unresolved Issues
- The Reality of Letting Go

Target audience – **All sectors**, individuals working with/supporting child victims or adult survivors of childhood sexual abuse.

These workshops are linked, providing delegates with an opportunity to discuss/explore core issues.

Delegates will receive a certificate after completing all three sessions.

Lunch is not provided.

Rights of Women

Women-only courses

Protecting children from domestic violence: children and the law

1 Day course

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

Cardiff – 20 May

Manchester – 27 May

Doncaster – 22 September

Forced Marriage: gaining protection through the law

½ Day course

Leeds – 29 April (afternoon)

London – 20 October (morning)

No recourse? EEA national? Overcoming the barriers

1 Day

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

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

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

Greater London Domestic Violence Project (GLDVP)

Adolescent Domestic Violence – Level 2

Date: 28th April

Time: 10 – 16:30pm

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

Cost: £90/£130 – vol/stat

Details: This course will expand on previous knowledge about domestic violence and will focus particularly on the experience of teenagers. Related issues such as teenage pregnancy, specific issues faced by boys, barriers to accessing services, sexual violence and gangs will be covered. The course also explores the issue of young people as perpetrators of abuse towards dating partners and/or family members. The course will explain how to ask about violence in teenagers' own intimate relationships, how to give advice and how to risk assess and safety plan. There will be networking opportunities to discuss your own practice and meet other professionals working in similar fields.

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

VACANCIES AND VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

Trust

Women's Diversion Manager (Prostitution) (Female)

Salary: £30,000 (Incl. LW) + 6% pension contribution (pro rata)

Full-Time: 5 days per week. (Monday – Friday)

Location: London

Closing Date: 5pm April 20th 2010

Interviews: April 27th and 29th 2010

This post is a fixed term contract until May 2011 – Renewable subject to funding.

The project requests not to be contacted by agencies

Please download the application pack on the following websites:

<http://www.drinkanddrugsnews.com/>

<http://www.charityjob.co.uk/seekers/jobdetails.aspx?jobid=170207>

<http://jobs.guardian.co.uk/job/982753/womens-diversion-case-manager-prostitution-female/>

Post completed applications to: Diane Martin, Director, Trust, 3 Mount Ephraim Road, London, SW16 1NQ.

Please send Equal Opportunities monitoring form separately to: Laura Bagley, Deputy Manager Trust, 3 Mount Ephraim Road, London, SW16 1NQ.

This post is exempt under section 7(2)(d) of the sex discrimination act 1975

This post is open to secondments.

Tender

Fundraising Interns: Tender is seeking a driven new intern to support the development of our next phase of fundraising and expansion of activities. We work with schools, youth centres and youth organisations across Greater London and the UK to prevent domestic and sexual violence in the lives of young people. The intern will work closely with Tender's Development and Evaluation Manager to research and implement new forms of fundraising, in support of a new fundraising strategy and 5-year business plan.

Marketing and Communications Intern: We are seeking an enthusiastic intern to help us to develop our communications and marketing. The successful candidate will research and implement digital media strategy. They will have the opportunity to get creative about discovering the best ways to reach out to young people while gaining experience of all that goes into making an organisation like ours run smoothly.

Trust Project Assistant: This volunteer will assist with the running of the Trust Project which uses theatre and the arts to promote healthy relationships and prevent domestic and sexual violence. The successful candidate will gain experience in project management.

These internships will take place over the summer period for three to five days per week.

Please apply with a CV and Cover letter explaining your interest in the post to Doireann@tender.org.uk by April 23rd

Central America Women's Network (CAWN)

Ongoing Recruitment: Management Committee Members

CAWN is currently looking for new members of its Management Committee who will be Co-Directors of the organisation.

CAWN Co-Directors provide strategic guidance and policy advice for planning and implementation of its work at both national and international levels. They are legally responsible for and entrusted to control the resources, ensuring these are used effectively. Based on feminists' values, CAWN Management Committee works in a horizontal manner, reaching decisions through consensus.

A commitment of about 3-4 hours per month is expected in addition to the attendance of meetings. Co-Directors participate in occasional working groups on: Governance, Fundraising and Research.

This is an unpaid position. We expect a commitment of a minimum of 2 years.

There is no deadline to apply for this position, but CAWN welcomes early applications.

If you are interested in applying for this position please see our website for the role description and person specification: www.cawn.org

Ongoing Recruitment: Research and Fundraising Assistant

The purpose of this position is to lead and support CAWN's fundraising efforts. This will include researching potential funding opportunities, drafting grants proposals and concept notes, and coordinating applications with partner organisations in Central America and Europe.

Main duties and responsibilities:

- Research potential funding opportunities.
- Support the design and implementation of the organisation's fundraising strategy.

- Draft funding and grants proposals.
- Coordinate grants proposals submission process with the Management Committee, Women's Rights Programme Officer and Partner organisations in Europe and Central America.
- Assist in general administrative tasks as needed.
- Any other related work to the above.

This position is a part-time and fixed term position of 25 hours per week for 26 weeks. This opportunity is being funded through the Future Jobs Fund and to be eligible candidates must have been receiving Job Seekers Allowance for at least six months.

This is a trainee contract and currently the wage being offered is the National Minimum Wage of £5.80 per hour.

Latin American Women's Rights Service (LAWRS)

Volunteer Latin American Psychologists / Counsellors

We are looking for Spanish or Portuguese speakers, to be part of our Counselling and Psychotherapy Team. If you are a qualified Latin American Psychologist or Counsellor, and would like to gain experience as a therapist in the fields of gender violence, this is a great opportunity for you to continue developing your skills.

Our Volunteers are very well supported to develop their careers in a very welcoming and professional environment.

We provide: Work experience in a well established NGO, weekly supervision, lunch, transport expenses and training.

To apply, please send us a completed application form which can be downloaded from our website www.lawrs.org.uk and emailed to: Roxana Parra at roxana@lawrs.org.uk or for further information call us on 020 73249807.

