



## The Lilith Project Women's Weekly News 299

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**WOMEN'S WEEKLY NEWS FEEDBACK NEEDED URGENTLY!  
PLEASE COMPLETE OUR SHORT SURVEY**

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Dear Women's Weekly News Reader,

Please take a few moments of your time to complete our annual **Women's Weekly News (WWN) Reader Survey**. This should take no more than 5-10 minutes to fill in and will help to ensure the survival of WWN in the future!

We will use the information gathered from this short survey to improve our WWN service to you, as well as providing vital feedback to our funders.

Please click [here](#) to access the survey (**Closing date: 7<sup>th</sup> May 2010 – complete it now before it's too late!**)

We really value your support, and thank you in advance for completing our survey.

Very best wishes,

The WWN Team

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## VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN IN LONDON

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### **Liberal Democrat plans to let 16-year-olds watch and 'star' in porn**

The policy of the Liberal Democrats to allow 16-year-olds to watch and participate in pornography has been criticised by many in the chatrooms of Mumsnet, a popular website for mothers.

Under the policy, which was agreed at the Party's conference in 2004, the legal age to view and appear in pornographic films will be reduced from 18 to 16. Many have described this move as "essentially legalisation of child porn".

One Mumsnet contributor said, "Teens need special protection under the law that lets them experiment with life... but protects them from people who may exploit them".

She added that when her partner phoned their local Liberal Democrats' office to complain, he was told: "If you don't like it, you don't have to vote for us."

Other policies criticised include plans by the Liberal Democrats to introduce new laws making it almost impossible for councils to refuse planning permission for sex shops, alongside the plan to legalise brothels by drawing up new regulations to license the sale of sexual services.

Source: [The Sun](#) 30 April 2010  
[The Daily Star](#) 18 April 2010

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### **Man in court for kidnap and murder of schoolgirl**

Levi Bellfield, 41, a former bouncer and wheel clamber, has appeared in court to be charged with the kidnap and murder of Milly Dowler.

Bellfield is accused of kidnapping the 13-year-old as she walked home from school in Surrey in 2002.

The short preliminary hearing at Guildford Crown Court lasted just ten minutes and Bellfield was not asked to enter a plea to the charges.

Judge Christopher Critchlow sent Bellfield's case to the Old Bailey for a further case management hearing on July 28.

Source: [Kingston Guardian](#) 30 April 2010

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## VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN IN THE UK

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### **Serial internet sex offender faces life sentence**

Andrew Byrne, a microbiology student at Glasgow University, and a serial sex offender who groomed and abused nineteen children aged eight to fifteen was told that he faces a life sentence.

The 20-year-old, from Glasgow, pleaded guilty at the High Court of Glasgow to 32 charges committed between September 2007 and July 2009, including indecency, unlawful sexual intercourse and possessing and distributing indecent photographs of children.

A psychological assessment identified a high risk of Byrne re-offending, and experts have 'real concerns' over whether Byrne will be able to change his offending behaviour even though he states that he wishes to change.

Byrne was caught after police found a missing 13-year-old girl had communicated with him online.

Byrne remains in custody and the case was adjourned until July 19.

Source: [Evening Times](#) 28 April 2010

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### **Man jailed for sexually abusing young girl**

Ryan Wilson, 19, who sexually and physically assaulted a young girl, was placed on an order for lifelong restriction by the High Court in Glasgow.

Sentencing Wilson, temporary judge Michael O'Grady QC said that he is a danger to children and said he must serve at least six years in prison.

The attack happened in May last year when Wilson took the girl on a walk to a secluded wooded area. He then carried out the attack which lasted about an hour.

The girl was later found in the woods crying and her clothes covered with dirt by two young boys who walked her back home.

Wilson admitted attempting to rape the girl and assaulting her. He said, "It was a sexual assault and violent".

Source: [BBC](#) 28 April 2010

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### **Man arrested in 2005 murder investigation**

A man had been arrested in connection to the murder of Anne Marie Foy, 46, who was strangled and battered to death in 2005.

Her body was found in a wooded area off Crown Street near the Royal Liverpool Hospital on September 15, 2005.

In 2006, Kevin Kilshaw confessed to Anne Marie's murder but his claims were dismissed as fantasy.

Police have now confirmed that an unnamed 55-year-old man has been questioned about this murder and was later released on bail pending further inquiries.

The police investigation continues.

Source: [This is Plymouth](#) 28 April 2010

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## **INTERNATIONAL VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN**

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### **'Hymenoplasty' surgery to 'restore virginity' on the increase**

'Hymenoplasty' surgery to re-connect the hymen is said to be on the increase among young Arab women because they fear being ostracised by their communities if they are discovered to have been sexually active.

The social pressure not to have sex prior to marriage is so great that some women have taken their own lives, while others have been murdered. 'Sonia', a young woman born in France and studying in an art college in Paris, says, "I

thought of suicide after my first sexual relationship because I couldn't see any other solution”.

Dr Marc Abecassis has a clinic in Paris where he performs the ‘hymenoplasty’ procedure at least two to three times a week. He says the operation takes about 30 minutes under a local anaesthetic, costs about 2,000 euro and carries very little medical risk.

Explaining why doctors all over the world perform the operation, he says, “She can be in danger because sometimes it's a matter of traditions and family. I believe we as doctors have no right to decide for her or judge her”.

‘Sonia’ eventually went to Dr Abecassis to have the surgery performed, and she says she will never reveal her secret to anyone. ‘Nada’, another young woman who grew up in Lebanon, fell in love and had a sexual relationship before marriage says, “I was scared my family would find out, especially since they didn't approve of my relationship. I was terrified they might kill me”.

When ‘Nada’s’ boyfriend of seven years left her to marry another woman she attempted suicide. ‘Nada’, who is now 40, underwent hymenoplasty surgery after she heard about it six years ago. Married now with two children she says, “I am ready to hide it until death. Only God will know about it.”

Arab writer and social commentator, Sana Al Khayat says that this problem has to do with the notion of controlling women. She says, “If she's a virgin, she doesn't have any way of comparing [her husband to other men]”.

Source: [BBC](#) 24 April 2010

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### **Nigeria: Investigation into senator’s marriage to 13-year-old**

The Nigerian Senate has ordered an investigation into allegations that Senator Ahmad Sani Yerima, 49, has married a 13-year-old girl from Egypt.

The investigation was ordered after a women’s group submitted a petition on the case. Mma Wokocha, President of the Women's Medical Association said, "This very evil act should not be seen to be perpetrated by one of our distinguished legislators ... that is what we are saying.

"What we are concerned with is that our minors, the girl child, should be allowed to mature, before going into marriage." The senator is alleged to have paid a dowry of \$100,000 (£66,000) to the child's parents before bringing her from Egypt.

He is also accused of allegedly marrying a 15-year-old in 2006. The group are calling for the senator to be taken to court where he could face a fine and imprisonment.

The investigation continues.

Source: [BBC](#) 28 April 2010

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### **Cambodia: New draft law to introduce strict penalties for acid attacks**

A new law is being drafted in Cambodia to govern the use and management of acid and introduce harsher penalties, up to a life sentence, for perpetrators.

Interior Ministry spokesman Khieu Sopheak said, "The law that we have today is not enough. I think that stronger punishment will make them [perpetrators] more afraid of the law".

Since many acid attacks go unreported the exact number of cases is not known. However, the Phnom Penh-based Cambodian Acid Survivors' Charity (CASC) recorded 12-24 attacks in 2000 and 11 in the short time between December 2009 and January 2010. Most are perpetrated against women and girls.

The new law is also planned to improve medical care and social integration programmes for survivors. Ouk Kimlek, deputy chairman of the drafting committee, told reporters that there is a plan to form "an acid foundation to generate money from all sources and NGOs to help provide skills and capital for them".

Importers and sellers of acid need to be at least 20 years old and licensed to carry out any transaction involving acid, under the draft law. Vendors will also be obliged to record details of anyone who buys acid in order to assist police in criminal investigations. Anyone who fails to comply could lose their license to sell the product or risk a fine.

Rights groups and survivors have welcomed the legislation but are concerned about the government's ability to enforce it. Pung Chhiv Kek, president of the local rights group Licadho said, "If you have a good law but it's not enforced, it's useless".

Source: [IRIN](#) 28 April 2010

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## EVENTS

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### **Equality Now**

#### **Film screening – Africa Rising film about FGM**

You are invited to the Equality Now Africa Rising London film screenings. This is a film by Paula Heredia on the grassroots movement to end female genital mutilation (FGM).

**Date:** 13 May 2010 6.30 – 8.30 pm

**Venue:** 2 Carlton House Terrace, Westminster, SW1Y 5AF **London**

**Date:** 12 May 2010 7:00 – 9:00 pm

**Venue:** The Drum, 144 Potters Lane, Aston, B6 4UU **Birmingham**

**Date:** 11 May 2010 5:45 pm

**Venue:** Glasgow Film Theatre, **Glasgow**

The film screenings will be followed by a Q&A session with some of our African partners, Hubbie Hussein from Kenya and Isatou Touray from the Gambia.

**Tickets are free but spaces are limited.** To reserve your place email [ukinfo@equalitynow.org](mailto:ukinfo@equalitynow.org) by Tuesday 11 May 2010

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### **London Documentary Festival**

"**Playground**" – a new US documentary film premiere which focuses on child sexual exploitation in the States.

**Saturday 1st May at 15:15 at the British Museum.**

**Tickets are £3** – Details of the film can be found by visiting: <http://www.lidf.co.uk/whats-on/?event=4>.

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### **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)

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## **Voice4Change England**

Launch of a New Training Series for BME organisations

### **Public Law and the Compact: Strengthen and Empower your Relationships with Public Bodies**

**Date:** Tuesday 25th May 2010 10.00am to 4.00pm

**Venue:** The Peepul Centre, Leicester

Voice4Change England is holding a one-day national launch of the new Public Law and Compact Training Series for Black and Minority Ethnic (BME) third sector organisations, co-hosted by the Empowering the Voluntary Sector Project. It will provide BME third sector organisations with a practical guide to strengthening and empowering their relationships with public bodies at a national, regional and local level.

To find out more and to book a place for free, visit [Voice4Change England events](#) or contact Ravi Chauhan on 0207 843 6124.

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## **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.

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## **Rights of Women**

## **Save the Date! – 22 June 2010**

### **Measuring Up: UK compliance with international commitments on violence against women**

**Date:** 22 June 2010, 9.00am – 5.00pm

**Venue:** Hamilton House, London

On 22 June 2010 Rights of Women will be holding a conference to assess how the UK Measures Up to its commitments under international law to prevent and respond to all forms of violence against women.

We will hear from leading women experts from the Women's National Commission and the United Nations Division for the Advancement of women on UK commitments and track record on violence against women under international law.

Progress and Pitfalls: Addressing all Forms of Violence against Women  
Delegates will participate in one of five afternoon panel discussions led by statutory and voluntary sector experts on different topics.

For more information and a booking form visit:

[www.rightsofwomen.org.uk/current.php](http://www.rightsofwomen.org.uk/current.php) or contact us on 020 7251 6575 or [events@row.org.uk](mailto:events@row.org.uk)

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## **Run for OBJECT this September**

OBJECT is looking for supporters to take part in the Adidas Women's 5k challenge on 5th September. Could you fit the bill?

The run is the perfect chance to raise money for OBJECT and support their work in tackling the sexualisation of women and girls. You don't have to be an incredible runner either; the organisation says people even pushed prams around the course last year!

For more information visit OBJECT's fun run pages [here](#)

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## **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 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2010.**

If you have any queries, please contact Sojourner Project Duty Worker on 020 7840 7147 or [sojourner@eaveshousing.co.uk](mailto:sojourner@eaveshousing.co.uk)

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## **Feminist Fightback**

### **And the Struggle Continues... Women's Liberation 40 Years On**

**Date:** 2 May 2010

**Time:** 7pm

**Venue:** Marchmont Community Centre, 62 Marchmont St, London WC1N 1AB

An afternoon of films and discussion, looking back at the 40 years since the Women's Liberation Conference at Oxford, where the feminist movement is at today, and what are the crucial questions for feminists 40 years on.

For more information and to book please visit: [www.feministfightback.org.uk](http://www.feministfightback.org.uk) or email: [feminist.fightback@gmail.com](mailto:feminist.fightback@gmail.com)

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## **CONSULTATIONS AND REPORTS**

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### **EHRC Casework and Litigation Strategy**

The Equality and Human Rights Commission is currently inviting individuals and organisations to respond to their consultation on the Casework and Litigation Strategy 2010-2012, which sets out how we will use our casework, litigation and intervention powers to reinforce and extend the reach of equality and human rights legislation and protection.

**The consultation will be running until Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2010.**

There are a number of other ways to feed your views in or ask questions to the EHRC about the consultation:

- Complete the [online](#) consultation form
- Download the EHRC consultation response Word document and send it back to the EHRC at [LegalStrategy@equalityhumanrights.com](mailto:LegalStrategy@equalityhumanrights.com)

- Attend a drop-in session in the London office on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2-5pm.

If you would like to attend a drop in session, please email [LegalStrategy@equalityhumanrights.com](mailto:LegalStrategy@equalityhumanrights.com) or call 0203 117 0322.

A copy of the EHRC Draft Legal Strategy 2010- 2012 and further details on the consultation are available at <http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/legislative-framework/legal-strategy-consultations/>

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## **Refugee Council**

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

Download full report [here](#).

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## **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 victims of trafficking 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](mailto:anna.bowden@eaveshousing.co.uk)

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## **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.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**

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## CAMPAIGNS

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### **Gender Equality – Equal Representation of Women in Film & TV Drama**

Equity, the actors' union, has set up an online petition to highlight the under-representation of women in film and TV drama. This distortion affects women at all levels and helps to form negative attitudes to women and in particular, older women. The recent public outcry at the dismissal of certain female TV presenters and journalists has focused on this problem.

A report commissioned by Equity and the International Federation of Actors has revealed that female performers work less, are paid less and have shorter careers than their male colleagues. Yet 52% of the UK population is female and 44% of them are over 45. This is not represented on stage or screen, where prevailing gender stereotypes prevent actresses over 40 from sustaining a career. Research shows that the overall casting ratio for men is 63.5% to only 36.5% for women.

**Please sign the online petition:**

<http://www.gopetition.com/online/24658.html>

The petition will be used together with a report (<http://www.fia-actors.com/uploads/ENGLISH.pdf>) to confront programme commissioners and arts funding bodies who continue to ignore their obligations under the Gender Equality Duty of 2007.

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### **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](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](http://www.womankind.org.uk) –

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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.

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## **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

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**DIRECT ACTION**

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## **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](#).

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## Algeria

### **Ongoing massacres of women: Call on authorities to ensure protection of women in Hassi Messaoud!**

For several weeks now, women have been subjected to murderous attacks in the South of Algeria; this has provoked international protests and calls for the intervention of the United Nations Special Rapporteurs. It is crucial that these initial protests are relayed and supported by a large number of organisations across the world.

To take action and read more click [here](#).

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## TRAINING

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## Eaves

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

Eaves is running a series of workshops 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. Workshops will be 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

**There are two workshop dates to choose from:**

#### **12-13 May 2010**

On Day 1 the course runs from 12.30pm-4.30pm and includes a case study delivered by Trust, plus lunch and refreshments. Registration/networking from 12 pm

Day 2 runs from 9.30am-4.30pm. Lunch and refreshments included.

#### **9-10 June 2010**

On Day 1 the course runs from 12.30pm-4.30pm and includes a case study delivered by Streetreach, plus lunch and refreshments. Registration/networking from 12 pm

Day 2 runs from 9.30am-4.30pm. 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)

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### **Women in Prison**

#### **Working with Women Offenders and Ex-offenders**

**Date:** 20 May 2010

**Venue:** Women in Prison, 347-349 City Road, London, EC1V 1LR

**Cost:** Voluntary sector organisations - £50 full day. Statutory sector/all others - £80 full day

Women in Prison provides training to criminal justice sector professionals and others working with women offenders and ex-offenders. Our training course aims to improve agency responses to meeting the needs of women offenders and ex-offenders by providing those working with women offenders and ex-offenders with awareness, knowledge and an understanding of the impact of imprisonment upon women. All training courses take place in WIP's offices in Central London.

Tailored training courses are also available to organisations upon request.

For more information and to book visit <http://www.womeninprison.org.uk/training.php> or email [admin@womeninprison.org.uk](mailto:admin@womeninprison.org.uk)

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## **Woman's Trust**

### **Children and DV**

**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)

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## **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**

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## **Centre for Public Policy Seminars**

### **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](mailto:seminars@cppseminars.org.uk).

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## **Women's Resource Centre in partnership with Croydon Voluntary Action**

### **Free Funding Seminar for Women's Organisations**

**Date:** Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> 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 contact Samantha Smallcombe at [development@wrc.org.uk](mailto:development@wrc.org.uk)**

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**Tender**

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

**Date:** 19<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:Susie@tender.org.uk); 0207 431 7227

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## **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 24<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:wsproject@btconnect.com) or call 01415522221

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## **Equality and Diversity Forum**

### **HOW TO USE THE EQUALITY ACT 2010**

A major conference organised by the Equality and Diversity Forum to help NGOs use the 2010 Equality Act

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2010, Maple House, 150 Corporation Street, Birmingham, B4 6TB**

This event is free. To register please complete the event booking form and return it to [info@edf.org.uk](mailto:info@edf.org.uk) by Friday the 16<sup>th</sup> May.

Please note that non-governmental, non-profit organisations will be given priority in bookings.

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## **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

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## **Rights of Women**

### **Women-only courses**

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

1 Day course

Cardiff – 19 May (free)

Manchester – 26 May (free)

Doncaster – 21 September

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

1 Day course

Cardiff – 20 May (free)

Manchester – 27 May (free)

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

Manchester – 12 May (free)

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

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**VACANCIES AND VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES**

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**Eaves – Serafina (Kensington and Chelsea)**

**Domestic violence services**

**Female Sessional Worker, London**

**Temporary fixed term position until end of March 2011**

**Closing date: Friday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2010 12 noon**  
**Interview date: Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2010**

- £9 per hour (inclusive of London Weighting)
- 9 Hours per week (3 hours for 3 days each week)

To provide play / crèche session for children aged 0-16 years living at the Eaves' Serafina Domestic Violence Refuge. You must have a strong commitment to delivering a responsive service to vulnerable children and also have the following experience:

- Minimum of one year's experience of direct work with children
- Experience of working in a team
- Professional qualification relating to children / childcare
- An awareness of the effects of domestic violence upon children
- An understanding of Health & Safety requirements with special regard to children
- A working knowledge of Safeguarding Children
- Ability to write case notes and complete regular monitoring data

Working hours, time off in lieu and annual leave to be taken at times to meet requirements of the organisation and by prior agreement of the manager.

**For an application pack, please call our recruitment line on 0207 8407124 or download from [www.eaves4women.co.uk](http://www.eaves4women.co.uk)**

Successful applicants will be required to have a satisfactory disclosure through the Criminal Records Bureau. The post requires a female applicant and is exempt under section 7 (2) (d) of the Sex Discrimination Act 1975.

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## **Voluntary Action**

### **Volunteering Development Officer (Part-time)**

**Closing Date:** 11 May 2010

**Salary:** £30,391 (inclusive of OLW) + pension (6%) pro rata to 21 hours per week

Voluntary Action is the umbrella organisation for the voluntary and community sector in Waltham Forest. We are a small and friendly organisation managing a range of projects. We are looking for an experienced Volunteering Development Officer to: Develop volunteering in Waltham Forest by promoting more good quality volunteering opportunities and brokering volunteers with appropriate local opportunities. The Officer will also promote good practice (including training) in working with volunteers.

To apply email [sangita@voluntaryaction-wf.org.uk](mailto:sangita@voluntaryaction-wf.org.uk) or visit [www.voluntaryaction-wf.org.uk/jobs](http://www.voluntaryaction-wf.org.uk/jobs)

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## **Women in Prison**

**Services Manager (London)** – 2 year fixed-term contract

**Closing date for all applications 5th May 2010 @ 5pm**

**Salary:** £32,844 – £34,068 pa – 35 hours per week

We are looking for an experienced and self-motivated manager to join our senior management team. You will provide strategic and operational management of specialist projects, including employment and education projects, operating in the southern regions of England. You will be able to demonstrate skill and innovation in creating new projects.

You will have a minimum of 2 years experience of developing and managing targeted support projects, including ESF/LDA funded, for vulnerable people. With a minimum of 2 years experience of staff management, you will be an excellent communicator at both a service delivery and strategic level. A thorough knowledge of the difficulties facing women who have experience of the criminal justice system is essential.

**To download application pack:** Please visit website <http://www.womeninprison.org.uk> or email [admin@womeninprison.org.uk](mailto:admin@womeninprison.org.uk)

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## **ADVANCE**

**Female Domestic Violence Housing Worker**

**Salary:** £27,945 (including ILW) Hammersmith

**Closing Date for Completed Applications: 12 noon Friday 7th May 2010**

You will work within the local housing options and advice service in Hammersmith. You will provide a holistic service for survivors of domestic violence approaching as homeless. The post will be based across two locations in Hammersmith. You will carry a caseload of clients and offer a range of housing related advice and support to women experiencing domestic violence.

You will need a good understanding of current Housing Law and the concept of Sanctuary Schemes, the effects of domestic violence, the Criminal and Civil justice systems, experience of face-to-face work with survivors of domestic

violence and experience of risk assessment, risk management and safety planning.

**For an application pack** please send an A4, 90p stamped addressed envelope to ADVANCE, 1 Lamington Street, Hammersmith W6 0HU or email [admin@advanceadvocacyproject.org.uk](mailto:admin@advanceadvocacyproject.org.uk) or download an application pack from <http://www.advanceadvocacyproject.org.uk>

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## **Tindlemanor**

### **Volunteers**

**Closing Date:** 01 June 2010

Female volunteers wanted for Admin and Building Management support role in this unique environment. Tindlemanor is a friendly six storey women's building housing seven women's charities providing safe and affordable accommodation for women's organisations; we also provide training, meeting and conferencing rooms for hire to women's groups. Full induction, support and expenses provided, with lots of scope to develop your skills.

To apply or for further information contact Bridget Stark on 020 7608 0929 or email [tindlemanor@cooptel.net](mailto:tindlemanor@cooptel.net)

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**Don't forget** to complete our annual **Women's Weekly News (WWN) Reader Survey!** This should take no more than 5-10 minutes to fill in and will help to ensure the survival of WWN in the future!

Please click [here](#) to access the survey (**Closing date: 7<sup>th</sup> May 2010 – complete it now before it's too late!**)

Many thanks,

The WWN Team

