

## **The Lilith Project Women's Weekly News 310**

**10 July 2010 – 16 July 2010**

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

#### **Perpetrators of domestic violence could face random police visits**

The new Home Secretary, Theresa May, told MPs that perpetrators of domestic violence could face random police visits in an attempt to curb the problem.

She said that she is considering implementing a US scheme under which perpetrators of domestic violence receive unannounced visits from officers to check on their conduct.

The potential reform was announced as May gave evidence to the Commons Home Affairs Select Committee during a wide ranging session covering crime, immigration, terrorism and other topics.

She said the scheme had produced a “significant” cut in domestic violence cases in the US, and suggested that similar methods could be successfully introduced in Britain.

“There is some very interesting evidence from the US from work in New York where police have been making random visits where domestic violence had taken place and there was a significant reduction.”

Source: [Evening Standard](#) 16 July 2010

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### **BBC still under attack over ageism and sexism**

Selina Scott, 59, former Breakfast Time presenter at the BBC has sent an “exhaustive” dossier detailing the “blatant and malign” ageist sexism directed at on-screen women, to Sir Michael Lyons, the chairman of the BBC Trust.

Scott says that she was driven to act by the ever-increasing “obsession with youth and the rejection of older women in television”.

Miriam O'Reilly, 52, former Countryfile presenter is also pursuing a tribunal case after she was dropped from the programme in February.

The report will increase the pressure on the BBC after a series of high-profile departures. The widely admired newsreader Moira Stuart was dropped from BBC news in 2007 at the age of 58 after 34 years at the Corporation.

Then 66-year-old dancer Arlene Phillips was replaced by 30-year-old Alesha Dixon on the judging panel of Strictly Come Dancing. Others whose employment prospects at the BBC suffered because of their age rather than lack of abilities include Anna Ford and Angela Rippon.

Scott promised that she is determined to fight on because of the “disregarding, unthinking almost casual maiming which leaves women like me with their confidence and career in tatters but which is done in a sly and almost Machiavellian way”.

The rejection of older women by broadcasters is “insidious, cowardly and unworthy of the great traditions of a public broadcaster like the BBC”.

Source: [Evening Standard](#) 14 July 2010

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### **Yorkshire Ripper denied parole by high court**

Peter Sutcliffe, also known as the ‘Yorkshire Ripper’, must spend the rest of his life in jail, the High Court has ruled.

Sutcliffe, 63, now known as Peter Coonan, was convicted at the Old Bailey in 1981 for murdering thirteen women and attempting to murder another seven.

The former lorry driver from Bradford was named the 'Yorkshire Ripper' because he mutilated his victims using a hammer, screwdriver and knife. He was sentenced to 20 life terms.

Mr Justice Mitting, sitting in London ruled that "early release provisions" were "not to apply". He said that he had read statements from relatives of six of the murdered women.

"They are each moving accounts of the great loss and widespread and permanent harm to the living caused by six of his crimes. None of them suggest any term other than a whole-life term would be regarded by them as appropriate."

Sutcliffe now joins the list of 38 others in the UK who will never be released.

Source: [Press Association](#) 16 July 2010  
[Guardian](#) 16 July 2010

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## VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN IN THE UK

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### **'Not Ever' ad campaign launched in Scotland**

Rape Crisis Scotland recently premiered a TV advertising campaign, which is just one part of an attempt to tackle the alarming prevalence of victim-blaming attitudes in the U.K.

The ad starts with the scenario of a young woman in a bar wearing a short blue skirt who observes a man catching a glimpse of her and exclaiming to his friend, "Check out that skirt – she's asking for it!"

The scene continues with the same young woman looking at skirts in a department store earlier that day and saying to a saleswoman "I'm going out tonight and I want to get raped. I need a skirt that will encourage a guy to have sex with me against my will."

Linda Armstrong, 47, from Blarene Drive, New Cumnock, the mother of a teenager who took her own life after being raped, has praised the "hard hitting" advert and hopes it will challenge people's attitudes towards rape victims.

In 2001 her daughter, Lindsay, was raped near her home by a 14-year-old boy. In 2002, during the trial, Lindsay was made to hold up in court the underwear she was wearing at the time of the attack.

Thirteen days after the trial, the 17-year-old, having found the whole experience so traumatic and humiliating, fatally overdosed on anti-depressants. Lindsay never saw her rapist sentenced.

The court case later prompted a review of the way rape victims are treated in court.

The 'Not Ever' campaign sends a strong message – "Women don't 'ask' to be raped, not ever."

Source: [Cumnock Chronicle](#) 14 July 2010  
[Salon](#) 13 July 2010

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### **Teenager jailed for six years for rape**

Adam Lee Williams, 19, of Freystrop south Wales, who raped a female student in his bedroom, has been jailed for six years after being convicted by the jury at his trial in Swansea Crown Court.

The court heard that Williams offered the young woman a lift in his car, but after picking her up he told her he was short on fuel and had no money. They then went to his home, where he raped her.

Williams was also accused of raping a second student in almost identical circumstances, but juries in this case twice failed to reach a majority verdict.

Leuan Jenkins, prosecuting, referred to a victim impact statement made by one of the young women, who said the rape had made her life "hell" and she "wished Williams was dead".

The judge had said she wanted to "put the incident in a box and forget about it" but that could take some time.

Williams was also banned from working with children and ordered to register indefinitely on the sex offenders registrar.

Source: [Western Telegraph](#) 16 July 2010

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## **Blackburn man convicted of rape**

Amir Shahparifar, 56, of Carlton Road, Blackburn, was found guilty of one count each of rape, assault causing actual bodily harm, and putting a person in fear of violence, by Burnley Crown Court.

The victim told the court that Shahparifar raped her and hit her with a bottle. She ended up in hospital because of the injuries he inflicted.

Shahparifar swore on his daughter's life that the woman's allegations were not true.

He awaits sentencing at Preston Crown Court by Judge Simon Newell.

Source: [This is Lancashire](#) 14 July 2010

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## **Griffiths the 'Crossbow Cannibal' appears in court**

Stephen Griffiths, 40, the man accused of murdering three women in Bradford, appeared at Sheffield Crown Court via video link from Wakefield Prison today.

He is charged with murdering Suzanne Blamires, Shelley Armitage and Susan Rushworth, three women involved in street prostitution in Bradford.

Griffiths appeared on the screen in front of a blue wall and spent most of the time staring down with his arms folded or his head in his hands during the 26-minute hearing.

Mr Justice Openshaw decided that the provisional trial date of November 16, set at the last hearing, was to be changed. He said a new date would have to be fixed at a later hearing.

The case will be heard again on October 15 at Bradford Crown Court.

Source: [BBC](#) 16 July 2010

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## INTERNATIONAL VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

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### **Every two hours a woman is killed in Brazil**

The 2010 Map of Violence study prepared by the independent Sangari Institute has reported that every two hours a woman is killed in Brazil.

This puts Brazil in 12th place among countries registering the most violent deaths of women.

Rio de Janeiro's Institute of Public Safety says that 128 women are threatened by their husbands every day and that 44 suffer attempted murder by their spouses.

According to the Federal Office of Women's Issue, between 1997 and 2007 the number of complaints about violence against women increased by 100 percent in Brazil.

The study revealed that most of the victims are killed by relatives, husbands, boyfriends, former partners or men they 'rejected'. Forty percent of the women murdered are between the ages of 18 and 30.

Just recently the nation was shocked by two cases of women murdered by former partners.

Mercia Nakashima, 28, an attorney, was murdered by her ex-boyfriend, a lawyer and ex-policeman Mizaël Bispo, who is currently a fugitive from justice after trying to hide Mercia's body in a lake outside Sao Paulo.

Eliza Samudio, 25, a model and an actress, whose body has still not been found, was apparently murdered by the friends and family of soccer star Bruno Fernandes after she filed a paternity suit against the married player.

Edson Moreira, the homicide investigator in charge of this case said, "Shortly before dying, Samudio said, 'I can't take being beaten any more' and her alleged killer replied, 'You're not going to be beaten any more, you are going to die'."

Marina Silva, who is running for president in the October elections, said, "We have repeatedly seen this kind of episode against the lives of women".

Source: [Latin American Herald Tribune](#) July 2010  
[Guardian](#) 09 July 2010

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## **Mel Gibson investigated for domestic violence**

Mel Gibson, the 54-year-old Hollywood actor, is facing claims of domestic violence against his ex-partner Oksana Grigorieva and their baby daughter.

Russian singer Oksana Grigorieva, 40, alleges that Gibson pulled a handgun on her and hit her and their two month old baby, causing bruising to the child. Oksana also told the court that he punched her twice, knocking out one of her front teeth.

It is claimed that Grigorieva has handed pictures of the baby, now eight months old, with a bruised chin, to the Los Angeles court that is handling their custody battle.

A series of taped phone 'rants' said to have been made by Gibson, in which he curses and threatens Grigorieva and uses racist language against her, has also been handed over to police investigating the allegations of domestic violence.

On the tapes it is alleged that Grigorieva says, "What kind of man is that? Hitting a woman when she's holding a child in her hands?" Gibson allegedly replies, "Oh, you're all angry now. You know what, you \*\*\*\*\* deserved it."

Gibson is said to have offered Oksana £13million in "hush money" to keep the explosive recordings from being heard in public.

The investigation continues.

Source: [Telegraph](#) 16 July 2010  
[Mirror](#) 16 July 2010

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## **EVENTS**

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### **Eaves**

#### **The Sojourner Project – Extended to March 2011!**

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 March 2011.**

For further information please call 020 7840 7147 or email [sojourner@eaveshousing.co.uk](mailto:sojourner@eaveshousing.co.uk)

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## **London Feminist Network**

### **Feminism in London 2010, a one day conference**

Feminism in London aims to bring together the many feminist and women's groups working in London to share ideas and learning, network and inspire each other.

The event is open to women and pro-feminist men.

**9:30am-5pm, Saturday 23 October**

Friends Meeting House  
173-177 Euston Road,  
London, NW1 2BJ

**£3-£20 depending on income**

#### **Speakers include**

Helena Kennedy, Natasha Walter, Ceri Goddard, Nadjie Al-Ali, Wendy Savage, Naana Otoo-Oyortey, Rebecca Mott, Leila Alikarami, Ann Rossiter, Finn Mackay, Heidi Mirza, Cynthia Cockburn, Rahila Gupta, Virginia Heath, Vera Baird, Jill Radford.

Find out more and register at: <http://www.feminisminlondon.org.uk/>  
Email: [info@feminisminlondon.org.uk](mailto:info@feminisminlondon.org.uk)

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## **Tender for Rape Crisis provision for North London**

**Islington Council** invites suitable expressions of interest from suppliers to deliver Rape Crisis provision for North London. In conjunction with the publication of the Mayor's 'The Way Forward' Strategy, the Mayor of London's office has allocated funding to seven Local Authorities, defined as the North quadrant in London. This funding has been made available to enable the development and delivery of specialist Rape Crisis provision across the North of London; a service providing support, counselling and advice to victims of rape and sexual assault, both recent and historic.

The funding from the Mayor is initially for 18 months, with the options for continuation subjected to satisfactory evaluation after the first twelve months, and funding availability from the boroughs involved. The boroughs included in the North quadrant are Islington, Westminster, Camden, Haringey, Kensington & Chelsea, Enfield and Barnet.

**The deadline for expressions of interest is: 12 noon on Thursday 26 August 2010.**

**Submission of Pre-Qualification Questionnaires by 12 noon on Friday 27 August 2010.**

**Late applications will not be accepted.**

For further information contact: Ms Charlie Kime on [charlotte.kime@islington.gov.uk](mailto:charlotte.kime@islington.gov.uk) or call 020 7527 3133

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## **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 4<sup>th</sup> August, 2:00pm to 3:30pm

**Letting hurt go!** – Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September, 2:00pm to 3:30pm

**How to say 'No'** – Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October, 2:00pm to 3:30pm

**Unlock your potential** – Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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.

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

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

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

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

**Price:** £35

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

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## CONSULTATIONS AND REPORTS

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### **Supporting Families Affected by Substance Use and Domestic Violence: Research report**

**Dr Sarah Galvani, University of Bedfordshire (2010)**

This report is the culmination of work undertaken with two groups of people: (a) young people accessing services for their parents' substance use and (b) adult family members who run support groups for those affected by a family member's substance use (Family Members Support Providers). The work was funded by Comic Relief and led by the University of Bedfordshire in partnership with Adfam and the Stella Project.

[The full report is available here.](#)

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### **Race Equality Foundation**

[Black, minority ethnic and refugee women, domestic violence and access to housing](#)

The paper is hosted alongside the rest of our briefing collection on the recently launched [Better Health](#) and [Better Housing](#) websites. These sites also provide access to quickly expanding collections of free-to-view resources and weblinks, as well proving a forum which allows practitioners to share ideas and good practice.

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### **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](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](http://www.justice.gov.uk/inspectores/hmi-prisons/docs/Joint_gangs_thematic_2010_rps_.pdf)

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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.

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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 & CAMPAIGNS

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### **Justice for Women**

### **Free Kirsty Scamp! Demonstrate outside the Court of Appeal – THIS WEDNESDAY!**

**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:

**Shannon Harvey, Justice for Women**

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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## **London Feminist Network**

### **Static Demonstration**

**Thursday evening the 22nd July, 2010 – 5.30 pm until 7.00 pm**

**Venue:** Richmond Terrace, which is a side road leading off from Whitehall. This location is directly opposite the entrance to Downing Street.

Enquiries should be sent to [jenniferdrew@fastmail.fm](mailto:jenniferdrew@fastmail.fm)

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## **Hillingdon Women's Centre – Call for Donations**

Hillingdon Women's Centre has been in existence since 1986. We provide essential services such as: domestic violence crisis support and information, legal advice and counselling, to any women aged 18+ in the borough and we are sure that you signpost women to us from your agency or practice on a regular basis.

Unfortunately, we will not be able to offer these services much longer, as we only have enough money to pay the bills until November 2010. We are urging you to support us in raising money in whatever way you can, to enable this service to continue.

Please make a donation no matter how small.

You can make a donation to via the following links:

<http://www.hillingdonwomenscentre.org.uk/donations.htm>

or by making a purchase at Easyfundraising:

Support Hillingdon Women's Centre for free when shopping online with over 2000 popular retailers, including Argos, NEXT, M&S, John Lewis, Debenhams, HMV, Vodafone, DELL, The Body Shop®, PLAY.com, Interflora, Comet and many more [www.easyfundraising.org.uk/hillingdonwomenscentre](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/hillingdonwomenscentre)

Raise funds for Hillingdon Women's Centre when you search the Web with easysearch – <http://hillingdonwomenscentre.easysearch.org.uk>

For more information contact the centre at [hillingdonwomen@aol.com](mailto:hillingdonwomen@aol.com) or by telephoning 01895 259578.

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## **Association of Child Abuse Lawyers (ACAL) Campaigns**

### **LEGAL AID THREAT**

The new Coalition Government seems set on making indiscriminate cuts to all areas of public service. Legal Aid, unfortunately, is no exception to the Treasury knife.

- Before the election, both parties announced cuts in Legal Aid. ACAL wrote to both parties, and got no reply – see this article in the [Law Society's Gazette](#)
- After the election, the new legal aid minister “refused to rule out more legal aid cuts” – see [Law Society's Gazette](#)
- The Justice Secretary, Ken Clarke has announced a review of Legal Aid, and “significant cuts in legal aid spending are a very real possibility” according to [the Guardian](#)

**We are urging people to join our campaign and fight for the ring fencing of legal aid abuse work and damage to vulnerable adults. Click on the following link to access a suggested letter that you can send to your own MP:**

[http://www.childabuselawyers.com/LegalAidAbuseCutsLetter\(11.07.10\).doc](http://www.childabuselawyers.com/LegalAidAbuseCutsLetter(11.07.10).doc)

Or alternatively click on to our [abuselaw website](#) for more details.

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### **Rape Crisis Scotland - 'Not Ever' campaign**

Rape Crisis Scotland has launched a comprehensive new advertising campaign aimed at ending ‘victim-blaming’ in rape cases.

The campaign launch follows recent research published in Scotland which found that 23% of the Scottish public think a woman can be at least partly responsible if she is drunk at the time of an attack, while 17% believe a woman bears some responsibility if she wears revealing clothing.

“The advert has been designed to shake out ingrained prejudices many Scots have towards women who have been raped, in a bid to stop perpetuating the myths surrounding rape” said Sandy Brindley, Rape Crisis Scotland’s National Co-ordinator.

Click [here](#) to view the advert, which will run until the end of August.

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## **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](http://equalitynow.org/english/takeaction/newsalert/urgentalert_iran_20100625_en.html)

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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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## **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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## **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](mailto:abcw643@city.ac.uk) or call 07974572345.

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## TRAINING

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### **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](mailto:dignityalert@hotmail.co.uk)

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### **Understanding Modern Gov (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.com](mailto:kate.heaton@modern.gov.com)

## **Safe and Sound – 4th National Conference**

### **Tackling child sexual exploitation – The way forward**

**21 September 2010 – Nottingham Conference Centre**

Hear leading speakers from Europe and the UK talk about the key strategic issues of the day in the fight against child sexual exploitation, including:

- The UK Government's plans for changes to the child protection system
- The Dutch model for protecting children against CSE
- Tackling sexual exploitation in highly diverse communities
- The role of television and digital media in raising public awareness of CSE.

**Cost:** The price per delegate is £175.00 + VAT. Registered charities are entitled to a 10% discount.

For further information and to attend email [events@justwhistle.org.uk](mailto:events@justwhistle.org.uk)

## **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](mailto:training@row.org.uk) 0207 251 6575 or visit  
<http://www.rightsofwomen.org.uk/training.php>

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

#### **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**

#### **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

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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:**

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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## **VACANCIES AND VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES**

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### **Eaves – Lilith Project – Research & Development Manager**

**Maternity Locum – up to one year**

**Salary £36,100 to £39,621**

Eaves' Lilith Project is a 2<sup>nd</sup> tier service working with organisations to combat all forms of violence against women by conducting research and policy development, providing training and awareness raising activities, and lobbying for legislative changes to tackle and prevent all forms of violence against women and girls.

Your role will be to:

- Oversee the management of all Research and Development activities and staff
- Develop the project and attract further funding opportunities

- Provide leadership and strategic direction for the Lilith Project.

To be considered for this role you must demonstrate:

- Extensive experience and knowledge of the violence against women agenda
- Experience of undertaking and managing large research projects
- Knowledge of central and local government legislation and policy development and how this may impact on agencies working in this field
- Substantial experience of staff management, some of which must include managing at a senior level
- The ability to take the lead in maintaining and raising Eaves' profile.

A vital area of work in the forthcoming months will be ensuring funding for the project's work in conjunction with Eaves' fundraising team.

**Closing Date: Friday 2 August 2010 12 NOON**

**Interview Date: 4 August 2010**

For further information and to download the recruitment pack visit [www.eaves4women.co.uk](http://www.eaves4women.co.uk) or email [recruitment@eaveshousing.co.uk](mailto:recruitment@eaveshousing.co.uk) or call 020 7840 7124 (please state clearly the post you are applying for).

**Due to the sensitive nature of this role, this post is for a female worker only and is exempt under Section 7 (2) (d) of the Sex Discrimination Act 1975.**

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## **WOMANKIND Worldwide**

### **Programme Officer**

The Programme Officer will support the strategic development of our programme activities in Asia, Africa and Latin America. S/he will support the planning, implementation and monitoring of WOMANKIND's programmes in line with our strategies. The ideal candidate will have demonstrable experience of supporting the development and implementation of international development programmes preferably for the promotion of women's human rights and gender equality. S/he will also have experience of project budgeting, financial reporting, and producing reports and proposals to funders. S/he will have experience of living and working in the global South and needs to have spoken and written Spanish.

**Salary: £25,380**

**Closing date for applications: Thursday 22nd July 2010**

**Dates for interview: Friday 30th July 2010**

For further information please download an [application pack](#) and [application form](#)

### **Direct Marketing and Supporter Relations Manager**

This is an exciting role and you will be responsible for recruiting, retaining and developing individual donors to maximise income for WOMANKIND.

You will also have line management responsibility. The ideal candidate will be a direct-marketing professional with an understanding of databases and marketing principles. You will have outstanding written and organisational skills and proven experience of managing budgets, suppliers and external agencies.

**Starting salary: £32,640**

**Closing date for applications: Friday 16 July 12.00pm**

**Dates for interview: Week beginning: 26 July 2010**

Download an [application form](#) and an [application pack](#) or email: [recruitment@womankind.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@womankind.org.uk) quoting the following reference: DMM

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

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