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VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN IN LONDON

Plans to grant anonymity to rape defendants pushed despite outrage

The Government is to push ahead with plans to grant anonymity to men accused of rape despite anger from MPs and campaigners.

Crispin Blunt, junior justice minister, has announced that the Government was keen to bring forward legislation as soon as possible without launching a formal consultation as had been expected.

He said, "The Government is minded to strengthen anonymity up to the point of charge. It is alleged that anonymity for defendants would deter victims in general from coming forward.

"One can easily understand the argument that depriving complainants of anonymity would indeed have that effect. But it is difficult to understand how the anonymity of a defendant could possibly have any such effect."

Maria Eagle, the shadow justice minister, said, "One of the reasons people fear that introducing anonymity for defendants just in rape cases will deter reporting by victims is because one is singling out that particular crime for this treatment.

“If one were to suggest extending anonymity to all defendants it might not have that same impact. But by singling out this one particular offence, you are in danger of sending a clear signal to victims: you will not be believed.”

Other MPs agree with Eagle; Conservative MP Louise Bagshawe said that by “singling out rape in this way ministers are sending a negative signal about women and those who accuse men of rape”.

Anna Soubry, another Conservative MP and former criminal barrister, said she had defended many men accused of rape, and when an accused’s name was made public other victims often came forward. She warned that the current proposal could leave the Conservative Party open to the accusation that it did not believe in the “proper prosecution” of people accused of rape.

Sarah Wollaston, a former forensic medical examiner for Devon and Cornwall Police, said that the “vast majority” of rape crimes went unreported for fear of reprisal, not being believed, misplaced feelings of guilt, or wanting to forget. She warned ministers against adding a “further barrier” to women coming forward and making allegations.

A Ministry of Justice spokesman said, “There are arguments on both sides so the Government thinks it is right to have a reasonable debate on the issue.” Informal talks are expected to be held with the police, children’s organisations, rape crisis charities and the media before a further announcement is made in September.

Yvette Cooper, shadow minister for women and equalities, said, “It’s deeply disturbing that the Government is pushing ahead with these controversial plans which could prove so damaging for rape convictions without any formal consultation.”

Source: [Press Association](#) 08 July 2010
[Telegraph](#) 08 July 2010

Croydon council cuts rape crisis funding by £27,000 a year

Croydon’s Rape and Sexual Abuse Support Centre (RASASC) is having its funding cut by £27,000 a year while the council leader Mike Fisher’s salary is being increased from £53,314 to nearly £65,000 a year.

Croydon’s rape crisis centre is currently one of only two rape crisis centres in London and it may have to close its waiting list if the funding cut goes ahead.

Yvonne Traynor, chief executive of the Croydon centre, said, "The first we heard about these cuts was when the Croydon Guardian phoned us yesterday. I feel like we have been hit with a sledgehammer. This is a travesty.

"The money we were getting was for the women of Croydon. We have 1,000 women a year coming to us from the borough. Is the council saying violence against women is not important?"

"We will no longer be able to prioritise cases from Croydon, they will have to go on the waiting list like everyone else. It breaks my heart to say this, given we have been in the borough for 25 years and funded by the council for 20 years. How can they make these cuts to the most vulnerable members of our society?"

The cut is the equivalent of supporting 2,700 survivors of sexual violence on the helpline, seeing 23 survivors face-to-face for one year specialist counselling or supporting 108 survivors through the advocacy department from reporting rape to the end of trial.

For more information and to write directly to the council, visit http://www.thefword.org.uk/blog/2010/07/croydon_council

Source: [Croydon Guardian](#) 07 July 2010

National Youth Agency consultant groomed girl for sex

Simon Beard, 56, a youth consultant at the National Youth Agency has admitted in court that he groomed a 13-year-old girl for sex online.

Beard's responsibility in the agency was to advise young children on their sexual development, but he was caught grooming the girl after Sky News reporters undertook an undercover online investigation into men who attempt to groom children for sexual purposes.

Southwark Crown Court in central London heard that Beard was planning to meet the girl for sex at Gunnersbury Tube Station, west London, on April 29.

Beard appeared via video-link from Wandsworth Prison for a plea and case management hearing. He has admitted attempting to cause or incite the 13-year-old to engage in sexual activity as well as attempting to cause the girl to watch a sexual act.

He denies a further charge of possessing 83 indecent images of children, ranging from levels one to four in terms of seriousness.

Judge David Higgins has ordered a pre-sentence report into the danger Beard continues to pose to the public. The judge said he wants a “proper opportunity to reflect on the true measure of his criminality”.

Beard is due to be sentenced on August 6.

Source: [The Independent](#) 09 July 2010

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN IN THE UK

Pimp jailed and ordered to pay £135,000

Wayne Baker, 61, of Ebbw Vale, Blaenau Gwent, who lured girls as young as 14 into prostitution, was jailed for 11 years after admitting 22 sexual offences involving young girls at Newport Crown Court.

Baker is also ordered to pay more than £135,000 from his assets or face another three years in jail. The court heard that Baker earned £529,000 from ‘sex parties’ with girls and young women he recruited via the internet.

The court also heard that Baker used social networking sites to search for girls he could lure into prostitution. He lied about his age in teenage internet chat-rooms, tricking some of his victims with the promise of work as models.

Judge David Morris told Baker that he will serve another three years if he does not meet the Proceeds of Crime order and would still have to find the cash after his release. On leaving jail, Baker will have to be supervised for a further four years and has been placed on the sex offenders register for life.

Gwent Police Detective Chief Inspector Bill Davies, said, “The result of today's hearing shows that criminals can be made to pay for their crimes in a number of different ways. This case sends a strong message out to offenders that we can and will make every effort to ensure you do not benefit in any way from the crimes you commit, even on your release from prison.”

Source: [BBC](#) 08 July 2010

Man jailed for 1986 rape

Paul James Dyne, now 45, who dragged a woman to waste ground in Deal before raping her at knifepoint in 1986, has been jailed for eight years.

Maidstone Crown Court heard that the victim, who went out to buy milk, was dragged to the waste ground before Dyne covered her eyes with a scarf and raped her. At the time an investigation was conducted and detectives took DNA samples but no one was charged.

Last year, however, with the developments in forensic science over the past two decades, police were able to identify and charge Dyne. He was held at his home on 22 December and was charged later the same day.

Detective Chief Inspector Dave Withers, of Kent Police, said, "In 1986 a young woman's life was changed dramatically by this horrific, unprovoked attack. Twenty four years have passed since then and she has lived with this every day. We hope today with the conviction of Dyne for this terrible crime she is now able in some way to move on with her life."

Dyne, of New Malden, south-west London, admitted the rape and was jailed for eight years.

Source: [BBC](#) 07 July 2010

Council chief charged with rape

Byron Davies, 52, chief executive officer of Conwy council, has been charged with rape.

Davies was 'temporarily relieved' of his duties after North Wales Police received a complaint of an alleged sexual assault.

In a statement North Wales Police said, "A 52-year-old man has today been charged with rape. He has been bailed to an address outside the force area and will be appearing before Llandudno Magistrates court on 21st July 2010. There are no further details available."

Source: [BBC](#) 07 July 2010

INTERNATIONAL VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

UN creates new structure for women's empowerment

In a historic move, the United Nations General Assembly has voted unanimously to create a new entity to accelerate progress in meeting the needs of women and girls worldwide.

The new establishment, the *UN Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women* will be known as *UN Women*. UN Women is to merge and develop four previous parts of the UN system which focus exclusively on gender equality and women's empowerment.

These are the Division for the Advancement of Women (DAW), International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (INSTRAW), Office of the Special Adviser on Gender Issues and Advancement of Women (OSAGI) and United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM).

UN Women will be operational by January 2011. In a statement welcoming the decision of the General Assembly, Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said, "I am grateful to Member States for having taken this major step forward for the world's women and girls. UN Women will significantly boost UN efforts to promote gender equality, expand opportunity, and tackle discrimination around the globe."

"I have made gender equality and the empowerment of women one of my top priorities from working to end the scourge of violence against women, to appointing more women to senior positions, to efforts to reduce maternal mortality rates."

UN Women is said to have two key roles; it will support inter-governmental bodies such as the Commission on the Status of Women in their formulation of policies, global standards and norms, and it will help Member States to implement these standards by providing technical and financial support to those countries that request it, as well as forging partnerships with civil society.

It will also help the UN system to be accountable for its own commitments on gender equality, including regular monitoring of system-wide progress. The Secretary-General will appoint an Under-Secretary-General to head the new body and is inviting suggestions from Member States and civil society partners.

Source: [UN Women](#) 02 July 2010

Woman in Iran escapes stoning execution

The authorities in Iran have announced that Sakineh Mohammadi Ashtiani, a woman convicted of adultery who has been in prison since 2006, will not be stoned to death.

However, it is still not clear whether the authorities have lifted the death sentence against her. Ashtiani, 43, had already been flogged when a criminal court in East Azerbaijan found her guilty in May 2006 for an “illicit relationship” outside marriage with two men following the death of her husband. She was given 99 lashes.

In September 2006, during the trial of a man accused of murdering her husband, another court reopened an adultery case based on events that allegedly took place before her husband died.

Under Iran's strict interpretation of Islamic law, sex before marriage is punishable by 100 lashes, but married offenders are sentenced to death by stoning. The stones used must be large enough to cause the accused pain, but not sufficient in size to kill immediately.

Ashtiani's lawyer and human rights activists had warned that her execution was imminent, after appeals for clemency were rejected. An international campaign was then established to prevent the execution.

UK Foreign Secretary William Hague said stoning was a “medieval punishment” and that its continued use showed Iran's disregard for human rights. “If the punishment is carried out, it will disgust and appal the watching world” he said.

Ashtiani's son, 22-year-old Sajjad, has sent an open letter to human rights groups. He said, “I ask you to send the letter of my mother's pardon to Tabriz and return my mother's life back to her. I hope that you see to it that justice in my mother's case prevails.

“My mother is in a bad psychological state, and in five whole years has been imprisoned without a day of leave.”

Source: [BBC](#) 09 July 2010
[National Turk](#) 09 July 2010

EVENTS

CODA International

Public meeting on – Gender-Based Violence and Discrimination in Zambia and Southern Africa

14th July 2010 – Starts 7pm

Human Rights Action Centre
17-25 New Inn Yard, London, EC2A 3EA

CODA International, a London-based development NGO, and Women and Law in Southern Africa (WLSA – Zambia) are working together in Zambia on a programme to address issues of discrimination, rape, and other forms of violence against women.

This public meeting will take place in collaboration with Amnesty International at the Human Rights Action Centre. The event will be an opportunity to meet and talk with two prominent Zambian women about the ongoing challenges in addressing the social attitudes and legal constraints facing women in Zambia and southern Africa.

We welcome members of the public and all organisations interested in issues concerning women in Southern Africa.

For more information & to RSVP (by Monday 12th July) contact us on Tel: +4420 7561 4831 Fax: +4420 7561 4835 or ggorton@codainternational.org.uk, office@codainternational.org.uk

Eaves

The Sojourner Project – further extension

The Sojourner Project is for women with no recourse to public funds, who entered the UK on a spousal visa and are eligible to apply for Indefinite Leave to Remain (ILR) under the Domestic Violence Rule.

Funding for this project has been extended again and we will continue to take referrals up to the 23 July 2010.

For further information please call 020 7840 7147 or email sojourner@eaveshousing.co.uk

Eaves

Scarlet Centre

Resettlement Workshops

The Scarlet Centre's Resettlement Team is holding a series of new workshops for service users:

Positive relationships – Wednesday the 4th August, 2:00pm to 3:30pm

Letting hurt go! – Wednesday 8th September, 2:00pm to 3:30pm

How to say 'No' – Wednesday 13th October, 2:00pm to 3:30pm

Unlock your potential – Wednesday 10th November, 2:00pm to 3:30pm

To find out more and make a booking contact the Resettlement team on 020 7793 9521 or e-mail on resettlement@eaveshousing.co.uk

Drug & Alcohol Advice Drop In

Saturday 31st July, 12pm - 2pm

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Saturday 7th of August, 12pm - 2pm

A drop in session for women who want advice and information around issues to do with drugs, alcohol, housing and benefits.

Travel to and from the Centre will be reimbursed.

For more information contact the Scarlet Centre on 0207 8407 142.

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

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

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

CONSULTATIONS AND REPORTS

Ministry of Justice

A joint thematic report on the management of sexual offenders in the community by HMI Probation and HMI Constabulary has been published by MoJ:

http://www.justice.gov.uk/inspectores/hmi-probation/docs/Sex_Offenders_Report-rps.pdf

A joint thematic report on the management of gang issues by HMI Prisons, Probation and Constabulary has also been published by MoJ:

http://www.justice.gov.uk/inspectores/hmi-prisons/docs/Joint_gangs_thematic_2010_rps_.pdf

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
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>

Government Equalities Office

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

The consultation period will run till **Friday 23 July 2010**.

http://www.equalities.gov.uk/what_we_do/violence_against_women/strategic_action_plan_consultation.aspx
<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/QVVNPSB>

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

DIRECT ACTION

Justice for Women

Free Kirsty Scamp! Demonstrate outside the Court of Appeal

21st 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:

Shannon Harvey, Justice for Women

Tel: 07902 395 385

Email: freekirsty@gmail.com

Web: www.justiceforwomen.org.uk/

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

Equality Now

Equality Now is deeply concerned about the imminent stoning of Sekineh Mohammadi-Ashtiani, who has been sentenced to death by stoning for adultery, a charge she denies. Ms. Mohammadi-Ashtiani was sentenced to 99 lashes on 15 May 2006 for having 'illicit relations' and has already served five years in prison in Tabriz. She was charged again for the same crime and this time sentenced to death by stoning. Please call on Iranian officials to immediately commute the sentence of death on Ms Mohammadi-Ashtiani and all others sentenced to death by stoning. Please also urge the officials to initiate a comprehensive review of the Civil and Penal Codes of Iran to remove all provisions that discriminate against, or have a discriminatory impact on, women, including those regarding 'adultery and fornication', in accordance with Iran's own constitutional provision for equality before the law.

Please click on the following link for further information:

http://equalitynow.org/english/takeaction/newsalert/urgentalert_iran_20100625_en.html

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

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>

Participation in a research project on sexual abuse

- Are you a female aged 18 or above?
- Have you experienced sexual abuse at any point during your childhood perpetrated by a family member?
- Would you like to have the opportunity to talk about the way this may have affected you in a caring, respectful and sensitive environment?

Sara Chaudry is conducting a research project as part of a doctoral research programme in counselling psychology at City University London. The research is specifically aimed at gaining a deeper insight into the phenomenon of identity or a sense of self and how this may be experienced in women who have been abused sexually during childhood.

The interview will take approximately one hour and will be held in a professional environment with the utmost respect for your privacy and well being. **A small fee of £20.00 is offered for your time.**

If you are interested in taking part and would like to have an informal chat or gain some further information please contact Sara Chaudry on abcw643@city.ac.uk or call 07974572345.

TRAINING

Dignity Alert and Research Forum (DARF)

FGM Training Cultural Competence & Guidance for Professionals

Date: Monday 2 August 2010, 14:00 - 17:00

Whale Arts Agency, 30 Westburn Grove, Edinburgh EH14

The course aims to:

- Increase awareness of the social and cultural context of FGM
- Increase understanding of UK law and policy issues

- Strengthen cultural competency and develop practical skills for supporting women and girls living with FGM, and those at risk
- Provide information on services and resources available in the UK to respond to the needs of women and girls affected by FGM.

Cost: Statutory agencies £50 / Voluntary agencies £30

For further information and to attend contact us on – Tel: 0131 453 4249 / 0794 713 23 23 (Monday & Friday) email: dignityalert@hotmail.co.uk

Understanding ModernGov (UMG)

UMG is a supplier of Policy Skills training courses through the Buying Solutions Learning and Development and eLearning Solutions framework agreement. We are dedicated to designing and delivering training programmes within the public sector.

Improve your understanding of the inner workings, processes and unique culture of the UK public sector with our forthcoming programme of specialist courses:

- [Understanding Coalition Government](#) – Wednesday 15 September, Central London
- [Understanding Public Sector Tendering & Procurement](#) – Wednesday 22 September, Central London
- [Understanding the NHS](#) – Tuesday 28 September, Central London
- [Understanding Social Enterprise](#) – Thursday 30 September, Central London
- [Understanding NHS Commissioning](#) – Tuesday 5 October, Central London
- [Understanding Local Government](#) – Thursday 18 November, Central London.

Click on each of the highlighted course titles above to see the full programme.

[Book online](#) or call Kate Heaton on 0161 211 3030 or email kate.heaton@modern.gov

Rights of Women

Stop the traffic: protecting and supporting trafficked women in the UK – in partnership with the POPPY Project

The Dolphin Centre, Darlington – 23 July FREE
1 day, Women-only course

No recourse? EEA National? Overcoming the barriers

The Dolphin Centre, Darlington – 22 July FREE
NCVO, London – 28 July DISCOUNT
1 day, Women-only course

Supporting survivors of sexual violence

NCVO, London – 29 July DISCOUNT
½ day (am), Women-only course

For further information contact training@row.org.uk 0207 251 6575 or visit
<http://www.rightsofwomen.org.uk/training.php>

Against Violence and Abuse (AVA) formerly the GLDVP

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>

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

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

Safe Choices Training

Young Women, Gangs and Serious Youth Violence

Date for London based training:

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

VACANCIES AND VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

Equality Now

Office Manager, bi-lingual French-English preferred
Closing date: 12 July 2010
Salary: £21,000 pa

Equality Now is an international human rights organisation working to protect and promote the rights of women and girls around the world. We are looking for a preferably bi-lingual French-English office manager. Ability in Spanish and/or Arabic also desirable. The Office Manager will be responsible for assisting the Director of the London office with administrative support in the maintenance of the office. Involves filing, both manual and computerised, general bookkeeping, new membership, making travel and accommodation bookings, monitoring the press, liaising with other Equality Now offices, coordinating professional translations and occasional translation into French, Spanish or Arabic (as applicable).

Please send a CV and cover letter by 12 July 2010 to
ukinfo@equalitynow.org.

For further information about Equality Now, please visit
www.equalitynow.org

Eaves

Female Family Reunification Worker

35 hours per week, Fixed Term for 3 years, Salary £30,352 – 31,936

Eaves' POPPY Project provides expert support and advocacy to women who have been trafficked to the UK for the purposes of sexual exploitation and/or domestic slavery. A new opportunity has arisen to join the POPPY Team.

We are seeking a woman who is able to provide a range of pre and post natal support to trafficked women through advocacy, information, and support to new mothers and vulnerable women. In addition, you will help to prepare victims of trafficking for family reunification and support them through the transitional process.

The successful candidate must have:

- A recognised social work qualification and substantial post qualifying experience of providing a social work service to children and families;
- Substantial experience of providing support to new mothers and vulnerable women to develop good parenting skills;
- An understanding of trafficking and prostitution and how it affects women;
- Knowledge and awareness of relevant legislation including child protection, immigration and asylum and trafficking;
- Some knowledge of housing and welfare benefits legislation will also be essential as will good literacy and spoken communications skills and the ability to manage own workload.

Female Crisis Worker

Part-time – 28 hours per week, Three year Fixed Term Contract, Salary £28,772 per annum pro-rata

The POPPY Project provides expert support and advocacy to women who have been trafficked to the UK for the purposes of sexual exploitation and/or domestic slavery. We are seeking to appoint a woman to develop specialist support arrangements for young women who have been trafficked.

You will provide expert support, including a telephone service to young women who have been trafficked into sexual exploitation or domestic slavery. Your role will also involve working with the voluntary and statutory sectors across the UK to enable them to provide better support and assistance to young women who may have been trafficked.

To be successful in this role you will have:

- Substantial experience and understanding of the needs of young women who have experienced sexual violence;
- An understanding of trafficking and how it affects women and the causes and realities of prostitution and trafficking;

- Knowledge and awareness of relevant legislation including child protection, immigration, asylum and trafficking;
- Some knowledge of housing and welfare benefits legislation will also be essential, as will good literacy and spoken communications skills and the ability to manage own workload.

Closing dates: Family Reunification Worker and Crisis Worker: Monday 12 July 2010, 12 noon

**Interview dates: Family Reunification Worker: 19 July 2010
Crisis Worker: 23 July 2010**

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

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.

MOSAC

Outreach & Advocacy Coordinator

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

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

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: 22nd July 2010 by 5pm
Interview date: 12th August 2010

Download application pack from website www.mosac.org.uk email info@mosac.org.uk or ring 020 8293 8582

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

