

## The Lilith Project Women's Weekly News 303

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### Message from Denise Marshall, Eaves' Chief Executive

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“How many more murders will it take for politicians and policymakers to understand that **women in prostitution must be decriminalised**, urgently?”

**We call on Home Secretary Theresa May to fully decriminalise people working in prostitution.**

However we **must not** confuse decriminalisation of those who sell sex with legalisation or decriminalisation of an industry which sexually exploits people for profit.

**Read Eaves' full press statement on the murders of women in prostitution in Bradford [here](#)**

And keep an eye on the [Demand Change! Campaign website](#) over the next few days for positive actions you can take to help protect vulnerable women in prostitution.

## VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN IN LONDON

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### **Trafficking gang jailed**

A gang of Romanians who trafficked a young woman into Britain and forced her into prostitution on the streets of East London have been jailed.

Vasile Oaches, 27, and Vasile Maris, 29, were convicted of trafficking for sexual exploitation and controlling prostitution, while Gheorghe Mihali, 22, was found guilty of controlling prostitution.

They were sentenced in Croydon Crown Court to two-and-a-half years, three-and-a-half years and twelve months respectively.

The gang forced a 19-year-old woman from Romania into street prostitution after bringing her to London under the false promise of a job.

After she arrived in September she was exploited in prostitution under threats of violence and intimidation. She was also forced to hand over the money she made to her traffickers.

The woman was kept in a house in Church Road, Manor Park, but was helped to escape by a man she had known in Romania who came to the house and asked if he could pay for her to spend the night with him. She never returned.

The young woman later reported her experiences to the police and the house was raided. Two other young women being controlled from that premises, including one just 17 years old, had also managed to escape.

Detective Sergeant Roddy Llewellyn said, "Vulnerable young women are attracted by the promise of riches, only to find themselves forced to work on the streets as prostitutes. But we've removed this organised criminal network and turned the fear they used on their victims back on them."

Source: [East London Advertiser](#) 27 May 2010

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### **Two found guilty of fire murders**

Shihabouddin Choudhury, 21, and his cousin 15-year-old Akmol Miah were found guilty of murder of Maleha Masud, 15, and her sister Nabiha Masud, 21 who died in house fire in Tooting, south London, last June.

Miah, the ex-boyfriend of Maleha, took revenge with the arson attack after their relationship ended. He was also found guilty of the attempted murders of the sisters' mother Rubina Masud, 55, and brothers Zain, 24, and Junaid, 18 who were injured in the fire.

Jonathan Laidlaw QC, prosecuting said, "The two of them broke up and it was then that Miah threatened Maleha that if she did not continue in the relationship he would do something to her and her family. Why he should arrive at the extraordinary decision to burn down their house is really impossible to understand."

The court heard that Miah had searched on Google for "how to burn someone's house down" the day before the fire. He also had a set of pictures of the burnt and boarded-up property as his computer screensaver.

On the day of the attack the court heard that Choudhury helped Miah to start the fire by pouring petrol through the Masuds' letterbox and setting light to it as the victims slept.

Rubina Masud shouted to her children to get out of the house after being woken by the fire and eventually jumped from a window. The two brothers also managed to jump, but the sisters remained inside. Neighbours could hear cries for help but were unable to rescue them because of the heat.

One of the brothers, Zain Masud, said, "This has been a tragic event for the family of enormous magnitude. The verdict was as we expected, however, this does not change the reality of our great loss. We have in effect been given a life sentence without parole and now must live with this."

After the trial Detective Chief Inspector Damian Allain said "Nothing will bring back the Masuds' beautiful and vibrant daughters and sisters Maleha and Nabiha, but hopefully today's outcome will bring some closure for the wicked actions of Miah and Choudhury."

Both young men will be sentenced on the 9<sup>th</sup> of July.

Source: [BBC](#) 27 May 2010  
[The Press Association](#) 26 May 2010

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**VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN IN THE UK**

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## **Man charged with murder of three women**

Stephen Griffiths, 40, a PhD student in criminology at Bradford University has been charged with the murder of Suzanne Blamires, 36, Shelley Armitage, 31, and Susan Rushworth, 43. The women, who are from Bradford, were all involved in street prostitution.

The regional head of the Crown Prosecution Service, Peter Mann, explained that they had gathered sufficient evidence to charge Griffiths with the three murders. He said, "Mr Griffiths now stands charged with three extremely serious criminal offences."

Police confirmed that body parts found in the local River Aire on Tuesday are the remains of Suzanne Blamires'. She was last seen on the 21<sup>st</sup> of May. Shelley Armitage, has been missing since 26 April, and Susan Rushworth has not been seen since June 2009.

Nicky Blamires, mother of Suzanne Blamires said, "Unfortunately my daughter went down the wrong path and she did not have the life she was meant to have. She was a much-loved daughter, sister and niece and what has happened to her will haunt me to the day I die. Suzanne was a bright, articulate girl who went to college and was training to be a nurse."

She added, "At the end of the day nobody deserves this. All these girls were human beings and people's daughters."

Griffiths was arrested on Monday after police discovered CCTV footage of one of the murders as it unfolded in the block of flats where he lived on Thornton Road, in the heart of the red-light district in Bradford.

The film allegedly shows Suzanne Blamires being murdered by a man who attacked and knocked her to the ground before using a crossbow to fire a bolt into her head. He then dragged her from view. A man was later seen carrying bin bags and a rucksack from the block of flats.

Griffiths briefly appeared before the Bradford magistrates today and when asked for his name, he replied clearly, "Crossbow Cannibal". When the clerk at court asked for his address he replied, "Here, I guess".

No pleas were entered and the trial continues.

Source: [BBC](#) 27 May 2010  
[Times](#) 27 May 2010  
[Guardian](#) 28 May 2010

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### **“My fear was my pimp and that's what drove me onto the streets”**

Fiona, 40, was drawn into prostitution aged 15, having left home after a family dispute. She was 'swept off her feet' by a man who turned out to be nothing more than a pimp.

Fiona was pimped into street prostitution around Bradford's Lumb Lane, three years after Peter Sutcliffe, the so-called 'Yorkshire Ripper', was jailed. However, Fiona says his shadow still lay over the town in the form of fear.

The discovery of the remains of a woman and the disappearance of two others in Bradford's red light district has brought back chilling memories of the 1970s.

Back then, it took six years to find and convict Sutcliffe for killing 13 women, many of whom were in prostitution, and attempting to murder seven more. Fiona recalls, "There were often girls went missing. Every time you came into contact with a man your life was potentially at an end."

"But my fear was my pimp and that's what drove me onto the streets." She explains, "A lot of the pimps I knew in those days are drug dealing now. It's the same violent and abusive world, only they use different methods." She says crack cocaine and heroin are used to control these women.

"They are desperate", she says talking about the women in prostitution, "They are probably getting beaten if they are staying off the streets and not bringing in enough money. So they have to take bigger risks."

In 1995, after eleven years on the street, Fiona heard on TV that her relative who was also in prostitution had been murdered. She decided to change direction, seek counselling and professional help. She now works for Rotherham women's support charity, GROW.

Fiona advises police and social services on issues relating to prostitution. She says nothing will change until the law changes to improve support for the women involved.

"You need to make the people who prop up this system responsible – the drug dealers, pimps, those who wait outside school gates to lure girls into slavery. Many have suffered domestic abuse, are on medication or have mental health problems. There's no therapeutic support."

Many face barriers to leaving prostitution, Fiona explains, and their criminal records mean many are passed over for jobs. Despite having advised the Home Office on policy, she was refused a place on a social work degree course because of her own criminal record from her time being exploited in prostitution.

Deputy Chief Constable Simon Byrne indicated that tough action should continue. Legislation which came into force in England, Wales and Northern Ireland in April of this year means that men who pay for sex with women coerced into prostitution are subject to new criminal sanctions. New powers have also given to police to close premises where sexual exploitation is taking place, and to tackle kerb crawling.

Source: [BBC](#) 28 May 2010

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## INTERNATIONAL VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

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### **USA: AAP retracts statement on FGM**

The American Association of Pediatricians (AAP) has now retracted their statement on female genital mutilation. The controversial policy statement which was publicised in April stated that doctors should be able to substitute demands for female genital mutilation with a clitoral 'pricking' procedure (See WWN 301).

AAP President Judith S. Palfrey said, "We retracted the policy because it is important that the world health community understands the AAP is totally opposed to all forms of female genital cutting, both here in the U.S. and anywhere else in the world".

AAP also clarified that 'nicking' a girl or woman's genitals is forbidden under a 1996 federal law banning female genital mutilation.

Soraya Mire, a Somali filmmaker and survivor of female genital mutilation said, "I cried and told them how grateful I am. Thank you for understanding us survivors and hearing our voices."

Lakshmi Anantnarayan, a spokeswoman for Equality Now said, "We welcome the AAP's decision to withdraw its 2010 policy statement on FGM. This is a crucial step forward in the movement to raise awareness about female genital mutilation."

According to the World Health Organization, up to 140 million women and children worldwide have been affected by FGM.

Source: [CNN](#) 27 May 2010

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## **Russia: Violence against women widespread in Russia**

The Deputy Director of Russia's Anna National Centre for the Prevention of Violence, Andrei Sinelnikov, has highlighted latest figures from the Russian Interior Ministry, which show that about 14,000 women die annually from domestic violence in Russia.

However, according to Amnesty International's annual report, there are "no legal measures specifically addressing violence against women in the family" in Russia.

The report states there were only 20 shelters across Russia for women fleeing domestic violence in 2009. "Many of these were open solely to those with residential registration in the local region, including Moscow's single shelter, which provided space for only 10 women".

Research by NGOs showed that violence against women in the family was widespread across the nation. "There were no statistics provided by the government and government support for crisis centres and telephone help lines remained inadequate," the report said.

Sinelnikov urges Russian authorities to take more effective measures to prevent domestic violence, including the discrimination of women.

Source: [SIFY News](#) 27 May 2010

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## **EVENTS**

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### **Domestic Violence Co-ordinators Network**

#### **Involving Health in Domestic Violence Partnerships**

**Date:** 10<sup>th</sup> June

**Time:** 10.30 – 3.30

**Venue:** Friends House, 173 Euston Road, London

We are pleased to announce this Involving Health in Domestic Violence Partnerships training event. Speakers include:

- Medina Johnson & Annie Howell – IRIS: Identification and Referral to Improve Safety, who will be attending to talk about how the project has engaged with health around a response to domestic violence and abuse.
- A representative from Bradford NHS, who will explain how they persuaded health services in Bradford to agree to a Health and Violence against Women Strategy
- Trish Harrison – Worth Services, who will chair a discussion on 'How to get Health involved in Domestic Violence Partnerships'.

To find out more, or to book your place, contact Laura Burtenshaw, [admin@dvcn.org.uk](mailto:admin@dvcn.org.uk) or 0208 748 5717

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### **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](mailto: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.**

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### **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](mailto:events@row.org.uk).**

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## **Launch of Reclaiming the F Word**

**The New Feminist Movement** – By Catherine Redfern and Kristin Aune

**Date:** Thursday June 3<sup>rd</sup>

**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](http://www.zedbooks.co.uk/reclaiming_the_f_word).

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## **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>

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**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>

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## **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](mailto:gettogether@talktalk.net)

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

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**Eaves' Scarlet Centre**

**Mums, bumps and babies!**

Come and relax at our specialist mother and baby course, every Friday for six weeks **from 25 June** (apart from session two, which will be on **Saturday 3 July**).

A light lunch will be provided.

**12pm - 1pm Mums' Antenatal Massage**

To relieve morning sickness, muscle spasm and cramps

**1pm - 3pm Baby Massage & Post Natal Exercise**

Learn massage techniques to help calm and relax your baby.

Followed by exercises tailored to strengthen, tone and tighten muscles.

**2.30pm/3pm - 3.30pm Mums' Post Natal Massage**

Get back in touch with your body's needs following pregnancy

**For more information, or to book onto the course, call the Scarlet Centre on 020 7840 7142**

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**London Feminist Network**

**Fundraising Event**

**Date:** 19 June 2010

We are planning a fantastic midsummer feminist fund raising party. It will be held in a bowling club with a large outside space in South London. Starting in the afternoon and going on until late, there'll be outside games, puppet and craft workshops, women poets, singers and performers and a chance to dance to some good tunes. Hopefully it will be a lovely sunny day and an opportunity for people to meet, have a good time, think, enjoy great performers, discuss feminism and get to know each other.

For further information or to book email [info@feminisminlondon.org.uk](mailto:info@feminisminlondon.org.uk)

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**Women's Aid - Annual National Conference**

**15th and 16th July 2010**

**University of Warwick, Coventry**

**You are strongly advised to book now as places for this popular event are limited.** To book a place at the conference please complete the [Conference booking form](#) and return by 18th June 2010.

Please note that due to low take-up in previous years, we will not be offering a

dedicated crèche service this year. However, should you wish to bring your child/children and require child care please contact [Katie Ross](#) and we will help where possible.

To make a booking or for any other queries, please contact [Katie Ross](#) or by telephone on 0117 983 7121

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## **Equality and Diversity Forum**

### **How to Use the Equality Act 2010**

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

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

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

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

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## **WHRIN's First International Conference**

### **Preventing 'Witchcraft' related abuse**

**Date:** 23 July 2010, 9:30am - 4:30pm

**Venue:** Amnesty International UK, The Human Rights Action Centre, 17-25 New Inn Yard, London, EC2A 3EA.

**Price:** £35

For more information and to book a place please contact Christopher Kimberley at [Christopher.kimberley@whrin.org.uk](mailto:Christopher.kimberley@whrin.org.uk) or call 01926512182

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**CONSULTATIONS AND REPORTS**

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## **The Greater London Authority's Gender Equality and Race Equality schemes are now out for consultation**

You can read all the documents and find out more on the consultation section of the GLA website. You'll be able to complete an online questionnaire or download one to fill in later.

**The consultation deadline for both schemes is 11 August 2010.**

To request hard copies of the schemes, the Easy Read version(s) accessible formats and/or the questionnaire(s), please email:  
[formats.scheme@london.gov.uk](mailto:formats.scheme@london.gov.uk)

You can also telephone the Public Liaison Unit on 020 7983 4100 or write to us at: Equality Schemes, Post Point 19A, Freepost LON15799, City Hall, The Queen's Walk, London SE1 2ER.

We are holding **a series of meetings** to provide you with the opportunity to put forward your views and suggestions on each scheme. These meetings will take place at City Hall.

### **Gender Equality Scheme**

**Thursday 8 July at 2pm or Tuesday 13 July at 10am**

### **Race Equality Scheme**

**Thursday 10 June at 2pm or Thursday 22 July at 10 am**

To register and for further information please visit <http://www.london.gov.uk/get-involved/consultations/current-consultations>

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### **Government Equalities Office**

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

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If you are unable to download the documents or complete the questions on Survey Monkey please contact us on **030 3444 4083**

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## CAMPAIGNS

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### **Womankind – Speaking Out for Women**

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

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

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### **Glasgow City Council**

#### **End Prostitution Now! Scottish Campaign**

End Prostitution Now is a campaign led by Glasgow City Council which aims to raise awareness of the harm caused by prostitution and put the focus onto the buyers of sex – those who create the demand and who have in the past been invisible from public debate.

We believe that it is the demand which fuels the sex industry in Glasgow, and that only by targeting this demand and challenging attitudes towards buying sex will we be able to put a stop to this harmful activity which blights cities and towns across Scotland.

#### **Prostitution is not a choice**

The only choice in prostitution is that of the buyer, who decides when, where and how he will buy sex. For this reason we believe that legislation which criminalises the purchaser of sexual services is needed. Credible legislation is vital in order to send the message that people are not and should not be for sale.

It is time to assign the responsibility where it really belongs, with the purchasers of sex, and to **END PROSTITUTION NOW**.

To find out more about the campaign visit the website:

<http://www.endprostitutionnow.org>

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

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## DIRECT ACTION

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### OBJECT

#### **Stop YOUR Council from Licensing Lap Dancing Clubs as Cafes**

Thanks to your efforts, it is now possible for councils to stop licensing lap dancing clubs like cafes and instead regulate them as part of the sex industry. Sex industry licensing gives local authorities far greater powers to regulate clubs, to determine if, or how many, new clubs should open and ultimately decide whether or not to renew the licensing of existing clubs. It also gives communities more say in whether or not lap dancing clubs should open.

However, councils can choose whether or not to take up this new licensing. You need to urge your council to take it up, if you want a say on lap dancing clubs in your area.

#### **Take Action**

We have put together a toolkit to help you to persuade your council to stop licensing lap dancing clubs as cafes.

[Visit our Site to Download our Toolkit \(complete with lobby letters and FAQ\)](#)

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#### **Call to Action! – Wales Women's National Coalition**

WWNC is the only Welsh membership network representing both individual women and women's organisations on a range of key areas. Our aim is to be the voice of women in Wales, with a vision for all women to be able to equally participate in and influence Welsh society. We heard on 15th February that we

have been unsuccessful in our bid for core funding from the Welsh Assembly Government.

**We now only have funding to last until the end of June 2010, at which time we will have to close.**

### **TAKE ACTION**

Please challenge the decision made by Carl Sargeant, Welsh Assembly Government Minister for Social Justice, by writing to him and the First Minister Carwyn Jones.

Write to Carl Sargeant ([carl.sargeant@wales.gov.uk](mailto:carl.sargeant@wales.gov.uk)) and Carwyn Jones ([Carwyn.jones@wales.gov.uk](mailto:Carwyn.jones@wales.gov.uk)), postal address: Welsh Assembly Government, Cardiff Bay CF99 1NA.

Let WWNC know the action that you have taken by emailing [Naomi-Brightmore@wwnc.org.uk](mailto:Naomi-Brightmore@wwnc.org.uk)

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### **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.

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### **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](#).

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### **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](#).

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## **TRAINING**

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

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### **Safe Choices Training**

#### **Young Women, Gangs and Serious Youth Violence**

Date for London based training:

Wednesday - 9th June

Monday - 5th July

Wednesday - 28th July

Wednesday - 25th August

**Duration: 10:00 - 4:30 pm**

**Full Rate: Statutory Agencies, Commercial Sector – £200.00 per delegate**

**Concessionary rate: Non-statutory agencies – £150.00 per delegate**

For more information and to register contact Laura Bettinson:

[safechoices@niaproject.plus.com](mailto:safechoices@niaproject.plus.com)

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### **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](#)

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**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](mailto:events@justWhistle.org.uk) or call 01332 291166

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**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](mailto:louise.jenkins@eaveshousing.co.uk)

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## **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](mailto:samantha@wrc.org.uk)

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## **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](mailto:admin@womanstrust.org.uk) or send fax to 020 7034 0305

### **Domestic Violence Awareness Training**

**Date:** 16 June 2010

For more information and to book please email [admin@womanstrust.org.uk](mailto:admin@womanstrust.org.uk)

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## **Eaves**

### **First Aid training**

#### **The Scarlet Centre with the Red Cross**

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> June:** basic Save a Life Training, and an optional extra hour on first aid for babies and children

If you would like to learn these practical skills please **contact the Scarlet Centre on 020 7840 7142**

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## **Rights of Women**

### **Women-only courses**

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

1 Day course

Doncaster – 21 September

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

1 Day course

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](http://www.rightsofwomen.org.uk) or contact: [training@row.org.uk](mailto:training@row.org.uk)  
0207 251 6575

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## VACANCIES AND VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

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### **Eaves**

#### **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](http://www.eaves4women.co.uk).

You can also obtain a recruitment pack by emailing [recruitment@eaveshousing.co.uk](mailto:recruitment@eaveshousing.co.uk) or calling 020 7840 7124 (please state clearly the post you are applying for).

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**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](http://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 18<sup>th</sup> 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

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## **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 two 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: 11<sup>th</sup> of June 2010**

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

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### ***Calling all readers!***

***If you have any information about new events, consultations, reports, campaigns, direct action, training, vacancies or volunteering opportunities, especially those with a London focus, that you would like us to consider for inclusion in Women's Weekly News please email us at:***

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