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VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN IN LONDON

Domestic violence earns Chris Brown UK ban

US R&B singer Chris Brown has been denied a visa to enter the UK due to his criminal record after assaulting his former partner Rihanna, the 20-year-old pop star.

Brown was found guilty of a 'serious criminal offence' after he attacked Rihanna in February 2009.

Rihanna, who had been due to perform at the Grammy Awards the next day, suffered serious injuries to her face, arms and hands.

Brown was given five years' probation and sentenced to 180 days of community service. He was also ordered to attend domestic abuse counselling.

In a statement the Home Office said that it "reserved the right to refuse entry to the UK to anyone guilty of a serious criminal offence. Public safety is one of our primary concerns".

Brown was due to start his tour in Glasgow, with other concert dates planned to follow in London, Birmingham and Manchester.

His promoters, SJM, said the concerts have been postponed “due to unforeseen circumstances”.

Source: [The First Post](#) 09 June 2010

BBC faces growing allegations of sexism and ageism

Figures released under the Freedom of Information Act show that the BBC has seen a sharp rise in the number of claims for sex and age discrimination brought by female employees.

The number is said to have quadrupled in two years, with twelve cases brought against the BBC by women alleging sex discrimination in the past year, compared with nine the previous year and three the year before that.

Insiders say pay-outs have regularly been used to bury allegations of sexism and ageism issues linked to the way older women are treated by the BBC.

In 2009, Joan Bakewell, the veteran broadcaster, said BBC's hostility to older women is damaging society “Television has this enormous influence and the lack of women over a certain age is damaging.”

In 2007 the decision to sack Moira Stuart as a newsreader, when she was 55, caused public uproar. That was followed by the decision to axe Arlene Philips, 67, from her role as a judge on Strictly Come Dancing in 2009.

Presenters such as Selina Scott, Anna Ford and Kate Adie have also attacked the BBC's attitude towards older women, amid accusations it forces females off screen once they reach a certain age.

Kate Kinninmont of Women in Film and TV, a campaigning group that promotes the interests of women in the industry, said this is the ‘tip of the iceberg’.

“The whole background to it is that there is widespread ageism particularly for women. You do still see lots of older men on TV but when did you last see a woman on TV with grey hair that wasn't a soap character.”

Source: [Telegraph](#) 08 June 2010
[Daily Mail](#) 08 June 2010

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN IN THE UK

Domestic violence campaign launched before World Cup

Following research that shows that cases of domestic violence increase by nearly 30 per cent on England match days, a joint initiative has been launched by Wigan Council, police and health chiefs.

The campaign called, 'End The Fear', is targeted at raising awareness about domestic violence before and during the World Cup. Posters will be displayed in hospitals, doctors' surgeries and licensed premises urging victims of domestic violence, their friends and families to seek help over the tournament period.

According to the research, before reporting an incident to the police, a victim can suffer up to 35 attacks, and one incident of domestic violence is reported to the police every minute.

In the UK domestic violence accounts for 15 per cent of all violent incidents and an average of two women each week are killed by a current or former male partner. One in four women and one in six men will be a victim of domestic abuse in their lifetime, with women at greater risk of repeat victimisation and serious injury.

Superintendent Robert Lomas of Wigan Police said, "Competitive tension and increased alcohol consumption can provoke abuse and violence within the home. We want to urge victims, their friends and families not to wait, but to seek help and advice immediately before the abuse escalates. We will have specialist domestic abuse officers on duty at key times during the tournament to ensure that full support is available to those in need.

"Offenders also need to be clear that the World Cup cannot be used as justification for any abusive behaviour. Support services are available for them to get help, but if they choose to become violent or abusive then we will arrest them and ensure that they are brought to justice. Our priority is to protect victims."

For more information on the campaign visit www.endthefear.co.uk

Source: [Wigan Today](#) 09 June 2010

Rapists just given police caution

New figures show that rapists and child sex offenders are being given cautions by the Dyfed-Powys Police in Wales instead of facing the courts.

The figures obtained under the Freedom of Information Act show that 33 people arrested for sexual offences were given cautions, reprimands, penalty notices and warnings between April 2009 and March 2010.

One offence listed as being dealt with in this manner was the rape of a female child under the age of 13. Eleven other offenders escaped prosecution after sexually assaulting females aged 13 or over, as did three after sexually assaulting a child under the age of 16.

A caution is not a criminal conviction, but does result in a police record for five years.

A spokeswoman for Dyfed-Powys Police said, "It should be noted that often such outcomes arise because of the express wishes of complainants who are reluctant to progress matters to a court hearing.

"As an added safeguard, cautions administered for the most serious, indictable offences are also scrutinised by the Crown Prosecution Service."

Claude Knights, director of Kidscape, a children's charity, expressed her concern saying, "Such sexual offences are very grave and have long-term effects on young victims. It is difficult for them to develop a sense of closure when the sentence given to the perpetrator does not reflect the severity of the crime.

"The message sent out to predators needs to be a very strong one, and sentences...need to act as strong deterrents."

Source: [This is South Wales](#) 07 June 2010

Man jailed for nine years for rape

Michael Mroczek, a 26-year-old man who attacked a woman in prostitution on Stapleton Road in Bristol last June, has been imprisoned for nine years.

The woman who was 28 weeks pregnant when the attack happened was tied up by Mroczek at his squat.

The victim went to Bristol's One25 project for help and medical treatment following the attack. Police were contacted afterwards.

Mrosczek, who denies five counts of rape, was found guilty in just three hours by a jury in April.

Source: [Bristol News Centre](#) 07 June 2010

INTERNATIONAL VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

Nigeria: Soldiers raping and killing women

Activists have claimed that Nigerian troops sent to keep peace in the country's northern city of Jos have been raping and killing women.

Jos, a town in north central Nigeria, has become very volatile in recent times leading to the deaths of hundreds of people. In March, over 200 people, mostly Christians, were killed by suspected Fulani herdsmen in a village near the city.

Dr Funmi Para-Mallam, the coordinator of Plateau States chapter of Christian Women for Excellence and Empowerment in Nigerian Society (CWEENS) said that young vulnerable women are being sexually exploited by the soldiers.

“They use them as prostitutes in the slum areas of Jos city, where several girls have been made pregnant and abandoned and some even killed, without the perpetrators being apprehended or prosecuted.”

CWEENS claims that in May alone 16 decomposed bodies of women were found in Bukuru, the local government area in Jos.

The military dismissed the allegation as unfounded. Colonel Kayode Ogundele has challenged the activists to come up with proof of the violence.

Source: [NDTV](#) 07 June 2010

Fiji: Incest pastor jailed for 15 years

A 42-year-old church pastor was found guilty and jailed for 15 years by the High Court in Suva, Fiji, for raping his daughter who was nine years old. The assaults happened repeatedly between January and May 2006.

After separating from his wife in 2005, the man moved with his three daughters in January 2006 to their new residence in a squatter settlement in Suva where the abuse started, the court heard.

Justice Salesi Temo sentencing said, “She [the daughter] was already traumatised by the break-up of your family in 2005. She looked to you for fatherly support and guidance. She trusted you as a father. You were supposed to guide and counsel her to become a strong and confident young girl.

“However, you did exactly the opposite. You ruined her world by indecently assaulting her, and raping her twice.”

Judge Timo also said the girl was emotionally scarred for life. “She gets so angry easily and wants to be left alone on most occasions. She stares a lot. Her school grades have deteriorated. She shuts down when questioned. On occasions, she changes from a happy little girl to an angry one, and then a dumb one.”

Source: [Fiji Times](#) 08 June 2010
[Fijivillage](#) 07 June 2010

Canada: Court considers rape victim's right to wear veil

The Ontario Court of Appeal is hearing arguments after a lower court ordered a rape victim to remove her niqab, an Islamic veil, while testifying against her alleged attackers.

The woman, now 32, says that she was sexually assaulted and abused by an uncle and cousin between 1982 and 1987. In 1992, her father asked police to drop the case but the woman later asked police to re-open it.

The woman's lawyer, David Butt argued that his client has the right to the niqab. “My client has a right to cover her face. It doesn't provide any reliable information if the veils of my client are taken away.”

However, defence lawyer Michael Dineen countered the arguments saying, “With the veils on, the facial expression of the accuser cannot be read and that there cannot be a successful cross-examination of the case.”

The appeal court is expected to rule on the case by the end of this year.

Source: [Haaba. Com](#) 09 June 2010
[Ontario Citizen](#) 10 June 2010

EVENTS

Oxfam and Women for Women International host:

CONGO: Stronger Women, Stronger Nations

6th July, 7-9pm, at Amnesty International (17-25 New Inn Yard, London EC2A 3EA)

Congo presents one of the world's deadliest emergencies. Since 1998, over five million people have died. The conflict is characterised by endemic levels of sexual violence. Indeed in just the first nine months of 2009 there were 7,500 reported cases of rape in eastern Congo alone. The situation is so extreme that Margot Wallström, the UN's special representative on sexual violence in conflict, has recently called Congo 'the rape capital of the world'.

Women in Congo carry the heaviest of burdens. They suffer rape, violence, torture, are forced to flee their homes, and many watch two, four, even seven children die from preventable illnesses. Yet in the midst of all this the women of Congo are standing strong, holding families and communities together, and playing a vital role in bringing peace to their country.

Hear from an expert panel discussing the impact of the Congo conflict on women and the vital role that women are playing in building a stable country. Panel members will include:

Christine Karumba – Women for Women International, Congo Country Director

Sam Roddick – Human Rights Activist, recently visited the Congo

Susan Schulman – Human Rights Photo Journalist and winner of this year's Amnesty Media Award

Judith Wanga – from the BBC 3 documentary Congo: Most dangerous place in the world to be a woman

The panel will take questions from the audience.

Tickets are £3 unwaged, £5 waged. Payment can be made at the door.

To register for a place, please contact khughes@womenforwomen.org with "CONGO: Stronger Women, Stronger Nations" as the email subject.

NEWomen's Network

End Violence Against Women & Girls in the North East – A consultation and strategic planning event

Thursday 8th July 2010, Raich Carter Sports Centre, Commercial Road, Hendon, Sunderland, Tyne and Wear, SR2 8PD

9.30 am to 4.00 pm for women's voluntary and community organisations
1.00 – 4.00 pm for other voluntary organisations, statutory agencies and academics

Purposes of event:

- To contribute to the Government Equalities Offices consultation on its Strategic Action Plan, looking at the role of the government in supporting the sustainability of the violence against women and girls (VAWG) sector.
- To inform Violence Against Women & Girls Strategies at a regional and local level across the North East.
- To promote the role and value of the VAWG third sector in the North East.

[Book Here Now](#)

Rights of Women: 35th Anniversary Conference

Date: Tuesday 22 June 2010

Time: 9.30am to 5pm

Venue: Hamilton House, Mabledon Place, London, WC1H 9BD

Book now to reserve your place!

Free spaces now available to small voluntary sector organisations with an income under £500,000!!

The UK has signed up to all major international human rights treaties relevant to violence against women. In 1995 the UK signed up to the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, a global policy document on women's rights which lists violence against women amongst twelve critical areas of concern for state action to accelerate progress toward gender equality and women's empowerment. This conference will take stock of progress and assess whether the UK has met its commitments under international law in England and Wales. We now have a new 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 factor that restricts the ability of women to participate as equals in society.

Join us to strategise where we must go from here to ensure effective prevention and protection from all forms of violence against women for all women.

New speaker confirmed! Eleanor Solo, UN Division for the Advancement of Women, New York

Booking details: for further information, and to book your place visit www.rightsofwomen.org.uk. Please send all enquiries to events@row.org.uk

UN Forum 2010 An effective UN in a more secure and just world

London 12 June 2010

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

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

Click on the link below to register and to find out more
<http://www.una.org.uk/UNForum2010>

Women for Women International

First Official UK Run for Congo Women

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

Visit the following website for more information and to participate
<http://www.womenforwomen.org/help-women/run-for-congo-women-london.php>

WOMEN'S LIBERATION MOVEMENT – the 1970s

Get-together 19/20 June 2010

Were you involved? Fancy a get-together in a lovely place in the Peak District – see where we're at now, renew old friendships, make new connections – think about where we are now and if the things that changed our lives then are still

useful as we approach a very different part of our lives – and just have a laugh and some fun!

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

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

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

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

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

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

London Feminist Network

Fundraising Event

Date: 19 June 2010

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

For further information or to book email info@feminisminlondon.org.uk

Women's Aid - Annual National Conference

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

WHRIN's First International Conference

Preventing 'Witchcraft' related abuse

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

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

Price: £35

For more information and to book a place please contact Christopher Kimberley at Christopher.kimberley@whrin.org.uk or call 01926512182

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

CONSULTATIONS AND REPORTS

'For Honour and Love' DVD Launch Report

The 'For Honour and Love' DVD, a specialist training resource on honour-based violence, has recently been launched. This 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.

The report is now available to view at [‘For Honour and Love’ DVD Launch Report](#)

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

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>

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_acti_on_plan_consultation.aspx
<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/QVVNPSB>

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

CAMPAIGNS

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](#)

Glasgow City Council

End Prostitution Now! Scottish Campaign

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

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

Prostitution is not a choice

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

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

To find out more about the campaign visit the website:

<http://www.endprostitutionnow.org>

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

DIRECT ACTION

Early Day Motion (105)

ANONYMITY FOR DEFENDANTS IN RAPE CASES – EDM by Fiona Mactaggart MP

An Early Day Motion (EDM) has been tabled in the House of Commons regarding the new Government's proposals to grant anonymity to defendants in rape cases. The EDM outlines a deep concern that this move sends a message to juries and rape victims that the victim is not to be believed, thereby inhibiting the effective prosecution of serial rapists. It also highlights concerns that this move 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 therefore calls on the Government to withdraw its proposal.

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

For further information visit the following link

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

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.

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!!

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 \(complete with lobby letters and FAQ\)](#)

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) and Carwyn Jones (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

Support the campaign to save Island Refuge Services

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

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

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

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

The Robert F. Kennedy Centre for Justice & Human Rights is highly concerned with the safety of 1998 Robert F. Kennedy Human Rights Award Laureate Berenice Celeyta and other indigenous and afro-descendent leaders of Colombia

who have repeatedly received threats against their lives.

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

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

On April 7 2010, a 20-year old lesbian, Norma Machado, was abducted from her home in Asunción, Paraguay by five family members and a family friend. She was dragged into a car where she was suffocated, strangled and subjected to multiple blows, resulting in severe bruising to her body. According to multiple news reports, one of her abductors was her uncle, Viviano Machado, former commander of National Police.

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

International Family Aggression Society (IFAS)

CALL FOR INFORMATION FOR E-BULLETIN

IFAS produces 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 research/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 of abuse.

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 14th 2010 by email to ruth.jones@zen.co.uk

TRAINING

Oxford Ethical Training Centre

Upcoming day courses at The Old Music Hall, Oxford

Wednesday 14th July 2010
Housing and Homelessness: Legal Rights

Course covers:

- Homelessness – the legislation and using it to assist homeless people and those in difficult housing circumstances.
- Case law, allocations policies, challenging decisions and appeals.
- Service user experiences.

Trainer: Gerard Ward, 20 years at Oxford Housing Rights, and a further 3 years practising housing law at Turpin Miller solicitors. He now teaches law at Further Education colleges.

Co-trainer: Ashling Sans, Director OETC, previously of Turpin Miller solicitors.

Thursday 29th July 2010
Domestic and Sexual Violence

Course covers:

- Working well with people who have experienced either or both of these issues.
- Prevalence, impacts, support available, good practice; what harms and what heals.
- Effects on workers and worker safety, survivor voices.

Trainers: Ashling Sans, CAADA qualified IDVA (Independent Domestic Violence Adviser) and ISVA.

Liz Jones, Domestic and Sexual Violence Co-ordinator Oxford City Council.

Thursday 12th August 2010
Working with people in trauma and distress (mental health)

Course covers:

- Working well with people experiencing stress syndromes including PTSD, and/or depression and anxiety.
- Therapies, what works, services and how to access them.
- Service user voices.

Trainers: Conroy Harris, former manager Mind, now Dads worker Blackbird Leys.
Eden Habtemichael, women's services at Refugee Resource.
Ashling Sans, OETC.

Wednesday 25th August 2010
Working well with people from outside the UK (BME)

Course covers:

- Immigration statuses, EU nationals, Accession countries (A8), No Recourse to Public Funds, work permits, cultural differences and similarities, communication, and additional barriers to accessing support.
- Service user experiences.

Trainers: Ruthanna Barnett, Immigration lawyer, Turpin Miller Solicitors.
Ashling Sans, formerly of Asylum Welcome.
JB Kayigamba, journalist, formerly of Reuters in Rwanda.

Certificates of attendance are provided, as is lunch!!

To book, please [click here](#) or email info@oxfordethical.com

For more info, please go to www.oxfordethical.com

Costs: £90/£110 vol/stat. Individuals negotiable
10% early bird discount (booked more than 4 weeks in advance) - £81/£99.

We can bring courses to you!

Oxford Ethical Training can bring courses to your organisation that are specified to your workers'/clients' needs.

We can also produce client-led DVDs for training or funding purposes.

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

Safe Choices Training

Young Women, Gangs and Serious Youth Violence

Date for London based training:

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

Refugee Council Training

Key issues in asylum

21 June – London

[Read more](#)

An introduction to asylum support

22 June - London

[Read more](#)

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

5 July – London

[Read more](#)

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

9 July – London

[Read more](#)

Safeguarding children and young people from sexual exploitation

Half-day training workshops for professionals and practitioners

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

Venues and dates

Liverpool – Quaker Meeting House

15 June 2010 - 9.30-12.30

Cardiff – All Nations Centre

17 June 2010 - 9.30-12.30

London – Abbey Centre, Westminster

22 June 2010 - 9.30-12.30

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

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

Eaves

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

NEW DATES!!!

Eaves is running a workshop for borough-level statutory agencies and voluntary service providers who focus on prostitution. The aim is to equip attendees with the knowledge required to assist individuals who want to leave prostitution – including victims of trafficking – through facilitating access to appropriate services. The workshop will run over a day and a half and attendees are expected to attend both days.

The training costs £90 (statutory agencies) or £60 (voluntary agencies)

Workshop content

Day 1 – awareness-raising

Prostitution: facts and figures • UK and global context • services and prevention

Day 2 – best practice

Local context • legislation • case studies with guest speakers • taking action on exiting – how to improve your borough's response

NEW DATES: 14-15 July 2010

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

Registration/networking from 12pm

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

Who should attend?

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

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

Women'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

Woman's Trust

Children and Domestic Violence

Date: 16 June 2010

Venue: London W11 – Please contact us for further information

Cost: Voluntary sector £100.00 / statutory sector £150.00

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

For more information or to book a space email admin@womanstrust.org.uk or send fax to 020 7034 0305

Domestic Violence Awareness Training

Date: 16 June 2010

For more information and to book please email admin@womanstrust.org.uk

Eaves

**First Aid training
The Scarlet Centre with the Red Cross**

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

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

VACANCIES AND VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

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 (incl. ILW) based in London

Closing date for applications Sunday 20th June 2010

Interviews will be on Thursday 24th 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 post holder 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>

Women and Girls Network

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

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

Services Delivery Manager – up to £40,200

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

Administration Manager – up to £35,000

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

Rape Crisis Centre Manager – up to £40,000

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

