

## **The Lilith Project Women's Weekly News 311**

**17 July 2010 – 23 July 2010**

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

#### **Violence against women 'should end', says Home Secretary**

Theresa May, the new Home Secretary and Minister for Women and Equalities, speaking at the Women's Aid annual conference said the coalition government aims to "end violence against women and girls".

May said, "As both Home Secretary and Minister for Women and Equalities I believe I have a unique opportunity to bring about real change to the lives and the status of women in this country, and my ambition is nothing less than ending violence against women and girls."

However, she admitted that this would not be an easy task and said, "This will take time and effort. In these tough economic times, while government has a clear role to play, it's vital that we all work together and with a more considered, targeted and sensible approach I believe we will achieve real results."

She announced the extension of the Sojourner Project, a pilot project run by Eaves for women who are fleeing violence. The pilot started last November under the previous government, and will now continue to be funded until April 2011.

The project supports women experiencing domestic violence who cannot access public funds because they are living in the UK on a spouse or partner visa. It had been scheduled to end in August 2010.

In her first speech on the issue of violence against women, the Home Secretary said that she would tackle the decline in Rape Crisis Centres by considering how to use the proceeds from the victim surcharge scheme to provide up to 15 new facilities. She also said that existing centres would receive stable, long-term funding.

Finally, May promised that the government would respond in full to Baroness Stern's independent review into the handling of rape complaints.

Source: [BBC](#) 16 July 2010

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### **Jailed serial rapist pleas guilty to further charges**

Keith Fenton, 38, of Southall, who is already serving a jail term for rape, changed his plea to guilty for two other rapes before he was due to stand trial at Kingston Crown Court.

Fenton was sentenced for a 15-year jail sentence at Kingston Crown Court in November 2008 for a series of offences including sexual assault, false imprisonment and aggravated burglary.

Previously he was sentenced to 10 years in prison in July 1998 for raping an eight-and-a-half months' pregnant woman and sexually assaulting a 15-year-old.

This week he pleaded guilty to two further counts of rape of a woman at a property in Ealing, which occurred between March 6 and June 22 2008.

Roz Wardell, prosecuting, said, "Although already serving a significant prison sentence the Crown Prosecution Service concluded that this case was in the public interest to proceed with. It is important for the victims of the offences to see justice done and for the scale of Keith Fenton's criminality to be recorded.

"Keith Fenton is a predatory serial sex offender and these further convictions will ensure he is not allowed back into society for a long time."

Source: [Richmond – Twickenham Times](#) 19 July 2010

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## VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN IN THE UK

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### **35 sexual assaults every day on British public transport**

Shocking figures from the Department of Transport have revealed that 35 sexual attacks per day are inflicted on train and bus passengers in Britain. In one 12-month period there were 12,646 assaults of a sexual nature.

The statistics show that overall there were more than 77,000 reported incidents of crime on rail, light rail and London Underground, and 131,000 on buses. But estimates of unreported incidents take the rail crime figure to nearly 197,000, with more than 308,000 on buses and trams, and this does not include fare dodging.

The cost of crime on the transport system has been calculated to be around £1.5 billion. Norman Baker, the Transport Minister said, "I want to see more and more people using public transport – one of the key ways of encouraging this is to make sure it is a safe option".

Baker is talking with transport chiefs and the police to find ways of improving safety on public transport.

Source: [Metro](#) 20 July 2010

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### **Man on trial for kidnap and rape of young woman**

Colin Kinsella, 26, of Wokingham, is currently on trial accused of kidnapping and raping a 15-year-old young woman.

The jury at Reading Crown Court watched a pre-recorded video statement from the victim telling the police how the defendant took her to his home and raped her on January 21 this year. She said that Kinsella told her he was going to "treat me like a lady" and "show me respect" but he then held her down and raped her.

The young woman said that when she told him she could hear a dog barking, prompting a suggestion that someone was arriving at the house, Kinsella stopped and started becoming nervous and slightly shaky, struggling to gain composure while trying to open a door he had locked.

When asked during the pre-recorded interview why she did not try harder to break free, the young woman said, "I'm not really sure why I didn't fight because I

always thought if I ever got into that situation I would fight. I was just too nervous.”

Jennifer Edwards, defence barrister, accused the young woman, now 16, of telling a “pack of lies”. She said: “Eventually the two of you took your clothes off and the two of you had sex together, didn’t you?”

The victim responded, “Absolutely not.” She was then asked, “Why didn’t you scream? Poke him in the eyes or kick him?” The young woman responded, “Because that would have been gross and I didn’t want to get hurt back.”

Kinsella has denied charges of sexual assault, kidnapping and rape.

The trial continues.

Source: [Getwokingham](#) 21 July 2010

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### **Gunman shoots ex-partner before killing himself**

Mark Osler, 52, shot Rachel Puttock, 40, in the head, in Feltwell, Norfolk before killing himself. A one month-old baby also suffered a bump to his head during the shooting.

Osler is said to have had a history of violence, and residents claim that he had been given a suspended jail sentence in January 2009 after he admitted putting another former partner “in fear of violence”. Osler was said to have been having an “on-off” relationship with Rachel Puttock.

One local resident said, “Ossie was an unpredictable man. The police know about him, the courts know about him. He was at Norwich Crown Court last year and got a suspended sentence”.

Another said, “He could never, ever have had a license for a gun”. Police said that in fact Osler had once had a gun licence but had given it up.

Police are currently investigating further.

Source: [BBC](#) 21 July 2010  
[Guardian](#) 20 July 2010

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## INTERNATIONAL VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

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### **Man sentenced to 14 years for raping UNICEF volunteer**

Ismail al-Shuamera, a 20-year-old Palestinian, was sentenced to 14 years in prison after being convicted of rape, sodomy, indecent attack and robbery against a 60-year-old Norwegian woman who arrived in Israel to volunteer at the Jerusalem office of the United Nations Children's Fund.

The Court heard that the defendant and three of his friends visited the east Jerusalem neighbourhood of Beit Hanina in December 2008 without an entry permit, and began following the victim.

They broke into her apartment through the window, tied up her hands and legs, raped her and committed further sexual offences against her, one after the other, before stealing her money and jewellery.

Two of the defendants were sentenced to 12 and 15 years in prison in October 2009.

Judges Jacob Zaban, Hana Ben-Ami and Rafi Carmel described the offence as extremely severe and said, "The circumstances of the incident and the fact that this was carried out by a group give the incident a cruel and brutal apocalyptic nature".

All three judges ruled that al-Shuamera was the dominant and cruellest attacker, and described him as "insensitive and yet manipulative".

Source: [YNet](#) 19 July 2010

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### **Spanish government to ban sex adverts from newspapers**

The Spanish government has announced that it wants to ban adverts offering sexual services from national newspapers' classified sections. These adverts are estimated to be worth €40m (£34m) a year. El País, a Spanish paper that resembles the Guardian, earns €5m a year from advertising prostitution.

The ban is said to be part of a strategy to fight people trafficking and sexual exploitation, which is rife in Spain. President José Luis Rodríguez Zapatero said, "As long as these advertisements exist, they contribute to the idea of this activity as normal".

This month police broke up a prostitution network in Madrid after following up adverts in various papers, and discovered that most of the newspaper adverts are not placed by individual women but by mafia groups, largely from Romania, Nigeria and various Latin American countries, who exploit the women they are advertising.

Police said that the women were being forced to give half their earnings to pimps, and much of the rest went on paying for their lodgings, leaving them “in a state of near slavery”.

Yolanda Besteiro of the Progressive Women’s Federation said, “No media outlet can proclaim itself a defender of human rights when it publishes this kind of advertising, which makes them directly complicit in this type of slavery”.

Source: [Guardian](#) 16 July 2010

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### **French footballers detained over underage prostitution investigation**

Franck Ribery and Karim Benzema, international football players, were detained and questioned by French police at the request of an investigating magistrate, following allegations that a Champs Elysees nightclub in Paris provided them with access to minors in prostitution.

One of the young women had already told investigators earlier this year that she had sex with the two players when she was still underage.

Ribery has admitted that he had sex with the young woman, but insists he did not know she was a minor. Benzema has not publicly addressed the allegations.

The young woman also told police that she had sex with a third French player, 30-year-old Sidney Govou, in March, when she was by then over eighteen.

According to French laws the minimum age of consent is 15 years, but in the case of prostitution a young person remains a minor until he or she reaches 18.

If the pair are charged and convicted of soliciting and paying for sex with a minor, they face three years in jail and a fine of 45,000 euro (£38,000).

However, the prosecution has to prove that the players knew the young woman was underage.

The investigation continues.

Source: [AFP](#) 20 July 2010

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## EVENTS

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### **The Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF) – Voices of African Women Campaign**

#### **Launch of the African Women's Decade 2010-2020 and the celebration of African Women's Day**

**31st July 2010, 2-5pm**

This event is hosted by the Centre for Gender Studies at the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London  
Room G2, Thornhaugh Street, Russell Square  
London WC1H 0XG, UK

<http://www.soas.ac.uk/visitors/location/maps/>

**Although this event is free, it is essential to book!**

To reserve your place, please email: [office@ukwilpf.org.uk](mailto:office@ukwilpf.org.uk) or telephone: 020 7250 1968.

Alternatively please write to: UK WILPF, 52/54 Featherstone Street, London, EC1Y 8RT.

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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 option for continuation subject 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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## 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 providing 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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## DIRECT ACTION & CAMPAIGNS

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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 link:

<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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### **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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## TRAINING

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### Refugee Council

#### Supporting women affected by sexual violence – One day course

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October - London at the Refugee Council in Brixton**

This course is informed by the stories related to us by women clients of the Refugee Council Specialist Team during the three year Comic Relief-funded Vulnerable Women's Project, designed to support refugee and asylum seeking women survivors of rape or sexual violence.

During this one day course participants will explore the impact of gender based violence in a systemic context, looking at potential consequences it may have on the lives of asylum seeking women according to their varied experiences in the country of origin and the host country.

**Cost** (per delegate): £175 (standard rate) / £109 (reduced rate for registered charities).

To attend and for more information email [training@refugeecouncil.org.uk](mailto:training@refugeecouncil.org.uk) or call 020 7346 6733.

#### Other training events scheduled:

- **21 September** – An introduction to working with unaccompanied children, London – [Read more](#)
- **22 September** – The Refugee Council's Therapeutic Casework Model: Supporting clients with mental wellbeing needs, London – [Read more](#)
- **23 September** – Key Issues in asylum, London – [Read more](#)
- **24 September** – An introduction to asylum support, London – [Read more](#)
- **4 October** – Working with refugee children in schools, London – [Read more](#)
- **5 October** – Emotional wellbeing of refugee children and young people, London – [Read more](#)
- **6 October** – An introduction to homelessness, London – [Read more](#)
- **7 October** – Age assessment awareness and working with age-disputed young people, London – [Read more](#)
- **21 October** – Supporting women affected by sexual violence, London – [Read more](#)
- **1 November** – End of Process: Support for asylum seekers who have been refused asylum, London – [Read more](#)

- **2 November** – An introduction to child protection issues when working with children from abroad, London – [Read more](#)
  - **4 November** – Refugees and migrants: Entitlement to housing and other services, London – [Read more](#)
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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](mailto:kate.heaton@modern.gov)

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## **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)

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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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### **Women@ the Well**

#### **Support Worker – fixed term contract**

**Salary: £24,000-£26,000** (starting salary dependent on skills /experience)

**Women@ the Well** is a small, innovative charity based in central London, founded to provide a uniquely holistic and multi-faceted range of services to vulnerable women caught in multiple cycles of abuse and social exclusion, equipping them with the skills, resources and support that they need to successfully rejoin society. We have recently secured funding from the Ministry of Justice to extend our services by providing support to women offenders and those at risk of offending which will divert them from custody.

At the moment this service is funded and the post is **fixed term until March 2011**.

You will be responsible for a caseload of at least 70 women per year, offering access to a wide range of support, in particular to women offenders and those at risk of offending, to divert them from custody. You must have experience of working with vulnerable women, conducting needs and risk assessments and a proven record of being able to manage and enable positive change. **We will consider job share.**

**Closing date: 29<sup>th</sup> July**

For more information and to request an application form email:  
[info@watw.org.uk](mailto:info@watw.org.uk)

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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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***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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