

## **The Lilith Project Women's Weekly News 307**

**19 June 2010 – 25 June 2010**

### **VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN IN LONDON**

#### **Unite warns emergency budget worse for women**

UK's biggest union warned that the emergency budget declared by the coalition government will hit women more than men because they will be affected most by public sector cuts and reductions in benefits and tax credits.

The union explained that two-thirds of public sector workers are women. They also use public services more and have a bigger share of their income made up of benefits and tax credits.

According to a study in Canada, public sector spending cuts in the 1990s hit the most vulnerable, with the burden falling hardest on women. Gail Cartmail, Unite's assistant general secretary, said, "The experience of women in Canada during the debt reduction programme engineered by Paul Martin as finance minister resulted in women paying the price for the deep and permanent cuts to social programmes and public services.

"In Canada, as in much of the world, carers tend to be women. They are largely responsible for unpaid labour for services that were part of the spending cuts.

Women were forced to keep working more to make ends meet as fewer services were publicly funded, and where the basics grew more costly.

“Now the UK's ConDem Government wants to make cuts twice as tough as those made by Canada. The plans to gut the social programmes which women depend on for themselves and their families will be deeply felt and the cost to working families will be devastating.

“By hitting the purse in the brutal pursuit of ideologically driven cuts the result will be a widening of the inequality gap and reducing more women to poverty.”

Source: [Evening Standard](#) 24 June 2010

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### **Woman driven to kill appeals murder conviction**

Kirsty Scamp was just 19 when she killed her violent boyfriend, Jason Bull. Following support from Justice for Women, on 21<sup>st</sup> July 2010, the Court of Appeal will consider her appeal against her murder conviction and sentence of life imprisonment.

Kirsty knew domestic violence from a young age and on a number of occasions she fled with her mother and brothers to women's refuges. At 18, she met Bull and although she was initially infatuated, she discovered that when drunk or on drugs he could become violent.

On 13 March 2006 Bull celebrated his birthday, drinking alcohol and taking some cocaine. He was angry with Kirsty and continually badgered her, so she left their flat to see if he would calm down. She went back to confront him when she overheard him from outside the flat on the phone “slagging her off”. He responded by calling her a “slapper”, grabbing her by the hair and starting to punch her.

Kirsty says, “I had never seen him look the way he did that night. It was frightening.” Memories of a violent attack by her father when she was a child flashed through Kirsty's mind. Kirsty does not recall inflicting the fatal stab wound on Jason, she recalls only holding a kitchen knife hoping that he would back off and leave her alone. Following the stabbing she ran out into the street and called an ambulance. “He was slumped against the door, and there was lots of blood, but I had no idea he was so seriously hurt.”

Kirsty had worked in a care home for adults with learning disabilities, and in sentencing her; the judge remarked that her care skills should have made her better equipped to tolerate Bull's violence.

She says, "How dare he? My work has nothing to do with what I can or cannot put up with in my personal life. Those residents were not controlling or beating me like he was."

Kirsty's appeal is based on the failure of the judge to draw the jury's attention to the violence she had been subjected to, implying that she had acted out of jealousy rather than fear. Had the jury been directed to take into account Kirsty's history of witnessing and experiencing domestic violence it is unlikely they would have convicted her of murder.

Justice for Women are organising a demonstration outside the Court of Appeal in support of Kirsty Scamp. See the Events section of this newsletter for further details.

Source: [Justice for Women](#)  
[Guardian](#) 26 June 2009

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### **Songwriter who experienced sexual abuse commits suicide**

Gena Dry, from Islington, north London, a talented songwriter who worked on songs for George Michael, Boy George and Ian Dury, threw herself to her death from a train window after being sexually exploited by her psychotherapist, an inquest heard.

The 46-year-old had been suffering flashbacks and nightmares following 20 years of 'arts therapy' with 59-year-old Derek Gale. Gale was struck off in June 2009 following a two-year investigation by the Health Professions Council after they found he posed 'a significant potential risk of harm to clients'.

Gena was among six women who gave evidence against Gale. Patients claimed Gale, who referred to himself as 'daddy' had forced them to strip naked in group therapy sessions, act out sexual abuse and encouraged them to experiment with cannabis.

Extracts from Gena's diary, in which she said she was 'distraught and suicidal', were read out at the inquest in Windsor, Berkshire. One extract read, "I bought a knife and I stood on a railway platform and contemplated if I could throw myself from a moving train".

Gena killed herself after boarding the morning high-speed train from Chippenham in Wiltshire to London on February 11.

Source: [Metro](#) 24 June 2010  
[Daily Mail](#) 25 June 2010

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## VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN IN THE UK

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### **British man abandons wife in Pakistan**

A High Court heard that Aqila, 20, was dumped outside her parents' house in Pakistan without her passport and British visa, leaving her stranded without her newborn baby two years after she had married a British man.

Aqila was born in the Azad Jammu and Kashmir region of Pakistan, just yards away from her husband's family home. The marriage was arranged by the two extended families and she married the man in March 2008 at the age of 18.

She then came to live in the north of England in October 2008 on a spousal visa, valid until December 2010. Aqila told the court that her husband, mother-in-law and three sisters-in-law started to mistreat her within days of her arrival and took her passport from her.

Aqila says that her husband pulled her hair and beat her, and that she was treated like an 'unpaid servant' by the four women in the house who also sometimes bullied and beat her. The court heard that Aqila was never allowed out unaccompanied and her phone calls were always monitored.

Seven months after she arrived in the UK, Aqila became pregnant and gave birth two months prematurely in January this year. There was a concern from doctors that Aqila may be unable to have more children. Her barrister, Teertha Gupta, told the court that this was the final trigger which led the family to dump Aqila in Pakistan while keeping her baby.

Within weeks of the birth, three plane tickets had been bought for Pakistan; two return flights for Aqila's husband and father-in-law, and a one-way ticket for her. The family told the court that Aqila had willingly left her two-month-old son in order to visit her own family for an indefinite period of time.

Aqila, however, insisted that she had not wanted to go, especially without her baby, but was 'given something' to drug her before the journey. Her husband and father-in-law left Pakistan less than 48 hours after arriving. She has not seen or spoken to them since.

Nasra Butt, the husband's barrister, told the court that her client posted his wife's passport, which included her visa, her ID card and the divorce papers he had

obtained from a priest in Pakistan to the British High Commission. The documents have not been seen since.

Aqila, who speaks no English, was forced to plead with the judge to reunite her with her son via video link after the Home Office refused to allow her into the country even to attend the hearing and fight the case in person. Mrs Justice Mary Hogg drew attention to the difficulties involved in conducting the trial using video and telephone links.

Speaking through a translator Aqila told journalists, "I spend my days praying and crying to God to let be with my son. That's all I want. I don't want to bring ill to my in-laws. I just want to be with my child. Without him I have nothing."

Lawyers are hoping a ruling in this landmark case will expose the full extent of the problem and force authorities to recognise the need for action to prevent mothers from being separated from their children. Aqila's solicitor, Anne-Marie Hutchinson from Dawson Cornwell, has dealt with a significant number of similar cases and says this is a hidden abuse of women from overseas who marry British men.

If Mrs Justice Hogg identifies 'abandoned spouses' as a phenomenon, it could help British courts to reunite scores of children with their mothers forced to fight lengthy legal battles.

Aqila's barrister Teertha Gupta said, "We are asking the court to take judicial notice of these other cases and say something which will help young girls who find themselves in this situation. We hope also this will have a deterrent effect to stop families doing something without thinking it through.

"Aqila was dependent on her husband's family for everything. The powerbase was with the family and open to abuse. This marriage was not working so this unsophisticated family decided to return her back to where they had found her because she had performed her role; she had produced a child, and so could now be disregarded."

Ms Hutchinson said, "We want guidance from the High Court so that these cases are fast-tracked to determine as quickly as possible how mum ended up out of the country, whether by choice or was she pushed or duped."

Source: [WLUML](#) 23 June 2010

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## **Top prosecutor calls for review of Scotland's rape law**

Solicitor General Frank Mulholland QC has called for a review of the way rape is proved in Scotland and questioned the definition of the corroboration needed to secure a rape conviction.

Scotland's law of corroboration has been cited as one reason the country has the lowest conviction rates for rape in Europe. Corroboration is a major hurdle in proving rape since in the vast majority of cases there are no witnesses to the crime other than the accused and victim.

In order to prove absence of consent, a victim has to have shown 'recent' distress. This law does not take into account the fact that many women who have been raped may delay in reporting it, for a wide range of reasons including stigma, shame, fear of being disbelieved, fear of reprisals etc.

Mulholland said, "This is a crime that most often happens with no witnesses present. You have to corroborate the man's state of mind and that the victim didn't consent.

"We need to look at whether we are letting down victims when they delay reporting a rape. We may decide distress two weeks down the line is sufficient."

A new Sexual Offences Scotland Act will come into force in October which widens the definition of rape but not how it is proved. It has also been a year since Scotland's National Sexual Crimes Unit, which is unique in Europe and is involved from the first complaint of a sexual offence all the way through to prosecution, was launched. The Unit is expected to eventually improve Scotland's poor rape conviction rates.

This Unit can give advice on charges and evidence gathering to make sure a case is as strong as possible by the time it gets to court. Weak cases have been one reason why 'not proven' verdicts have been returned in a number of rape trials.

The new victim-focused approach is said to be a success according to Mulholland since no victim dealt with by the Unit has 'broken down' in court. In his view this reflects how well these cases have been handled.

Mulholland described how prosecutors meet victims to take into account their views and familiarise them with the courts and related proceedings so that they are better prepared, although they will not discuss evidence with victims.

Prosecutors are also trying to combat preconceived ideas amongst jury members regarding how they would expect a rape victim to react. Mulholland said, "Some people's perception of rape is that while it is happening, the victim should be

screaming and as soon as it ends they will call the police and be available for a medical examination.

“In fact, in rape cases, there is often a delay in reporting it. We explain to the jury that actually that kind of behaviour and delay is a normal reaction. We need to challenge old attitudes. We need to see the rape of a young girl who is drunk, in a short dress after clubbing, as no less a crime than the rape of a 50-year-old, sober woman walking home from work in a long skirt.”

There are now sexual offences teams across Scotland with more than 500 trained prosecutors and investigators working on these cases.

Source: [Daily Record](#) 25 June 2010

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### **Man who lured girls for sex spared jail**

Jason Alexander, a 24-year-old mechanical engineer who had sex with two schoolgirls aged 13 and 14, was spared a jail term.

Alexander befriended the 13-year-old on the Bebo website and drove her to a remote spot in his MG for sex. He later had sex with her 14-year-old friend at the same place, on the outskirts of Inverness, Scotland.

Inverness Sheriff Court heard that Alexander also had sex with the younger girl in a Travelodge hotel, his mother's home in Elgin, and his own home in Aberdeen.

He had previously admitted having underage sex.

In Alexander's defence the court heard that he had been suffering from depression after a life-threatening illness and a near-fatal car crash and he 'thought the girls were older'.

Sheriff Alasdair MacFadyen sentenced Alexander to a three year probation order with 280 hours of community service and placed him on the sex offenders register for three years.

Source: [Daily Record](#) 23 June 2010

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**INTERNATIONAL VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN**

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## **Ireland: Women abused through technology**

Women's Aid in Ireland, which provides support to victims of domestic violence, reported that there is an increase in the number of women being abused through technology.

More women than ever are being abused, controlled and stalked using a range of technology. Women have had their rights violated by their partners monitoring their text messages, recording their phone calls, setting up secret video cameras to record 'intimate encounters' and demanding access to their private email and social network accounts.

However, the same technology is also used by women to seek help, with 89% of calls to the Women's Aid helpline being made via mobile telephone and almost 40,000 visits made to its website last year. There were almost 15,000 incidents of abuse recorded in 2009 according to the agency, with 335 rapes within relationships being reported. Last year there was a 16% increase in first time callers to the service.

Women's Aid is also deeply concerned about the high levels of serious abuse of women during pregnancy and in the post-natal period.

The agency is urging women being abused to seek help.

Source: [RTE News](#) 23 June 2010

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## **Somalia: Girl abused by family for leaving Islam**

Nurta Mohamed Farah, a 17-year-old Somali girl who converted to Christianity from Islam, has been seriously abused by her family.

Nurta, who lives in Gedo Region in southern Somalia, has been confined to her home since May 10. She has been severely beaten, is regularly shackled to a tree by day, and is put in a small, dark room at night.

A Christian leader who visited the area but wishes to remain anonymous said, "When the woman's family found out that she converted to Christianity, she was beaten badly but insisted on her new-found religion."

The source said Nurta's parents also took her to a doctor who prescribed medication for a 'mental illness'. Her parents forced her to take the prescribed medication, but it had no effect in swaying her from her faith.

The source stated, "Non-Muslims who practiced their religion openly faced occasional societal harassment. Conversion from Islam to another religion was

considered socially unacceptable. Those suspected of conversion faced harassment or even death from members of their community.”

Source: [WLJML](#) 18 June 2010

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## EVENTS

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### **MOSAC AGM and Mini Conference**

**Thursday 23rd September 2010, 6.00pm to 9.00pm**

**The Forum at Greenwich Trafalgar Road SE10 9EQ**

**Guest speaker: Dr Valerie Sinason** will present on childhood sexual abuse and working with lethal attachments.

Valerie Sinason is a poet, writer, child psychotherapist and adult psychoanalyst. She is Director of the Clinic for Dissociative Studies, and consultant research psychotherapist at St George's hospital. She specialises in work with abused/abusing and dissociative patients including those with a learning disability.

**Julia Webb-Harvey** will be presenting on her new book, *Hurt: What happens when you discover your child has been sexually abused?*

**Denise Hubble** Clinical Services Manager, Mosac, will present on children who are sexually abused: Can we create safety in disclosure and what are the complexities surrounding disclosures?

**Refreshments and networking make this an event not to be missed.**

To attend please email [denisehubble@mosac.org.uk](mailto:denisehubble@mosac.org.uk)

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### **London Serious Youth Violence Board (LSYVB)**

**The approach and role of the voluntary and community sector in tackling serious youth violence**

**Monday 5th July 2010, 11am-1pm**

## **Freedom's Ark / The Peace Alliance, 117 Bruce Grove, London, N17 6UR.**

Presenters:

- Reverend Nims Obunge – The Peace Alliance
- Chris Murray & Sarah Nelson – Fairbridge
- Patrick Reagan – XLP

This is a free seminar. The seminar will include case studies highlighting the sector's potential role in working with young people, families, parents and statutory agencies to improve young people's lives and make them safe.

For more information and to register email [lsyvb@ymail.com](mailto:lsyvb@ymail.com) or call 020 7217 3712 / 3185, **by 30th June at the latest**

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### **Imkaan and Rights of Women**

#### **Rights for all? – Strategies to protect all women with 'no recourse to public funds' from violence**

**Date:** 3.00pm – 4.30pm, Thursday 8 July 2010

**Venue:** BSG House, 226-236 City Road, London EC1V 2TT

A free seminar and debate on the rights of women subject to the 'no recourse to public funds rule' and the impact of the Sojourner Project pilot.

#### **Panellists:**

- Catherine Briddick, Senior Legal Officer, Rights of Women
- Marai Larasi, Director, Imkaan
- Rahni K. Binjie, Project Manager, Roshni Nottingham Asian Women's Aid
- Frances Brodrick, Director of Services (POPPY, Lilith, Scarlet), Eaves
- Davina James-Hanman, Director, Against Violence and Abuse

#### **Who should attend?**

Representatives of voluntary or statutory sector organisations with an interest in initiatives to support women with 'no recourse to public funds' facing violence or abuse.

#### **Booking information**

The seminar is free of charge and places are available on a first come, first served basis. To book a place, please contact Lia Latchford at [admin@imkaan.org.uk](mailto:admin@imkaan.org.uk) or call Imkaan on 020 7250 3933.

Please let us know if you have any special requirements.

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## **MPA Domestic and Sexual Violence Board annual thematic meeting**

The Metropolitan Police Authority Domestic and Sexual Violence Board will be holding its annual thematic meeting on the **13th July from 10.00am - 1.00pm**.

The multi-agency panel will be discussing two reports from the Metropolitan Police exploring the service provided to victims of domestic and sexual violence through its call handling and first response officers, and its front counters.

**The meeting is open to the public and anyone may take part in the discussion.**

A buffet lunch will be provided after the meeting.

For more information and to attend please email [Lynne.Abrams@mpa.gov.uk](mailto:Lynne.Abrams@mpa.gov.uk)

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**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](mailto:khughes@womenforwomen.org) with "CONGO: Stronger Women, Stronger Nations" as the email subject.

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## **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**

9.30am – 4.00pm for women's voluntary and community organisations

1.00pm – 4.00 pm for other voluntary organisations, statutory agencies and academics

#### **Purpose of the 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](#)**

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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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## **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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## **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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## 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.

The 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 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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## **DIRECT ACTION**

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### **Rights of Women**

#### **No impunity for rape – No anonymity for defendants**

The Government proposes to give those accused of rape anonymity; this would mean that the police would not be able to name those they are investigating in order to secure vital evidence. In no other offence, including murder or those that relate to child pornography, is the suspect shielded from identification in this way.

Rights of Women, along with the other leading women's and human rights organisations believe that giving suspects anonymity, whether until charge or conviction:

- Will hamper police investigations and enable serial offenders to evade detection, placing more women at risk of sexual violence.
- Serves to reinforce erroneous and harmful myths about the prevalence of 'false' reports of rape thereby deterring women from reporting rape.
- Sends a clear message to women that they are not to be believed.

**Rights of Women, along with other leading women's and human rights organisations, call on the Government to drop its proposals on anonymity and instead focus its energy where it is needed, in securing sustainable services for survivors of sexual violence and improving the investigation and prosecution of offenders.**

To endorse the position statement on this issue and for more information email Catherine Briddick, Senior Legal Officer [cate@row.org.uk](mailto:cate@row.org.uk)

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**Justice for Women  
Free Kirsty Scamp! Demonstrate outside the Court of Appeal**

**21<sup>st</sup> July, 9.30am  
Court of Appeal, The Strand, London WC2A 2LL**

Kirsty Scamp was just 19 when she killed her violent boyfriend, Jason Bull. She was convicted of murder in February 2007 and sentenced to life imprisonment. On July 21 2010, the Court of Appeal will consider her appeal against conviction and sentence.

The appeal is based on the failure of the judge to adequately sum up the defence of provocation to the jury. Provocation is a partial defence to murder which would have reduced the conviction to manslaughter. The judge failed to draw the jury's attention to the violence Kirsty had been subjected to. Had the jury been directed to take into account Kirsty's long history of witnessing and experiencing domestic violence, and consider how frightened she was at the point of the attack, then it is most unlikely they would have convicted her of murder.

Help Justice for Women show the strength of the support for Kirsty's appeal by joining our demonstration outside the Court of Appeal on 21st July, with friends and banners. We will be there all day, but if you can't make it for the whole day, please join us for the crucial period before the case begins between 9.30 and 10.30am.

If you can't attend the demonstration, you can still show your support for Kirsty as follows:

- Write to Kirsty at HMP Holloway, to provide her with support and encouragement during the tense time in the build up to the appeal: Kirsty Scamp, HMP Holloway, Parkhurst Road, London, N7 0NU
- Blog, write to your local press and widely publicise Kirsty's case to build an even broader base of support.

For more information about the demonstration or the Free Kirsty Scamp! campaign, contact:

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Tel: 07902 395 385

Email: [freekirsty@gmail.com](mailto:freekirsty@gmail.com)

Web: [www.justiceforwomen.org.uk/](http://www.justiceforwomen.org.uk/)

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=126816600686714>

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**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>

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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?”

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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!!

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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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## **TRAINING**

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### **Just Whistle**

#### **Safeguarding children and young people from sexual exploitation**

Comprehensive multi-agency training for professionals & practitioners (Levels 1, 2, 3 & 4)

#### **8 July 2010 Northumbria University, Newcastle upon Tyne**

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 prevent it and put a stop to it.

**The price per delegate is £125.00 + VAT**

**Registered Charities are entitled to a 10% discount**

To register and for more information email [events@justwhistle.org.uk](mailto:events@justwhistle.org.uk)

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**Against Violence and Abuse (AVA) formerly the GLDVP**

## **From DV to Violence Against Women and Girls – Mapping the Journey**

**Date:** 6 July 2010

**Venue:** Peterborough Women's Centre, 69-71 Broadway, Peterborough, PE1 1SY

**Price:** £90 vol / £130 stat

This course is designed to assist local areas in developing their violence against women and girls strategy (VAWG), which needs to be in place by April 2011. Practical guidance will be given to help participants create a realistic road map for their locality, building upon existing local domestic violence strategies and incorporating survivors' views. Participants will be encouraged to explore diversity issues as a key element of creating an effective approach.

## **Safeguarding Against Forced Marriage and so called Honour-based Violence**

**Date:** 12 July 2010

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

**Price:** £90 vol / £130 stat

The course is designed to increase participants' knowledge and awareness of forced marriage, so called 'Honour Based Violence' and to offer space for reflection on current and future work approaches in order to operate within a good practice framework.

The course looks at the overlapping issues of domestic violence, patriarchy, and power and control, and examines the impact of these. The course involves skill development on practice based issues such as safeguarding children and young people, safety planning and risk assessment, as well as providing an oversight of the relevant legislation, policies and procedures for staff working with women fleeing forced marriage (FM) or so called 'Honour Based Violence' (HBV).

## **Recovering from the Impacts of Domestic Violence – Unresolved Anger**

**Date:** 26 July 2010

**Venue:** Peterborough Women's Centre, 69-71 Broadway, Peterborough, PE1 1SY

**Price:** £90 vol / £130 stat

Anger is a natural reaction to domestic violence but anger is a particularly problematic emotion in our society, especially for a woman. Many learn that 'nice' women don't raise their voices – they are supposed to just cry or cope. A

woman might also learn to hide anger because her abuser 'would give her something to be really angry about' or because she is determined not to 'sink to his level'. Women become prevented from natural expression of their feelings – but may suffer from suppressing or over-controlling their emotions. Having these leftover feelings can come out in various ways: women might feel like they have lost any feeling, like zombies; they might snap when they don't mean to or they might get depressed or sick (turning the anger on themselves). This course is based on principles that all feelings are healthy, that beliefs influence how we express feelings and that we can complete 'unfinished business' or unresolved anger in a safe way, using techniques adapted from experiential therapies.

### **Recovering from the Impacts of Domestic Violence – Post-traumatic Stress**

**Date:** 30 July 2010

**Venue:** Peterborough Women's Centre, 69-71 Broadway, Peterborough, PE1 1SY

**Price:** £90 vol / £130 stat

This course is designed to help professionals identify signs of post-traumatic stress (PTS) in women who have experienced domestic violence and to explore different aspects of complex PTS. Delegates will practise introducing the framework and offering information to women. There will be opportunities to learn about and try out basic strategies to overcome intrusive memories and flashbacks, to discuss avoidance or numbing and to reduce hyper-arousal or hyper-vigilance. These strategies are intended to support women once they are safe from violence or after their safety plans are in place.

For more information or to book your place visit:

<http://www.avaproject.org.uk/our-training--events/open-training.aspx>

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### **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](mailto:info@oxfordethical.com)

For more info, please go to [www.oxfordethical.com](http://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.

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## **SKiLD in partnership with the NEP**

### **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:**

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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## **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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**VACANCIES AND VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES**

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**Eaves****Children and Family Worker**

**SP 26 - 30 (£25,515 – £28,770 pa) Fixed term to end March 2012  
London**

To provide support and advocacy for children who have experienced domestic violence and who are living in the refuge. The Children and Family Worker will work with children and young people up to the age of 16. You will also work with mothers in conjunction with the Family Relationships Worker. You must have a strong commitment to delivering a responsive service to vulnerable women and children and also have the following experience:

- A minimum of one year's experience of direct work with children;
- Experience of working in a team;
- A professional qualification relating to children / childcare;
- A working knowledge of current legislation around children;
- An awareness of the effects of domestic violence upon children;
- An understanding of legislated Health & Safety requirements with special regard to children;

- Experience of advocating with a range of statutory and non-statutory agencies on behalf of children and parents; and
- Experience of creating Individual Support Plans with children.

**Female Sessional Worker**

**£9 per hour (inclusive of London weighting)**

**9 hours per week (3 hours for 3 days each week) Fixed term March 2011**

**London**

To provide play / crèche sessions for children aged 0-16 years living at Eaves' Serafina Project domestic violence refuge in Kensington & Chelsea. You must have a strong commitment to delivering a responsive service to vulnerable children and also have the following experience:

- A minimum of one year's experience of direct work with children;
- Experience of working in a team;
- A professional qualification relating to children or childcare;
- An understanding of the effects of domestic violence on children;
- An understanding of legislated Health & Safety requirements with regard to children;
- A working knowledge of Safeguarding Children; and
- The ability to write case notes and complete regular monitoring data.

**For an application pack for these posts, please call our recruitment line on 020 7840 7124 or email [recruitment@eaveshousing.co.uk](mailto:recruitment@eaveshousing.co.uk). You can also download it from Eaves' website at [www.eaves4women.co.uk](http://www.eaves4women.co.uk)**

**Closing date: Friday 9 July 2010 12pm for both posts**  
**Interview date: Sessional Worker Thursday 15 July 2010**  
**Children and Family Worker 19 July 2010**

Successful applicants will be required to have a satisfactory disclosure through the Criminal Records Bureau. The posts require a female applicant and are exempt under section 7 (2) (d) of the Sex Discrimination Act 1975.

Eaves is committed to equality of opportunity and encourages applications from all sections of society.

**Against Violence and Abuse (AVA)**

**Stella Project Mental Health Initiative Coordinator (Full Time)**

**Salary: £32,532, NJC pt 35 incl. Inner London Weighting, + up to 4% pension contribution, London**

**Deadline for application: 4 July 2010**

AVA has been successful in securing funding from the Department of Health for a three year project to improve responses to women experiencing violence and abuse, problematic substance use and psychological distress. The Coordinator will be responsible for overseeing this project across the three sites of Bristol, Nottinghamshire and London with support from a national steering group, an independent evaluator and sessional trainers.

**Stella Project London Coordinator (Part Time)**

**Salary: £32,532 (pro rata), NJC pt 35 incl. Inner London Weighting, + up to 4% pension contribution, London**

**Deadline for application: 4 July 2010**

Our work in London is focused on providing support on managing change processes, effective partnership working and improving services across all 33 London boroughs. This is done through the delivery of consultancy, training, information dissemination, networking opportunities and good practice guidance. The Stella Project is also working in partnership with other organisations to further its aims: this currently includes Adfam's Families and Domestic Violence Project and GLADA Women's Voices.

For full summary and to apply please visit - <http://www.avaproject.org.uk/sector-news/jobs,-volunteering--internships/stella-project-mental-health-initiative-coordinator.aspx>

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**MOSAC**

**Outreach & Advocacy Coordinator**

**Based in Greenwich South East London, the post will require travelling to clients throughout London**

**£25,917 per annum inclusive of OLW for a 28 hour week  
Part-time fixed term contract until 31 March 2011**

Mosac is looking for a woman to take on the exciting and challenging role of managing and developing our advocacy outreach service across London. For this post you will be required to have the following skills, abilities and knowledge:

- A knowledge and understanding of advocacy, befriending and support group provisions
- Experience of developing and managing a service or project

- General fundraising experience is desired – we would very much like the successful candidate to seek funding for the continuation of this service
- Experience of managing volunteers
- A knowledge and understanding of issues facing parents and carers of sexually abused children
- Experience of recruiting, selecting, training and supporting volunteers.

**This post is funded by the Big Lottery Fund. Section 7.2(d) of the Sex Discrimination Act 1975 applies**

**Closing date: 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2010 by 5pm**

**Interview date: 12<sup>th</sup> August 2010**

**Download application pack from website [www.mosac.org.uk](http://www.mosac.org.uk) email [info@mosac.org.uk](mailto:info@mosac.org.uk) or ring 020 8293 8582**

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## **OBJECT**

### **Membership Co-ordinator**

**£300 per month; 2 days per week – a 6 month post**

OBJECT is the leading human rights organisation challenging the sexual objectification of women – the normalising of the pornography and sex industries in the media and popular culture. In 2009 our work with Fawcett Society changed the way lap dancing clubs could be licensed. Our work with Eaves also ensured new ground breaking laws to protect women in prostitution. In 2009 we were awarded the Emma Humphries Memorial Prize, a Capacity Builders Award and 'highly commended' in the Third Sector Charity Awards.

We are seeking a membership co-ordinator to fulfil the vital role of managing our membership base. This entails: liaising with new, existing and potential members, managing our membership databases and producing monthly membership reports. You would need to be able to think logically, be highly organised, able to handle confidential information appropriately and have good interpersonal skills.

**Deadline for applications: Friday 9th July**

For more information and to download an application package please visit <http://www.object.org.uk/index.php/work-for-object>

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## **End Violence Against Women (EVAW)**

### **Prevention Manager**

**Full-time one year contract with the possibility of an extension  
Salary range £27,996 to £36,084**

You will be a strategic thinker with excellent analytical skills, with a track record of successful fundraising and project management that leads to tangible results. You will be an excellent communicator, influential, proactive, approachable, and adept at leading to consensus a wide cross-section of experts and organisations. You will round off this admirable skill set with a strong commitment to gender equality, human rights, and EAW goals.

For more information please contact Holly Dustin on 07903 278 757 or email [holly.dustin@amnesty.org.uk](mailto:holly.dustin@amnesty.org.uk); or Liz McKean on 07971 080 045 or email [liz.mckean@amnesty.org.uk](mailto:liz.mckean@amnesty.org.uk).

**The deadline for applications is 5pm on Thursday 1 July 2010.**

Interviews will take place on Wednesday 7 July.  
The recruitment pack can be downloaded from:  
[www.endviolenceagainstwomen.org.uk](http://www.endviolenceagainstwomen.org.uk)

**Administrative Assistant**

**Part-time post 2.5 days a week for one year with the possibility of an extension  
Salary range £20,877 to £25,318 pro rata**

You will be well organised, with an eye for detail and a track record of delivering tangible results. You will be helpful and approachable, and able to work effectively with a wide range of people. You will be familiar with IT and simple project/budget reporting systems. You will have a strong commitment to gender equality, human rights, and EAW goals.

For more information, or to request an application form, please contact:  
Holly Dustin on 07903 278 757 or email [holly.dustin@amnesty.org.uk](mailto:holly.dustin@amnesty.org.uk)  
Or Liz McKean on 07971 080 045 or email [liz.mckean@amnesty.org.uk](mailto:liz.mckean@amnesty.org.uk)

**The deadline for applications is 5pm on Thursday 1 July 2010.**

Interviews will take place on Tuesday 20 July.

The recruitment pack can be downloaded from:  
[www.endviolenceagainstwomen.org.uk](http://www.endviolenceagainstwomen.org.uk)

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**Suffolk Rape Crisis (SRC)**

**Development Worker (Female)**

**21 hours a week; up to £19,500 per annum – Two year contract, in the first instance**

**Application closing date: 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2010**

SRC will shortly be offering a confidential, non judgemental telephone support service providing listening and information run by women for women and girls who have experienced sexual violence. SRC is a registered charity with funding from the Lankelly Chase Foundation.

The post holder will oversee the recruitment, training and co-ordination of volunteers and take on all duties relating to fundraising and raising awareness of issues relating to sexual violence in Suffolk. She will manage communications within SRC and with external voluntary and statutory agencies.

Interviews on: 7<sup>th</sup> July 2010

For an application form or if you wish to have an informal discussion about the post please email: [l.durrant@unison.co.uk](mailto:l.durrant@unison.co.uk)

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***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)

