

## The Lilith Project Women's Weekly News 304

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### VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN IN LONDON

#### **PM backing down on anonymity for rape defendants**

After an outcry from campaign groups and politicians David Cameron might be backing down over granting anonymity to rape defendants.

He hinted at Prime Minister's Questions that anonymity to rape suspects may only cover alleged offenders up to the point they are charged.

Granting anonymity to rape suspects would have protected the black cab rapist, John Worboys, whose crimes against many women were revealed only when they came forward after he was named.

Campaigners have also stated their concern that this would send out the signal that many women who report rape are lying about it. It would also be an affront to the principle that justice must be done in public.

The Prime Minister said, "The coalition agreement mentions this issue of anonymity and we will of course be bringing forward proposals which the House can then examine and debate." He also admitted that publicity around rape cases "can help bring other people who have been raped forwards".

Even the watered-down proposal is raising the question “why should those suspected of rape be singled out, above other alleged serious offenders, for different treatment?”.

Source: [Telegraph](#) 03 June 2010  
[Press Association](#) 03 June 2010

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## **IPCC says Met Police must apologise over Rachel Nickell murder**

The Independent Police Complaints Commission said that the Metropolitan Police Service (MPS) must apologise to the partner of Rachel Nickell, Andre Hanscombe, for "a catalogue of bad decisions and errors" in their investigation of her murder in 1992.

Nickell, 23, was sexually assaulted and stabbed 49 times on Wimbledon Common in southwest London 18 years ago. Her two-year-old son, Alex, was found by a passer-by clinging to her blood-soaked body.

Using an undercover female officer detectives wrongly identified Colin Stagg, who lived nearby, as Nickell's killer. However, the trial collapsed in 1994 with the judge dismissing the tactics used by the police as "deceptive conduct of the grossest kind".

Robert Napper, a serial sex attacker, finally pleaded guilty to the murder in December 2008. Detectives admitted that they missed opportunities to arrest Napper in 1989 when he confessed to his mother that he had raped a woman.

He was also wrongly eliminated from inquiries into a series of rapes in 1992 before he also murdered Samantha Bisset and her daughter Jasmine.

Napper was already in jail for rape and the Bisset murders when he was eventually found to be Nickell's killer after new technology was able to identify him from DNA evidence.

IPCC Commissioner Rachel Cerfontyne said, "It is clear that a catalogue of bad decisions and errors made by the Metropolitan Police Service led to missed opportunities to take Robert Napper off the streets before he killed Rachel Nickell and the Bissets."

In a statement, the MPS said, "We have made it clear to other victims and the family and friends of those whom Napper attacked that we deeply regret the fact he was able to carry out these dreadful acts."

"The MPS has accepted that more could, and should, have been done, and had more been done, we could have been in a better position to have prevented very serious attacks by Napper."

The MPS will be writing to Hanscombe and Alex to say sorry for the mistakes.

Source: [Reuters](#) 03 June 2010

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### **Airhostess 'kidnapped and raped in Dubai desert'**

A 25-year-old British Airways airhostess was kidnapped and raped in a Dubai desert after accepting a lift from a Jordanian salesman, a court heard.

The woman was in a nightclub with her sister but left alone looking for a taxi. She accepted a lift home with Mohammed Salem, a 30-year-old salesman from the plush Dubai Marina Hotel club at 3.30am.

The court heard that Salem diverted the car from her normal route home, used the central locking system and drove off into the desert despite the woman's plea to stop the vehicle and let her go.

Eventually he pulled over and raped her in the car's backseat. The victim told the court "She couldn't resist his strength. She did not want sex. She was struggling so hard she kicked at the car's window trying to break free and yelled at him.

"She was attacked for 30 minutes before she got away from him and called her sister, who took her to the police station."

Salem denies charges of rape and drinking alcohol. He is due to appear in court next month.

Source: [SIFY News](#) 02 June 2010

[Daily Mail](#) 02 June 2010

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## **VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN IN THE UK**

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### **Second woman's remains found in Bradford**

Police forensic scientists confirmed that a piece of tissue found in river Aire near Bradford at the weekend belongs to Shelley Armitage.

Armitage is one of the two missing women allegedly murdered by Stephen Griffiths. The small piece of tissue had been matched to the 31-year-old through DNA tests.

A spokeswoman for West Yorkshire police said, "Further exhaustive forensic tests carried out on a small piece of human tissue recovered from the river Aire over the weekend have confirmed that it is that of Shelley Armitage. Her family has been informed."

No trace has yet been found of a third woman, Susan Rushworth, who was 45 when she disappeared in June last year.

Griffiths has not yet entered a plea to the three murder charges. He gave his name as "the crossbow cannibal" in Bradford Magistrates Court last week.

He is due to appear at Bradford Crown Court on 7 June by video link from Wakefield prison.

Source: [Guardian](#) 03 June 2010

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### **Domestic abuse advice website launched**

A domestic violence advice website has been launched in Hampshire. According to Hampshire County Council about 56,000 women and girls across the county have been victims of domestic abuse in the past year alone.

Hampshire Domestic Abuse Forum teamed up with Five by Five People, a digital marketing agency firm, to create the site in a bid to help victims.

The new website contains information, advice and support, as well as personal stories from people who have escaped abusive relationships highlighting the harrowing reality of living with domestic abuse and violence, and how victims can break free and rebuild their lives. The site also includes information about 'honour'-based violence and advice on how to get help or provide support.

Jude Ruddock-Atcherley, strategic domestic abuse manager for Hampshire County Council, said, "We have developed this website to try and help the public and professionals have easy access to information, help and support.

"Some people are fully aware of the abuse that they are living with on a daily basis and this site will help them to find out the information and agencies which can help them. Other people may not realise that the way they are being treated is in fact abusive and that they have a right to live free from abuse – this site also aims to help them find the information they need and the people who can help

them.”

Councillor Roy Perry, deputy leader of Hampshire County Council and chairman of Hampshire's Domestic Abuse Partnership Board, said, “This website is an excellent example of agencies working together to provide information to the public so that they can seek help”.

The group has also launched a second website, this time password-protected, for professionals who work with or who may come into contact with people experiencing domestic abuse.

Source: [BBC](#) 01 June 2010  
[The News](#) 01 June 2010

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### **Doctor charged with sex offences**

Dr Yenugula Srinivas, 40, from Bletchington, Oxfordshire, has been charged with 18 sexual offences against ten women in their 20s, 30s and 40s.

The alleged attacks took place at surgeries in St Clements in Oxford, in Islip and the Bury Knowle Surgery in Headington between February 2008 and January 2009.

A spokesperson for NHS Oxfordshire said: "We can confirm that a locum GP, Dr Yenugula Srinivas, is facing criminal charges following an investigation by Thames Valley Police.

"Due to the ongoing criminal proceedings we are unable to say anything further at this time."

Dr Srinivas is on bail due to appear at Oxford Magistrates' Court on 11 June.

Source: [BBC](#) 02 June 2010

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### **Serving police officer charged with sex offences**

Serving police officer Detective Inspector Glen Boulton, 44, from Solihull, has been charged with six sex offences involving two girls.

The alleged offences, four counts of indecent assault and two of indecency with a child, date back to between 1977 and 1982.

DI Boulton has been suspended from the West Midlands police force and will appear before magistrates in Wolverhampton next month.

Source: [BBC](#) 31 May 2010

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## INTERNATIONAL VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

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### **'Honour' killings persist in Jordan**

Diana Shalabi, director of the complaint office at the Jordanian National Commission for Women (JNCW), says, "There are about 12 'honour' crime cases every year in Jordan. However, many crimes involving women are categorised falsely as 'honour' killings and should be called regular crimes instead".

Last month, a 33-year-old man was charged with hammering his wife to death and dumping her body on the highway leading to the Queen Alia International Airport. The husband confessed to murdering her "to defend his honour" as she was meeting a male friend.

The same month another man allegedly shot and killed his Moroccan wife and her sister, and injured his wife's lawyer. The wife had filed for divorce and was on her way to court with the lawyer when she was attacked.

The Jordanian penal code includes provisions justifying 'honour' crimes to some extent by allowing leniency in some situations. The so-called 'honour' crimes are considered acts of violence perpetrated by family members against females who are perceived to have shamed the family.

Hjouj says, "Tribes also exert pressure on families to drop any civil suits, which can shorten a murder sentence from 15 years to less than one".

Source: [IPS](#) 22 April 2010

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### **Women prisoners detained illegally in Iran**

Reports from Evin Prison, in Iran, confirm that a number of female political prisoners are being held illegally for months. According to the reports, these women face groundless allegations and heavy verdicts.

Maryam Akbari-Monfared was arrested on 31 December 2009 and is currently held in Evin Prison. Akbari-Monfared is a mother of three, her youngest aged just

five. Her temporary detention order has never been renewed, and she remains extremely concerned for her children.

Another prisoner is Parvin Javanzadeh, arrested on 27 December 2009 and being held under harsh conditions. Javanzadeh, 22, is the youngest political prisoner at Evin's women's ward. She has spent the first three months of her captivity in solitary confinement at an IRGC detention centre, and her physical and emotional wellbeing is reported to have suffered greatly as a result.

Also detained on expired detention orders are Kobra Zagheh-Doost, Badrolsadat Mofidi (secretary of the Iranian Journalists Association) and Fatemeh Khorramjoo. All three are said to be in poor physical and emotional states.

Source: [WLUML](#) 27 May 2010

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### **Gang rape on the rise in Kenya**

According to a report by the Nairobi Gender Violence Recovery Centre for the period April 2009 to March 2010, gang rapes are on the rise in the capital of Kenya.

Teresa Omondi, the centre's executive director, said, "A disturbing trend of gender-based-violence (GBV) in the reported year is the continued number of gang rapes where the number of perpetrators per act increased from 2-11 to 2-20".

The centre, at the Nairobi Women's Hospital, recorded 2,487 GBV survivors between April 2009 and March 2010, 52 per cent (1,285) of whom were women, 45 per cent (1,125) children and three per cent men (77).

The city centre and recreational places in Nairobi were the locations of many of the incidents, followed by residential estates, forests, institutional compounds, bus stops and other secluded places.

Neighbours topped the list of perpetrators named by survivors, followed by husbands and friends. Others included boyfriends, fathers, other relatives (uncles, aunts and cousins), house helps, teachers and classmates.

Source: [IRIN](#) 04 June 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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## **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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## **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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### **"For Honour and Love" DVD Launch Report**

'For Honour and Love' DVD, a specialist training resource on honour-based violence has been launched. The training resource includes a DVD and a training manual. The short films were produced in collaboration with Eighteen and Under and the Nationwide Foundation. Each short film explores a different aspect of 'Honour'-based violence; the threat of 'honour' killing, forced marriage, female genital mutilation and issues relating to isolation and control.

Report is now available to view at ['For Honour and Love' DVD Launch Report](#)

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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>

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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### **Save Refugee and Migrant Justice (RMJ) Campaign**

**What's happening?**

Refugee and Migrant Justice is facing possible closure because of bureaucratic rules that result in the Government not paying promptly for asylum and immigration legal work.

If RMJ is forced to close, more than 10,000 asylum seekers and vulnerable migrants will be left without legal assistance. That includes almost 900 children as well as victims of trafficking, torture and armed conflict. Many cases will have to be put on hold, adding to the UK's already enormous asylum backlog. Lives will be put at risk and there are likely to be many more miscarriages of justice – which, sadly, are already common on asylum.

**To see how you can help please click [here](#)**

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## **Glasgow City Council**

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

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

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

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

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

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

**To find about more about the campaign visit the website:**

<http://www.endprostitutionnow.org>

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

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## DIRECT ACTION

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### Early Day Motion (105)

#### **ANONYMITY FOR DEFENDANTS IN RAPE CASES by Fiona Mactaggart**

An EDM is tabled in the House of Commons regarding the Government's proposal to grant anonymity to defendants in rape cases. The EDM states a deep concern that this move sends a message to juries and rape victims that the victim is not to be believed inhibiting the effective prosecution of serial rapists. It also states concern that this will reverse the progress made on the prosecution of rape cases noted in the independent Stern Review and that the Government has put forward the proposal without any research, evidence or examination of these issues and calls on the Government to withdraw its proposal.

**Please publicise this EDM around your contacts and networks to encourage as many MPs as possible to sign the EDM.**

For further information visit the following link

<http://edmi.parliament.uk/EDMi/EDMDetails.aspx?EDMID=41020&SESSION=905>

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### **Bradford Murders! – Take Action**

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

“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](#).**

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**TAKE ACTION** - we are calling on you to lobby key political figures to ensure that they adopt the best possible measures to tackle prostitution and that they reject renewed calls to further legitimise this inherently harmful industry.

Click [here](#) to write to some key political figures!!

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## **International Family Aggression Society (IFAS)**

### **CALL FOR INFORMATION FOR E-BULLETIN**

IFAS produce an E-Bulletin on good practice issues to find out what is going on locally, nationally and internationally in terms of good practice and innovative services and research on all issues to do with family aggression, but this call for information is specifically for information on **violence perpetrated by young people against their parents**. This can include researcher/services on supporting the young people as offenders, services to help parents/families, and/or information relating to the safeguarding of these young people where they are also 'victims'.

**If you would like your service/research relating to violence perpetrated against parents by their children to be included in the next E-bulletin due out in July 2010 please send your contributions as soon as possible, but no later than June 14<sup>th</sup> 2010 by email [ruth.jones@zen.co.uk](mailto:ruth.jones@zen.co.uk)**

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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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### **Barnardo's; Youth Justice Board; University of Bedfordshire**

#### **Youth offending, sexual exploitation and trafficking: what are the links?**

**Monday 28 June 2010, 9.30am – 4.30pm, King's College London**

Some young offenders have been trafficked into the country. Other young people on youth offending team case loads may have been sexually exploited. This conference explores the interface between 'welfare' and 'justice' in these cases.

Emerging evidence shows that youth justice services may find it difficult to identify a trafficked young offender or recognise a history of child sexual exploitation within the offender's background. Once identified, evidence suggests that the relationship between welfare and justice can become confused and hard to manage. This has become an imperative issue with the development of the effective use of the National Referral Mechanism recording data of trafficked children and young people.

Delivered by experienced practitioners in the field, this conference offers an introduction to the latest findings surrounding these current issues. It will also provide the opportunity for participants to explore how these topics impact on their own work with young offenders who may be victims of trafficking and/or of sexual exploitation.

**For further information please contact Cara Senouni on 01582 743085 or email [cara.senouni@beds.ac.uk](mailto:cara.senouni@beds.ac.uk)**

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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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**Broken Rainbow**

Broken Rainbow LGBT Domestic Violence Service (UK) is the only National charity for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender people experiencing domestic violence.

**Office Co-ordinator** - £22,693 - 26,739 (inc ILW) based in London

**Closing date** for applications Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2010

**Interviews** will be on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2010

We need an experienced, organised individual to manage our daily office operations. You will need to have experience of charity sector office management, be a confident decision maker, particularly with stakeholders and public enquiries. An understanding of domestic violence, and the LGBT sector is preferred.

The successful applicant will be required to demonstrate working on own initiative, managing a diverse workload, meeting deadlines, and flexibility. The postholder should also have excellent people skills in order to support an administrator, and volunteers.

The Broken Rainbow office is based in London SE16, flexible working hours can be arranged, and P/T or Job Share proposals will be considered.

**To apply**, please download a job specification and person specification with an application form via **our website**: <http://www.broken-rainbow.org.uk/jobs.html>

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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:***

[Weekly\\_News@eaveshousing.co.uk](mailto:Weekly_News@eaveshousing.co.uk)

