

The Lilith Project Women's Weekly News 301

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VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN IN LONDON

Eight-year-old girl 'raped by two 10-year-old boys'

An eight-old-girl was raped by two ten-year-old boys in London, the Old Bailey has heard. Prosecutors told the court that the girl was taken to a block of flats and then a field, in Hayes, west London, before being assaulted.

The girl was playing with her little sister when the attack happened. Rosina Cottage, prosecuting, told the court that when the younger girl returned home without her older sister their mother went looking for her and found her with the boys.

The jury, six men and six women, heard that the boys “took her to different locations near where they lived in order to find a sufficiently secluded spot to assault her”.

Cottage added, “When they did, they pulled down her pants and helped each other to penetrate her”. When the victim's mother and younger sister went to find her they came across the mother of one of the defendants and a five-year-old playmate.

When the woman asked where her son was the playmate "said that he was in a nearby field and that he was with (the girl) and that he was hurting her", said Cottage.

The jury also heard that the girl was taken to hospital because she was complaining of pains in her stomach.

The 10-year-old pair are amongst the youngest people ever charged with rape in Britain.

The trial continues.

Source: [BBC](#) 12 May 2010
[Guardian](#) 12 May 2010

Sex offender faces deportation

Adelani Akamo, a 23-year-old man from Weymouth Terrace in Shoreditch, who attacked a 33-year-old woman jogger, now faces deportation.

Akamo attacked the woman by hitting her with a large piece of wood on the back of the head in East London's Hackney Marshes, before dragging her into the bushes. She tried to fight him off as he repeatedly punched her in the face.

Passers-by who heard the woman's screams came to her rescue and detained Akamo until police arrived.

He admitted to the attack in Snaresbrook Crown Court and was sentenced to four years for the sexual assault and seven years for grievous bodily harm, to run concurrently.

Detective Constable Jason Shallis, from the London Metropolitan Police's East London Sapphire squad said, "The woman was subjected to a violent, terrifying attack. The sentence reflects the severity of Akamo's actions."

Akamo is recommended for deportation when he finishes his sentence and a charge of attempted rape is to be put on his file.

Source: [East London Advertiser](#) 12 May 2010

'Zoo' magazine's Danny Dyer column axed

Danny Dyer's column in 'Zoo' magazine has been abandoned. In the next week's issue it will instead be devoted to "driving awareness to the issue of violence against women".

The decision was made after Dyer advised a reader of his agony column to 'cut his ex's face so no one will want her' (See WVN300).

Dyer has made a similar comment previously to a reader who complained about his girlfriend's pubic hair. He said, "Maybe set light to the...hair. That stuff goes up quick, like a thatched roof".

A spokeswoman for the magazine said, "As an immediate result of an ongoing internal inquiry following an indefensible comment published in this week's issue, Zoo has decided to bring the Danny Dyer column to an end".

Source: [Guardian](#) 07 May 2010

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN IN THE UK

Just four women in new cabinet

Out of the 30 cabinet members of the new government, only four are women. Theresa May has been appointed as Home Secretary, Caroline Spelman as the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, Cheryl Gillan as the Secretary of State for Wales, and Lady Warsi as Minister without Portfolio.

Lady Warsi is also the only minority ethnic cabinet member in the new government. According to the Centre for Women and Democracy, Britain lags behind other western democracies in terms of gender balance in government with just 14% of cabinet ministers being women while others like Spain have 53%, Sweden 50%, Germany 38% and France 33%.

The composition of the new cabinet is an embarrassment in light of David Cameron's promise, made in 2008, to give a third of jobs in his first government to women MPs.

The Fawcett Society said, "Cameron and Clegg may herald a new era of coalition politics but, when it comes to giving women senior roles it seems clear the old school mentality of 'jobs for the boys' remains."

Source: [Guardian](#) 13 May 2010
[Guardian](#) 12 May 2010

Jobcentres continues to offer porn work for unemployed women

Jobcentre Plus offices in the UK are encouraging unemployed women to apply for work on 'x-rated' websites. At Jobcentre Plus offices in Birmingham, Warwickshire and Shropshire, women looking for clerical work were given applications for online jobs in the sex industry.

The women are told they can earn up to £700 a week if they strip naked on webcams, engage in sexually explicit conversations with customers, and perform sex acts.

A 19-year-old woman, who wanted to remain anonymous, said that she was shocked that a taxpayer-funded government agency was recruiting for the sex industry.

She added, "My job in a call centre is a fixed-term contract that's coming to an end and I've just taken out a car loan so I'm desperate for work. But I'm not so desperate that I'm prepared to perform disgusting acts on an internet sex line".

The Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) ongoing policy of allowing vacancies in the 'adult entertainment industry' to be advertised via Jobcentre Plus has sparked a great deal of outrage. Khalid Mahmood, Birmingham's MP has demanded an official inquiry.

A spokeswoman for Mediawatch UK said, "Can you imagine being the parent of an 18-year-old who is sent down to the job centre and offered that sort of job? It's just one step away from prostitution."

A spokeswoman for the DWP said, "We are aware of public concern about advertising these vacancies. We have undertaken a public consultation on this issue and we are reviewing existing policy in light of the responses received." In fact this consultation was undertaken in early 2009 and no official response was ever provided by the DWP.

Source: [Digital Journal](#) 13 May 2010
[Sky News](#) 13 May 2010

Lap-dancing clubs could be outlawed in Scotland

Lap-dancing clubs could be outlawed within weeks in Scotland, after the Scottish Government pledged to bring in new laws to allow a crackdown on the clubs by local councils.

Currently, the clubs only need to hold a normal public entertainment licence. Holyrood's Justice Committee is studying proposals that would introduce a strict new licensing rule.

In a letter to MSPs, Glasgow City Council said that lap-dancing was a form of "violence against women" and that "Intelligence would suggest that these venues are in fact linked to, and part of, the sex industry and selling of sexual services does occur in some clubs."

Sandra White, Glasgow MSP, originally proposed a crackdown on lap-dancing clubs by subjecting them to the same strict licensing as sex shops. Such an amendment to the Criminal Justice Bill would mean that councils and licensing boards could set the acceptable number of clubs in their local area at nil, resulting in a large scale closure of lap-dancing clubs.

But arts groups have expressed their concerns that the amendment could cover all performances that include nudity, thereby unintentionally banning theatrical productions.

White has agreed to withdraw her changes in return for assurances from the government that it will introduce the same strict measures but drafted in such a way that it does not affect theatres.

Source: [Express](#) 12 May 2010

INTERNATIONAL VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

Women in prison in Congo subjected to further sexual assault

In Goma Prison, Congo, there are many women who have been jailed either for aborting pregnancies that resulted from rape, or for crimes of manslaughter involving the killing of their attackers or abusive spouses.

In Congo, like many other African countries, abortion is illegal except in cases where a woman's life is endangered by the pregnancy.

Talking about a mass rape that occurred in the prison itself, local health and legal clinic workers say the situation is a human rights 'nightmare'. Some months ago supporters of the National Congress for the Defence of the People (CNDP) used two pick-up trucks to attack the prison in an attempt to free a senior rebel official jailed inside.

During the attack "All the women in the prison at the time were raped" said, Eugene Lurhondere Buzake, a lawyer. Later Congo's minister of gender, family and children, reported that the number of women raped in the prison while their children watched was 23.

Local health and UN workers say that these types of sexual attacks on women and children in the jail are as common and frequent as attacks outside the prison.

Margot Wallström, the United Nations Secretary-General's special representative on sexual violence in conflict zones reports that during looting and raiding on villages, rebels assault women, forcing their families to watch.

She said the violence doesn't end there. "They first rape and then they shoot them in the vagina or they put swords in their vagina."

Women who survive this ordeal are often rejected by their husbands, stigmatised by their neighbours and left pregnant and abandoned. They usually never pursue charges, even if they recognise their attackers, for fear of reprisals.

Source: [IPPF](#) 07 May 2010

US doctors to allow female genital mutilation (FGM)

The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) has revised its policy suggesting that the law should allow paediatricians in the US to offer 'nicking' female genitalia as a cultural compromise for their immigrant clients. This comes at a time when the legislature in the US is seeking to make it illegal for parents to take girls out of the US for FGM.

The revised policy statement states that 'nicking' is a minor procedure equivalent to a pin prick or ear piercing and has no harmful health consequences. The policy goes further by changing the terminology it used in 1998; "female genital mutilation" to "female genital cutting (FGC) or ritual genital cutting", claiming the former term is "culturally insensitive language".

WHO and Unicef have cautioned governments against the medicalisation of all forms of FGM including pricking and piercing because it "tends to obscure its human rights aspect and could hinder the development of long-term solutions for ending the practice". 'Nicking' constitutes Type IV of FGM and according to the

UN interagency it is “important to maintain a broad definition of FGM in order to avoid loopholes that might allow the practice to continue”.

A statement by 10 prominent UN agencies in 2008 says, “The guiding principles for considering genital practices as FGM should be those of human rights, including the right to health, the rights of children and the right to non-discrimination on the basis of sex.”

The AAP's compromise of ‘nicking’ girls' genitalia in the name of ‘cultural sensitivity’ and comparing the practice to ear piercing shows how far from the international framework this organisation currently stands. It also shows a dilution in the organisation's understanding of FGM as a form of sex discrimination and gender-based violence performed to control women's sexuality, ensure virginity until marriage, and guarantee their acceptance into a particular community.

Indigenous grassroots groups, activists and traditional leaders have for decades now campaigned to encourage their local communities to abandon the practice of all types of FGM and adopt alternative rites of passage instead. The AAP's current policy, however, undermines and negates local, national, regional and international anti-FGM initiatives.

Women's rights organisations from the US, Africa, and Europe have expressed their outrage, and called upon the AAP to retract its statement.

Source: [Guardian](#) 11 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.

Artists: 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

WOMEN'S LIBERATION MOVEMENT – the 1970s

Get-together 19/20 June 2010

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

We are arranging a weekend, Saturday morning till Sunday afternoon, at Losehill Hall, near Castleton, in Derbyshire. The costs will be about £160 for everything, accommodation and all meals, or a much cheaper rate for joining us for the day/s only and finding your own accommodation – there are lots of B&Bs and some camping in the area. We have a reduced rate for those who need it.

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

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

Contact Lynn Alderson and Brenda Whisker at: gettogether@talktalk.net

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

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

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

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

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

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/>

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**

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

SKiLD in partnership with the NEP

Diversity – Making it Real

17th May (Reading)

21st June (Taunton)

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

Equality impact assessments

16 August (Reading)

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

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

Human rights and equalities

7th September (London)

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

By attending this course you will understand how Public Sector Duties can be used to enable individuals and groups that you work with to take positive action in challenging inequality and prejudice, understand how human rights relate to equality and diversity, and also understand the core principles, standards and features of human rights and how rights 'work'.

For more information or to book on these courses visit: www.skild.org.uk

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.

Refugee Council Training

An introduction to working with unaccompanied children

18 May – London

[Read more](#)

Age assessment awareness and working with age-disputed young people

19 May – London

[Read more](#)

The Refugee Council Therapeutic Casework Model: Supporting clients with mental wellbeing needs

20 May – London

[Read more](#)

Key issues in asylum

21 June – London

[Read more](#)

An introduction to asylum support

22 June - London

[Read more](#)

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

5 July – London

[Read more](#)

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

9 July – London

[Read more](#)

Safeguarding children and young people from sexual exploitation

Half-day training workshops for professionals and practitioners

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

Venues and dates

Nottingham – Voluntary Action Nottingham
10 June 2010 - 9.30-12.30

Liverpool – Quaker Meeting House
15 June 2010 - 9.30-12.30

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

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

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

To book and for further information email to events@justWhistle.org.uk or call 01332 291166

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 12pm
Day 2 runs from 9.30am-4.30pm and includes a case study delivered by Trust, Lambeth. Lunch and refreshments included.

Who should attend?

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

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

**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 Domestic Violence

Date: 16 June 2010

Venue: London W11 – Please contact us for further information

Cost: Voluntary sector £100.00 / statutory sector £150.00

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

For more information or to book a space email admin@womanstrust.org.uk 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**

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

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
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

Survivors' Network

Could you advocate on behalf of women who have experienced rape and sexual abuse? Survivors' Network, the agency supporting women who have experienced rape and sexual abuse, is recruiting two new positions for its growing team.

Advocacy Coordinator

18.5 hrs a week: £29,000 - £30,784 (Pro-Rata)

ISVA (Independent Sexual Violence Advisor)

18.5 hrs a week: £26,900 - £28,860 (Pro-Rata)

CLOSING DATE: Noon 19th May 2010

Full job description and person specification and job pack available to download at www.survivorsnetwork.org.uk

Please note – we do not accept CVs by way of application for this post.

Tindlemanor

Volunteers

Closing Date: 1 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.

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