

The Lilith Project Women's Weekly News 302

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VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN IN LONDON

London newspapers face prosecution over prostitution adverts

According to the Met Police Chief Sir Paul Stephenson, London newspapers could face prosecution for carrying prostitution adverts.

The Government Equalities Office reported that 75% of local newspapers carry small ads selling sexual services worth £44m.

The legality of 'adult leisure' pages carried in many local newspapers that display masseuse and massage parlour type adverts that are a front for prostitution is going to be investigated.

Sir Paul said, "Anything that could genuinely reduce the human misery of people trafficking, prostitution, and people working in the most dreadful conditions and having to sell their body just to keep a pimp in business would have my support.

"I deplore how these people are treated, so anything that could stop trafficking, prostitution, and their linked offences would have to have my support, and I will look further into it."

The South London Press and its sister paper The Mercury have lost considerable income after Lambeth Council, police, and the NHS withdrew their own advertising from these papers due to the presence of adverts for the sex industry.

Newsquest, Johnson Press and the Guardian's MEN Media have pulled all 'adult' related advertising from their publications. The Newspaper Society, the regional newspaper trade body, has called on all publications to pull the ads. Furthermore, Deputy Mayor of London Kit Malthouse also promised a ban on such ads last year.

Denise Marshall, Chief Executive of Eaves, which run the Nothing Personal campaign against the adverts said, "The irony is that local papers are full of articles about the problems caused by or related to prostitution, the blight of kerb-crawling on local neighbourhoods, the increase in drug crime, but they are directly contributing to the problem by advertising brothels.

"Prostitution is exploitative, demeaning and dangerous for the majority of women who enter it. It is time editors and owners took responsibility and stopped helping the men who exploit women."

Source: [The London Daily News](#) 15 May 2010

Lambeth has highest number of reported rapes in London

Latest statistics show that Lambeth had the highest number of reported rapes in London in the last financial year. Lambeth was also named a hotspot for gang rape.

In 2009/10 there were 186 incidents reported compared with 145 in 2008/9, and rape sanction detection in the borough fell by 21% to 16.47%, against a target of 35%.

Met Police Chief Sir Paul Stephenson said that the statistics did not prove for certain that incidents of rape were on the rise in the borough. He said he hoped it was because the public now had more faith in police and the systems in place to help them report these crimes, including the Havens, and specialised sexual assault referral units across London.

He added, "They can be unbelievably difficult offences to investigate, but we have had many positive outcomes, especially in situations of stranger rape." He stressed the importance of the police looking at the situation from the victim's perspective and making sure that dealing with the police is a positive experience for victims.

He also encouraged victims to continue to come forward.

Source: [Your Local Guardian](#) 17 May 2010

Police detective charged with rape

Shahzad Malik, 30, a trainee detective constable, has been charged with raping a 27-year-old woman.

Malik, from London Road, Datchet, Berkshire is alleged to have carried out the attack at Police Section House in Brentford, west London on 8 January.

The woman reported the attack two days later. She stated that she had met Malik online.

The charges against Malik were brought after the Independent Police Complaints Commission (IPCC) took control of the Metropolitan Police's investigation into the case.

Malik is suspended pending the outcome of the prosecution and will reappear at Isleworth Crown Court on 3 August.

Source: [BBC](#) 17 May 2010
[Richmond-Twickenham Times](#) 20 May 2010

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN IN THE UK

Major concerns over plans to anonymise defendants in rape cases

Activists are very concerned about the government's plan to ban identification of men accused of rape. Campaigners say this will be an insult to victims of rape and sends the message that victims of sexual violence do not matter.

The Conservative-Liberal Democrat coalition plan to extend anonymity in rape cases from victims to defendants restores the position of the 1970s when the Sexual Offences Act introduced anonymity for those accused of rape.

The ban was abandoned in 1988, following police claims that it was preventing women from coming forward to report rape. Ruth Hall, from Women against Rape said, "Anonymity for men has already been tried, but then police said it

hindered their investigations, because they could not put out calls for women who had been raped by the same man. This is just another way to try to stop the tide of women reporting rape."

Jill Saward, who has spoken out on tackling rape since being attacked in west London in 1986, said the proposed changes "send a damaging message" and may discourage victims from coming forward. She added, "In just a week or so, what we have heard from this coalition is that rape victims and victims of sexual violence do not matter".

Hall explained the proposal would propagate the notion that many rape allegations are false and hinder women from coming forward to report. "The people here all found it an insult to the women who are raped. With a 6.5% conviction rate for rape and so many women not getting justice, all they are putting forward is anonymity for the men who rape us. They should pay attention to the 94% of reported cases that do not end in conviction rather than the few that are false. It will just support the idea that women are making false allegations."

Baroness Stern's review into the handling of rape cases in March this year states that there was little information about the number of false allegations. It noted that police and solicitors said they encountered false allegation cases extremely rarely.

Paul Mendelle QC, defence barrister and chair of the Criminal Bar Association, said, "In general, trials should be open to public scrutiny, so that justice may not only be done but be seen to be done. Anonymous trials run counter to that principle. There would need to be a fully informed debate on the issue before any legislation was introduced."

A Ministry of Justice spokesman also said, "This is a sensitive area and careful analysis of the options and implications will be undertaken."

Source: [Guardian](#) 20 May 2010

First abortion services advert on British TV

An advert offering abortion advisory services will be aired on British TV for the first time next week on commercial station Channel 4.

The advert, with a slogan "Are you late?" is hoped to deal with the taboo of abortion and offering a non-judgmental advice on unplanned pregnancies, according to Marie Stopes International, a not-for-profit sexual health services provider.

Marie Stopes International helpline took about 350,000 calls in Britain last year, and it performed about a third of all abortions carried out in England and Wales in 2009.

In 2008, around 216,000 abortions were carried out in Britain, however according to an opinion poll quoted by Marie Stopes only 42 percent of adults know where to go for specialist advice on an unplanned pregnancy apart from their local doctor.

Dana Hovig, CEO of Marie Stopes, said, "Clearly there are hundreds of thousands of women who want and need sexual health information and advice, and access to services. We hope the new 'Are you late?' campaign will encourage people to talk about abortion more openly and honestly, and empower women to make confident, informed choices about their sexual health."

The advertising campaign has provoked opposition from anti-abortionist activists. In a statement, Anthony Ozimic of the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children, said, "Allowing abortion to be advertised on TV will lead to more unborn babies being killed and to more women and girls suffering the after-effects of abortion".

Andrea Minichiello-Williams, director of the Christian Legal Centre said, "Members of the public will be enraged that such adverts are allowed to be beamed into their living rooms, especially as early as 10.10 p.m. when very many teenagers are around".

However the Advertising Standards Authority, Britain's independent advertising regulator, has said that the advert had been cleared by the relevant body, and that it could only pass judgment on whether it was misleading or offensive after it had been aired.

Source: [Reuters](#) 20 May 2010

Rapists filmed brutal attack

Two men filmed each other as they took turns brutally raping a 22-year-old woman.

The attack happened in Sutton, Surrey when the victim went to a visit a friend. The two men are alleged to have been at the premises she was visiting.

They bullied and punched the woman before raping her. The victim was threatened that she would be set alight.

A police source was quoted saying, "It is hard to understand how anyone could behave in this way. They recorded it to worsen her suffering."

Source: [DECCAN Chronicle](#) 20 May 2010
[Thaindia News](#) 17 May 2010

INTERNATIONAL VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

Fighting fistula in Kenya

A charity called Freedom From Fistula Foundation (FFFF) provides a bus every Tuesday and Friday to pick up women from various points in Nairobi and take them to Jamaa mission hospital in the eastern Buruburu suburbs to receive free fistula surgical services.

Obstetric fistula is a hole in the birth canal caused by prolonged and obstructed labour, leading to urinary incontinence. Globally, fistula affects at least two million women and girls in developing countries, with 100,000 new cases each year. Kenya records at least 1,000 new fistula cases annually.

Lucy Mwangi, FFFF's Kenya director said, "Fistula is really about not being able to get a caesarean section. This could be due to delays in accessing the hospital at the village, delays in referrals. You can also be in a hospital but develop fistula because of a delay in diagnosis."

According to the Kenya Demographic and Health Survey only 43 percent of deliveries in the country take place in health facilities. The numbers are even lower in remote areas where infrastructure is poor. Shahnaaz Sharif, Kenyan director of public health, said, "Fistula points to poor health systems".

Women with fistula suffer constant shame and stigma. Lucy Karimi (not her real name), from the eastern region of Meru, who recently underwent a successful fistula repair surgery at Jamaa said, "I had suffered incontinence for 23 years. It started after I had a stillbirth in 1985 but the problem became worse after I had my lastborn in 1988. Even telling people about my experience is embarrassing; I would be standing and discover my shoes full of faeces."

Experts say ignorance and some cultural factors contribute to fistula. Khisa Wakasiaka, a reproductive health and vesico-vaginal fistula repair specialist, said, "In some areas, corrosive stones are sometimes inserted into the vagina

after a woman has given birth to return her to her 'pre-birth virginal state', but the caustic stones retract the vagina and in the process cause corrosion and a fistula. Some women also insert a hot rod hoping to stop the leakage."

According to the UN Population Fund, most fistulas occur among women living in poverty or in cultures where status and self-esteem depend almost entirely on marriage and the ability to bear children.

Source: [IRIN](#) 20 May 2010

Nepal: Woman accused of witchcraft battered to death

Asha Maya Syangtan, a 35-year-old Dalit woman, was beaten to death by her neighbours in Makaanpur, Nepal after being accused of practicing witchcraft.

After dragging her out of her house, a group of 12 people attacked her with batons alleging that her "black magic" was the cause of the health problems of the leader's wife.

Durga Sob, founder of the Feminist Dalit Organisation (FEDO) said, "Dalit women suffer a triple oppression, and are at the bottom of the pile. As women they're second-class citizens anyway, but as Dalits they're subjected to social exclusion, and as the poorest group in Nepal, they experience chronic poverty".

Caste discrimination against Dalits was outlawed in 1963 in Nepal, however the problem persists. Sob said, "(We) are often denied proper housing, access to healthcare and other public services, like use of water taps and temples.

"There are no authorised institutions where these women can complain about the violence against them. Even though, there are a few (small local) institutions, these unaware, uneducated women do not know how to complain. They have lost their hope in the administration".

FEDO, in partnership with WomanKind, has set up four separate women's shelters in Nepal, which to date have helped over 1,800 women.

Source: [Women News Network](#) 19 May 2010

EVENTS

LDAN Domestic Violence Network meeting

Date: Wednesday 9 June
Time: 1pm- 4pm (Lunch and networking from 1-1.30pm)
Venue: London Councils

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

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

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

Rights of Women: 35th Anniversary Conference

Date: Tuesday 22 June 2010
Time: 9.30am to 5pm
Venue: Hamilton House, Mabledon Place, London, WC1H 9BD

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

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

For further information and to receive a booking form, please telephone ROW on 020 7251 6575 or email events@row.org.uk.

Women's Resource Centre

FREE Training: Building relationships with funders and commissioners

Date: Wednesday 16 June 2010
Time: 9:30am - 4pm

Venue: WRC

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

For further information or to book a place please contact Samantha on 020 7324 3031 or samantha@wrc.org.uk

Launch of Reclaiming the F Word

The New Feminist Movement – By Catherine Redfern and Kristin Aune

Date: Thursday June 3rd

Time: 6pm-9.30pm

Venue: The Drawing Room, The University Women's Club, 2 Audley Square
London W1K 1DB

'If you thought feminism was dead or drawing its pension, think again. Savvy, witty and politically passionate, *Reclaiming the F Word* explains what today's feminists want, and describes what they are doing to make it happen. Whether or not you actually call yourself a feminist, if you care about gender equality and justice you will want to read this book.'

SPECIAL OFFER at the launch – get the book for just £10 (RRP £12.99) or order online at the same Special Discount Price. To claim the discount: Order from www.zedbooks.co.uk/reclaiming_the_f_word.

UN Forum 2010

An effective UN in a more secure and just world

London 12 June 2010

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

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

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

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

Women for Women International

First Official UK Run for Congo Women

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

Visit the following website for more information and to participate

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

WOMEN'S LIBERATION MOVEMENT – the 1970s

Get-together 19/20 June 2010

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

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

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

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

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

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.

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

Government Equalities Office

GEO has developed a Strategic Action Plan with the support of other government departments to look at what the Government could be doing to support the sustainability of the violence against women and girls (VAWG) third sector. GEO are keen to gather views from the VAWG third sector, commissioners and others with an interest in the work. The Women's National Commission, which successfully raised the need to address the sustainability of the third sector with government, has agreed to manage this consultation on GEO's behalf. The consultation period will run till **Friday 23 July 2010.**

http://www.equalities.gov.uk/what_we_do/violence_against_women/strategic_action_plan_consultation.aspx

<http://www.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 out more about the campaign visit the website:

<http://www.endprostitutionnow.org>

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

DIRECT ACTION

Skinny Jeans & Rape Protest!

In protest of the recent 'rape of women wearing skinny jeans not possible' trial verdict – see WWN 300 for more info.

Saturday, May 22, 11am - 1:30pm

GAP (74-76 Finsbury Pavement, London EC2 1HD)

This is near Tindlemanor so you can easily go to the feminar at 2pm.

Please contact Tenley Peterson on petermunns@gmail.com or 075 65 47 2006 to participate or for further information.

Support the campaign to save Island Refuge Services

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

On April 7 2010, a 20-year old lesbian, Norma Machado, was abducted from her home in Asunción, Paraguay by five family members and a family friend. She was dragged into a car where she was suffocated, strangled and subjected to

multiple blows, resulting in severe bruising to her body. According to multiple news reports, one of her abductors was her uncle, Viviano Machado, former commander of National Police.

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

TRAINING

SKiLD in partnership with the NEP

Diversity – Making it Real 21st June (Taunton)

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

Equality impact assessments 16 August (Reading)

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

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

Human rights and equalities 7th September (London)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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**

Rights of Women

Women-only courses

Protecting children from domestic violence: children and the law

1 Day course

Manchester – 26 May (free)

Doncaster – 21 September

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

1 Day course

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

Eaves

Independent Sexual Violence Advocate

Salary SP33 – £31,149

Fixed Term until March 2011

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

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

- Substantial knowledge and experience of advocating and supporting victims of sexual violence as well as an understanding of the impact it has on their lives

- Experience of managing caseloads including needs assessment and risk planning
- Knowledge of the legal responsibilities around child protection.

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

Closing date: 12 Noon, Friday 4 June 2010.

Interview date: 8 June 2010.

To download the recruitment pack, by visiting our website

www.eaves4women.co.uk.

You can also obtain a recruitment pack by emailing

recruitment@eaveshousing.co.uk or calling 020 7840 7124 (please state clearly the post you are applying for).

Women and Girls Network

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

Providing strategic direction and leadership you will translate WGN's strategy into high quality service delivery, working practices and participatory working cultures. Coordinating the development of our infrastructure services you will ensure we have the financial and human resources in place to see through our commitment to deliver high quality services. You will be responsible for fundraising and the development of new services, one of your first priorities will be to support the development of a new Rape Crisis Centre.

Services Delivery Manager – up to £40,200

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

Administration Manager – up to £35,000

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

Rape Crisis Centre Manager – up to £40,000

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

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

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

To apply download application forms from www.wgn.org.uk

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

The closing date for all jobs is Friday 18th June 2010.

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

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

Eaves

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

Volunteer Research Assistants

We are now recruiting 2 Volunteer Research Assistants to provide data processing support on a joint research project between Eaves and London South Bank University. Tasks will include transcribing interviews with women exiting from prostitution, entering and checking quantitative data in SPSS, and contributing to the data coding and analysis process.

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

Deadline to apply: 11th of June 2010

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

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.

To apply or for further information contact Bridget Stark on 020 7608 0929 or email tindlemanor@cooptel.net

