

The Lilith Project Women's Weekly News 300

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VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN IN LONDON

'Cut ex's face', advises columnist

Danny Dyer, Football Factory actor and TV presenter who is also a celebrity advice-giver in the Zoo magazine 'agony column', told a reader he should "cut your ex's face, and then no one will want her".

Alex Woolliscroft wrote to the magazine asking for advice on how to get over his split from his girlfriend. In response Dyer said, "You've got nothing to worry about, son. I'd suggest going out on a rampage with the boys, getting on the booze and smashing anything that moves. Then, when some bird falls for you, you can turn the tables and break her heart. Of course, the other option is to cut your ex's face, and then no one will want her."

Dyer claims he has been misquoted. "This is totally out of order, I am totally devastated. I have been completely misquoted. This is not the advice I would give any member of the public, I do not condone violence against women."

Tom Etherington, Zoo editor, said, "Zoo and Danny Dyer condemn any violence against women. A donation will be made to Women's Aid."

However, Nicki Norman, a Women's Aid spokeswoman said, "Such a comment only helps reinforce negative stereotypes and normalises violence against women.

"Not everyone realises the prevalence of domestic violence. Two women are killed every week by a current or former partner and thousands are repeatedly physically, emotionally and financially abused on a daily basis. Such a blasé, insensitive comment can actually place women and children at real risk of harm."

Holly Dustin, manager of the End Violence Against Women coalition, also commented saying, "Danny Dyer's advice is truly stomach-churning. Violence against women and girls is no joke but a dreadful reality for too many. Worryingly, one in two young men think it's ok to hit a woman or force her to have sex in certain circumstances."

Source: [Guardian](#) 05 May 2010

Lambeth summit on tackling violence against women

In a bid to tackle violence against women and girls in the borough, Lambeth Council held a major summit to discuss their strategy.

The conference was held in response to a pilot research project focusing on the extent of the problem in the borough. The issues discussed included domestic violence, sexual violence, forced marriage, 'honour' based violence, prostitution, stalking and trafficking.

Some 80 delegates discussed the strategy and how Lambeth Council, the police and their partners could work together to address violence against women and girls in the borough.

Lambeth Council's executive director for adult and community services, Jo Cleary, said, "Violence to women and girls is not acceptable. We must work together in partnership to strengthen our efforts to combat such violence."

Source: [Local Guardian](#) 26 April 2010

Brent police target brothels prior to the Olympics

Police in Brent are monitoring and shutting down brothels in the run up to the 2012 Olympic Games in London in response to claims that the demand for prostitution in the areas hosting the Games is on the rise.

Brent police report that they have discovered women who have been trafficked into the borough to work in the sex industry, and claim that they have developed a 'radical new strategy' to combat prostitution.

DCI Stevens of Brent police public protection squad, said: "We are aware that countries which have hosted large sporting events have witnessed a large spike in prostitution, which does not disappear once the Games are over. That is why we are stepping up efforts to tackle this problem.

"Some of those in prostitution are trafficked women who are scared of what the repercussions of coming forward to the police will be. Some of these women have been raped many times, and we need to raise awareness among people who do use these brothels that these women aren't there of their own free will."

Source: [Willesden and Brent Times](#) 04 May 2010

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN IN THE UK

Award for Ipswich murders officer

Pc Janet Humphrey, an officer from Suffolk police, has won the Excellence in Performance award from the British Association for Women in Policing (BAWP) for her police work during the Ipswich murders.

Humphrey was one of the first to give evidence at Ipswich Crown Court in the trial that convicted Steve Wright for the murder of Tania Nicol, Gemma Adams, Paula Clennell, Annette Nicholls and Anneli Alderton, five women in Ipswich who were involved in prostitution.

Humphrey, who has served with Suffolk Constabulary for more than 20 years, co-ordinated a multi-agency approach to try and get 50 women off the streets.

Suffolk police force said she had helped to make Suffolk's approach to dealing with prostitution 'victim based' and she continues to support women in Ipswich involved in 'off-street' prostitution.

Humphrey has been recognised for her role in showing that the lives of those in prostitution could be 'turned around' and they could be helped to leave the sex industry safely.

Source: [BBC](#) 05 May 2010

Essex man convicted of rape

Paul Watts, 29, of Gant Court, Waltham Abbey, has been convicted of the rape of a woman on a car bonnet in Hertfordshire.

Witnesses told the St Albans Crown Court that the woman was heard shouting, "Get off me" as Watts sexually assaulted her on the bonnet of a car.

The court was also told that Watts and the woman shared an ecstasy tablet before going on to a night club in Hemel Hempstead where they both drank a large amount of alcohol.

Jane Bickerstaff, prosecuting, told the court that the victim "does not know how, after leaving the club, she came to be on the bonnet of a car.

"She heard a lady shout and her next clear memory is of being in the back of an ambulance."

The prosecution also told the court that two notes were sent to the victim by the perpetrator in order to frighten and 'emotionally blackmail' her prior to the trial.

Watts will be sentenced on 8 June.

Source: [BBC](#) 06 May 2010

INTERNATIONAL VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

African MPs to push for continent-wide FGM ban

Members of Parliament (MPs) from different African countries have met in Dakar, Senegal this month to discuss the problems of Female Genital Mutilation (FGM), share their experience in banning this practice and develop a continent-wide resolution to that effect.

Morissanda Kouyaté, representative of the NGO Inter-African Committee on Traditional Practices explained the lack of uniformity on the issue of FGM in the continent. "There is a lot of disparity here. Some countries have passed laws,

others have none; and some have laws that are not applied.” Only 17 countries in Africa have banned FGM.

N’Deye Soukeye Gueye, head of the Ministry of the Family and advocate of the FGM ban in Senegal, explained the importance of getting the heads of state involved to also ‘win over’ powerful religious leaders. Similarly, Ugandan MP Chris Baryomunsi said, “Many countries leave the struggle to NGOs and UN agencies but it is governments who sign treaties and enforce the law, and they must lead.”

There was also discussion of international legislation banning FGM. Christine Mensah Atoemne, an MP from Togo, told IRIN that no matter how strong national legislation is, if neighbouring countries do not also pass a similar ban, people will simply cross borders to undergo the procedure. She said, “We have to develop cross-border strategies to eradicate the phenomenon.”

The parliamentarians are calling on the UN to pass a General Assembly resolution appealing for a global FGM ban. They have also developed a list of actions for African heads of state to take in order to ban the practice when they meet for the African Union summit in Kampala, Uganda, in July.

Source: [IRIN](#) 05 May 2010

Nepal: Girls missing school while menstruating

Experts said that girls in Nepal who are menstruating are less likely to attend classes and complete their education. According to a survey by Water Aid, the main reasons girls were absent while menstruating is lack of privacy, lack of availability of sanitary disposal facilities and water shortages.

Sumon Kamal Tuladhar, an education specialist with the UN Children’s Fund (UNICEF) said, “Many girls drop out at secondary level and only 30 percent of the cohorts reach the 10th grade”. According to the Ministry of Education, the literacy rate for females stands at 44.2 percent in contrast to 67.7 percent for males.

Susan Acharya, an education expert at the Tribhuvan University, said, “Our sanitation system is strongly linked to culture. Schools are regarded as temples so you will not find toilets attached to schools”. Tuladhar links the lack of appropriate sanitation to a lack of gender sensitivity, with most schools continuing to neglect the special needs of adolescent girls.

Taps in schools are installed far from the toilets and girls have to carry water to clean themselves back and forth, all under the gaze of their fellow classmates. Acharya said, “To avoid humiliation, especially teasing by school boys, they

would rather go home. This is one of the reasons why they lose interest in going to school.”

Manju Khadka, from a local NGO, Educate the Children said, “When we talk about girls' education, we cannot only focus on scholarships or building toilets. We need an integrated approach that involves gender sensitivity among teachers and the need to educate the mothers also on the issue of menstrual impact on girls.”

Source: [IRIN](#) 06 May 2010

Rape of woman in ‘skinny’ jeans 'not possible', jury rules

Nicholas Eugenio Gonzalez, 23, was acquitted of rape at the Sydney District Court, Australia after a jury raised questions about how his alleged victim's skinny jeans came to be removed without her consent.

The jury of six men and six women heard that the woman had met Gonzalez for drinks in April 2008 to console him about breaking up with one of her friends. She then went to his Surry Hills house to listen to music.

She told the court that they had gone upstairs to his room so he could play his drums. He then pushed her onto the bed, placed his torso on top of her, and ripped off her jeans and underpants before raping her.

During the trial the jury sent a note which read "I doubt those kind of jeans can be removed without any sort of collaboration". Defence Counsel Paul Hogan, said, "I'm suggesting it's difficult for skinny jeans to be taken off by someone else unless the wearer's assisting, collaborating, consenting" to which the complainant responded, "I would disagree".

The verdict has angered women's groups. Veronica Wensing, chair of the National Association of Services Against Sexual Violence says, “Any piece of clothing can be removed with force.” She added that a woman’s outfit should not be an issue in rape cases.

The judge in the case stated that the medical evidence of sexual assault was “compelling”. She pointed out that Dr Rosemary Isaacs had examined the complainant and found evidence of physical trauma.

Upon acquittal Gonzales applied for his costs to be paid by the state. This was dismissed by the judge.

Source: [New South Wales](#) 01 May 2010
[Heraldsun](#) 06 May 2010

EVENTS

OBJECT

Stand up for Women! Comedy Fundraiser

Date: Wed 19th May, 8.30-11pm

Venue: The Comedy Pub, Piccadilly

Come to OBJECT's first ever Comedy Fundraiser event! This will showcase a host of award-winning female stand up comedians with all proceeds raised going directly to supporting OBJECT's work in challenging the sexual objectification of women.

Tickets: £15-£50 (depending on what you would like to donate)

Raffle: £1, prizes include a champagne & an ipod shuffle.

Artistes: Helen Keen, Miriam Elia, Jessica Fostekew, Shelley Cooper

Introducing: Ruby Basara

Compare: Kate Smurthwaite

Book: clair@object.org.uk for more details or to book your ticket.

Doors open at 8pm

Equality Now

Film screening – Africa Rising film about FGM

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

Date: 11 May 2010 5:45 pm

Venue: Glasgow Film Theatre, Glasgow

Tickets: £6.50/£5, available from GFT, 0141 332 6535 or online at

www.gft.org.uk

Date: 12 May 2010 7:00 – 9:00 pm

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

Tickets: Entrance is free; to reserve your place, email info@bswaid.org

Date: 13 May 2010 6.30 – 8.30 pm

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

Tickets: Entrance is free; to reserve your place, email ukinfo@equalitynow.org

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.

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

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.

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.

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 or contact us on 020 7251 6575 or events@row.org.uk

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](#)

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

CONSULTATIONS AND REPORTS

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 17th 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
- Attend a drop-in session in the London office on 11th May 2-5pm.

If you would like to attend a drop in session, please email 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/>

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

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**

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

DIRECT ACTION

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](#).

TRAINING

Respond

Whole again: Dealing with the consequences of abuse for adults with learning disabilities

Date: 12 May 2010

Venue: ORT House Conference Centre, London, NW1

Description: Sexual abuse is an attack not only upon the body of a child, but also on their self-esteem, capacity to form relationships and, in the most extreme cases, on their lifelong mental health. How much more serious are these effects when the child has an intellectual disability? And what help is available to help survivors deal with these effects in adult life? Respond, the country's leading provider of specialist support to people with intellectual disabilities who have experienced abuse or trauma, will seek to answer these questions in a ground-

breaking conference that draws together a range of experts and approaches from the fields of psychotherapy, psychology and social care.

The conference will equip clinicians, frontline workers and service providers with ways of supporting individuals' journeys from trauma to recovery.

For further information and to book a place please visit:

<http://www.pavpub.com/pavpub/conferences/showfull.asp?Conference=910>

Eaves

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

NEW DATES!!!

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

NEW DATES: 14-15 July 2010

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

Registration/networking from 12 pm

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

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

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 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

Eaves

First Aid training

The Scarlet Centre with the Red Cross

Thursday 17th 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**

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.

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 contact 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

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 7th 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 by Friday the 16th May.

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

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 or call 01926512182

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 or contact: training@row.org.uk
0207 251 6575

VACANCIES AND VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

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 or visit www.voluntaryaction-wf.org.uk/jobs

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
