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VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN IN LONDON

Illegal cab driver convicted of raping passenger

Astor Murray, 49, an illegal minicab driver from Enfield, north London has been convicted of raping a passenger six years ago.

Murray was stopped by police for 'taxi touting' and his DNA was checked against unsolved crimes which matched the evidence in the rape of a 22-year-old student in 2003.

The victim told the Old Bailey that she had been out with friends when she was approached by Murray at a bus stop in central London. "I was approached by a man who said he was a minicab driver. He offered to take me home for £10."

The woman said that on the journey home Murray pulled into an industrial estate, locked the car doors and raped her. She described how she is now afraid of going out alone. "I have not been able to have a relationship with a man since this happened", she added.

Murray was found guilty of rape and indecent assault and remanded in custody for three weeks for pre-sentence reports.

He claims the sex had been consensual but admitted working for two years as an illegal taxi tout.

Source: [Press Association](#) 03 September 2010

Rapist and murderer dies from heart complications

Andrzej Kunowski, 53, a serial rapist and murderer has died in prison from heart failure, an inquest heard.

Kunowski came to the UK in 1996 after escaping from a Polish prison where he had been convicted of 17 rapes. He became known as “The Beast” in Poland for the attacks he committed.

Kunowski attacked at least 30 women and children in the UK and in Poland. He was serving a life sentence for murdering a 12-year-old girl in Hammersmith, west London, in 1997.

An inquest jury at Chester-le-Street heard how Kunowski died suddenly in his cell. He had a long history of heart problems and had undergone bypass surgery.

Source: [BBC](#) 03 September 2010

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN IN THE UK

Man rapes daughter of woman he met online

Phillip Anthony Brown, 37, a computer engineer from Birmingham, who befriended a woman on a dating website and then raped her 14-year-old daughter, has been given an indeterminate sentence at court.

After befriending the victim’s mother online, Brown moved into her home in Redditch and the couple were planning to get married. However, while the woman was at work he was regularly sexually assaulting her daughter.

Brown pleaded guilty to two counts of raping the 14-year-old between September 2009 and January 2010 and between January and April of this year. He also

pleaded guilty to five counts of making indecent images of the daughter and five counts of making indecent images of other children.

West Mercia Police's Hi-Tech Crime Unit worked in conjunction with the Child Protection Unit at North Worcestershire Division to investigate the offences and more than 50,000 indecent images were found in Brown's possession.

Judge Patrick Thomas of Worcester Crown Court, sentencing Brown, described him as a "predator" who has left his victim "mentally scarred". He was given an indeterminate sentence with a tariff of 12 years for the rape offences and four years for making indecent images, to run concurrently.

Brown will serve a minimum of six years in prison but will not be released until he is deemed to no longer pose a risk. He will also undergo a sex offender treatment programme and made the subject of a Sexual Offences Prevention Order.

Detective Constable Elaine Sloane, from the Child Protection Unit at Bromsgrove police station, said, "We are satisfied with the sentence today and hope that it will go some way towards helping the victim and her family rebuild their lives. We would like to remind internet users to be vigilant when using dating or social networking websites and not to disclose too much personal information".

Source: [Redditch Advertiser](#) 02 September 2010

Husband murders wife following just five months of marriage

A court has heard how Michael Roberts, 26, strangled Vicky Roberts, 25, after she learned of his infidelities just five months into their marriage.

David Steer QC, prosecuting said Roberts was unfaithful to his wife before and after they were married. "To many people, and in particular to their respective families, they appeared to be the perfect couple but sadly the reality was altogether different".

The jury heard that Roberts began a sexual relationship with a colleague several months before getting married. Two months before his wedding, in April 2009, he met another woman, and began a similar relationship with her.

In October 2009 Vicky Roberts developed suspicions that her husband was cheating on her after finding Facebook conversations between him and another woman, and evidence on his mobile phone.

Steer said he has even accompanied one of these women to the christening of a colleague's baby in North Wales. "The defendant asked colleagues not to post

photos of him on Facebook as Vicky had no idea that he was at the christening” said Steer.

He added that Vicky told a friend that, “she was not going to give up on him and wanted to work it out. Time and again this is an indication of how she was trying her best to overcome the problems between them.”

On the day of Vicky’s death, there were 244 mobile phone contacts between Roberts and the woman he was seeing, and just hours after Vicky died they had four phone conversations lasting 34, 27, 55, and 17 minutes respectively. He signed off for the night with a text to the woman saying “Good night beautiful, sweet dreams xx”.

Steer said Roberts spent the next few days covering his tracks by sending texts from his wife's phone and making up a cover story. He was then caught on CCTV at an Asda store buying refuse bags and sponges, and at B&Q purchasing silver insulation sheets and duct tape.

The prosecutor said Roberts moved his wife's wrapped body from their top floor flat to their garage where he covered it with a duvet.

Roberts, who denies murder, admits killing his wife but claims her death was accidental during a sex game in which he throttled her.

Source: [The Independent](#) 02 September 2010

Priest jailed over sexual assault of three sisters

Father Eugene Lewis, a 76-year-old Catholic priest, has been jailed for sexually assaulting three sisters at their home in Northern Ireland more than 40 years ago.

The Omagh Crown Court heard that the priest was based at the College of the Society of Missionaries of Africa, which was also known as the Order of the White Fathers in Blacklion, when he abused the young girls between 1963 and 1973.

Lewis denies 11 charges of indecent assault and claimed in a pre-sentence report that his visits to the family home were “primarily to visit the girls' father, acknowledge the children, tell a story, have a cup of tea and go”.

Judge Babington, sentencing Lewis, said that the young women had all been adversely affected by the abuse and found the trial, which had to take place because he denied the offences, deeply upsetting and stressful.

The judge said that the girls were “very, very young” when they were abused and there was a “blatant and very serious breach of trust” as the complainants were abused in their home while their parents were in the house by a person seen as a figure of authority. Another factor considered was that the abuse continued for more than ten years and some of the offending was of a very serious nature.

Lewis was sentenced to four years imprisonment in Belfast. He was also disqualified from working with children indefinitely and ordered to sign the sex offenders register for the rest of his life.

Lewis denies all allegations and claims that they were motivated by a family conspiracy or compensation claims. His legal representative said he would be appealing against the conviction.

Source: [Belfast Telegraph](#) 02 September 2010

INTERNATIONAL VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

Saudi Arabia: Couple hammered 24 nails into their maid

A Saudi couple tortured their Sri Lankan maid, LT Ariyawathi, a 49-year old mother of three, by hammering 24 nails into her hands, legs and forehead.

Kalyana Priya Ramanayake, media secretary of the Foreign Employment Bureau of Sri Lanka said, “The landlord and the wife of the landlord hammered 24 nails into her when she complained of the heavy workload”.

LT Ariyawathi returned to Sri Lanka after five months in Saudi Arabia and her family only realised what had happened when she complained of pain and they took her to see a doctor.

X-rays showed one- to two-inch nails in her hands and legs, with one over her eyes. The nails were heated before they were hammered into her body. She is currently in hospital to undergo a surgical procedure to remove the nails.

Sri Lankan officials said their Foreign Employment Bureau is consulting the attorney-general while the Sri Lankan External Affairs Ministry is to take the matter up with the Saudi government.

Source: [WLUML](#) 27 August 2010

US: 21 women win 5.8m USD for sexual harassment at work

ABM Industries, a janitorial company will pay 5.8 million US dollars to 21 Californian women who were sexually harassed, groped and raped by male co-workers and supervisors.

The company employs more than 90,000 employees nationwide in the janitorial, maintenance, parking and security industries. At least 14 male ABM employees, including one who was a registered sex offender, harassed women colleagues from 2001 to 2009 at workplaces in the Fresno, Bakersfield and Visalia areas of California, according to the US Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

EEOC lawyers said managers ignored the women's complaints and most of the women were fired after complaining. Elizabeth Esparza-Cervantes, an EEOC lawyer, said, "This is one of those situations in which (sexual harassment) was allowed to flourish". Anna Park, another EEOC lawyer, added, that the most serious incident was an alleged rape in Bakersfield.

Although ABM has agreed to pay compensation to the women affected, it is denying any wrongdoing. A company statement stated that policies and practices have been in place "for many years" against sexual harassment.

EEOC described the settlement as among the largest it has ever reached in a civil rights lawsuit.

Source: [SMH](#) 03 September 2010

EVENTS

Eaves' Scarlet Centre – One year on!

Please join us in celebrating the **first birthday of the Scarlet Centre** and the launch of our newly translated resettlement manual ***Moving on Up!***

Tuesday 28 September 2010, 5pm–7pm

Programme as follows:

- 5pm-5.30pm: arrival and drinks reception
- 5.30pm: speech and launch of the manual by Eaves' Chief Executive Denise Marshall
- 6pm-7pm: drinks, buffet and networking opportunities.

RSVP by 21st September to Catherine Ashforth on 020 7840 7104 or catherine.ashforth@eaveshousing.co.uk, or to Patricia Blackford on 020 7840 7122 or patricia.blackford@eaveshousing.co.uk

Feminism in London

Pre-release screening of the new British film [Made in Dagenham](#)

Venue & Date: Barbican on Wednesday, 29th September.

The film stars Sally Hawkins, Rosamund Pike and Miranda Richardson, and tells the story of the women sewing machinists who went on strike at the Ford Dagenham Factory in 1968 demanding equal pay. It was this campaign that compelled the government to introduce the 1970 Equal Pay Act.

The film screening is a fundraiser for the **Feminism in London Conference**, and will be followed by a panel discussion with the film's producer Elizabeth Carlson, director Nigel Cole, Gloria Mills (UNISON spokesperson on equality) and Bea Campbell discussing the ongoing campaign for equal pay today.

To watch the trailer and buy tickets, go to:

<http://www.ldnfeministnetwork.uk.com/calendar/6161355200.ikml>.

Clean Break

Charged – Six new plays about women, crime and justice

Soho Theatre from 10th to 27th November 2010

Premiering plays by six of Britain's best female playwrights, Clean Break takes over the entire Soho Theatre building with a season of exhilarating new plays about women, crime and justice. The six plays are presented over two performances in two cycles of three plays each.

Plays written by EV Crowe, Sam Holcroft, Rebecca Lenkiewicz, Chloë Moss, Winsome Pinnock, Rebecca Prichard

Creative Director: Clare Lizzimore; directed by Clare Lizzimore, Lucy Morrison and Caroline Steinbeis

Design: Soutra Gilmour; lighting: Johanna Town; sound: Emma Laxton

The production is accompanied by a series of events including panel discussions and student performances. During the run, Clean Break also presents a Koestler Award-winning play at Southbank Centre as part of *Prose and Cons* (13th November).

For more information please visit www.cleanbreak.org.uk

Invitation to develop Women of the World (WOW) festival at Southbank Centre

WOW invites you and members of your group to join us in the planning of WOW, a new festival to be launched at Southbank Centre in March 2011. WOW – Women of the World – is a festival that celebrates women’s achievements.

WOW will recognise the contributions that women are making all across the modern world. WOW will also explore the obstacles that still impede women’s progress and prevent society gaining from all that women have to offer.

We are holding seven sessions over four days in September in order to do this planning and we very much hope that you’ll be able to come to one of them.

The dates and times of the sessions are as follows:

Wednesday 15th September: 11am-2pm or 3pm-6pm*

Thursday 16th September: 12pm-3pm

Saturday 18th September: 11am-2pm or 3pm-6pm*

Sunday 19th September: 11am-2pm or 3pm-6pm*

***Those sessions marked with an asterisk will be women-only**

Please RSVP to Administrative Co-ordinator Domino at domino.pateman@southbankcentre.co.uk or call 0207 921 0742

The nia project

Hearing and Listening: Enabling young people’s voice and influence in sexual exploitation services

18th October 2010, 9.30 – 16.30

The Tomlinson Centre, Queensbridge Road, Hackney

How do we give voice to sexually exploited young people?

How can we ensure young people influence the development and delivery of sexual exploitation support and prevention services?

For the last three years the nia project has been undertaking prevention and participation work around issues of the sexual exploitation of young people. We would now like to share our experiences and other examples of good practice.

This conference aims to:

- Understand how the voices of sexually exploited young people can be heard
- Explore how young people can influence the development and delivery of services that support sexually exploited children and young people.

Benefits of attending:

- To celebrate examples of good practice in participatory work
- To share practical tools for use in delivering participatory work
- To hear from young people about how they understand sexual exploitation, how they want services to run and how they can be involved
- To explore ways that services can reach all young people, including BAMER young people and young men, and involve them in service delivery
- To hear what young people want from professionals and services in supporting their risk of exposure to sexual exploitation.

This event is for commissioners, strategic and operational managers and practitioners.

For further information please contact Jennifer Parnham on: 020 7683 1270 ext: 228or jparnham@niaproject.plus.com

OBJECT

Funny Women Awards 2010 – Mon 20th Sept 2010, 7.30pm

Leicester Square Theatre

OBJECT is thrilled to have been chosen as the beneficiary of the 2010 Funny Women Awards.

Funny Women is the leading showcase of British female comedians. A series of heats across the UK culminates in the final to find the year's 'best new female stand up'.

The evening is hosted by the previous winner, now a major breakthrough act, Andi Osho (Channel 4's 'Nightly' and 'Stand Up for the Week', and BBC2's 'Mock the Week').

Proceeds will be directed towards OBJECT's cutting-edge campaigns.

Click [here](#) to book tickets

Sexual Violence Research Initiative (SVRI)

Research seminar – Parenting, Gender Socialisation and the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect in Low- and Middle-income Countries

Date: 23 September 2010 from 16:00-20:00

Venue: The Boardroom, Trafalgar Hotel, London, UK

The harmful effects of child abuse and neglect on child development are increasingly understood as important for prevention of child sexual abuse victimisation and sexual violence perpetration. Parenting and the home setting is one of the influences on risk of abuse in childhood and the gender socialisation of boys and girls. Parenting factors have been found to buffer and mediate the effects of wider family and community factors on children's development. Parenting interventions are an important and potentially fundamental approach to the prevention of child maltreatment and promotion of safe, nurturing, non-violent home settings – both in the immediate family and in the next generation of young men. A number of parenting interventions have been shown to reduce harsh parenting, prevent or reduce child maltreatment and improve child outcomes.

To attend please RSVP to Lize Loots on lloots@mrc.ac.za or call 021 938 0422

Capita's 6th National Prostitution Conference

Engagement, Enforcement and Effective Partnerships

Wednesday 24th November 2010 – Central London

If you are responsible for policing prostitution or supporting the people involved, this November's national Prostitution Conference is designed specifically for you.

Benefits of attending:

- Identify improvements to existing policing strategies to tackle prostitution and human trafficking for sexual exploitation

- Examine the best approaches to curbing demand for prostitution and the associated anti-social behaviour from effective partnership case studies
- Hear urban and rural police forces share their experiences of engaging sex workers and local neighbourhoods to make communities safe
- Deepen your understanding of the sentencing and treatment of sex workers in the criminal justice sector
- Discover improved ways to provide a range of sexual health, emotional wellbeing and substance misuse services to those most in need
- Identify how to improve the engagement of 'off street' sex workers to increase access to mainstream services.

For more information visit: <http://www.capitaconferences.co.uk/public-sector-conferences/police-criminal-justice/full-conference/article/tackling-prostitution-conference.html?code=MKCM>

AVA Conference

Whose movement is it anyway? Survivors' role in ending violence against women and girls

5 November 2010

The violence against women and girls movement was instigated and led by survivors, determined that others should not suffer as they did.

With the increasing focus on professionalisation of the VAWG sector, survivors have become much less visible in their own movement.

This conference aims to reverse this trend. Showcasing over a dozen inspiring examples of survivor led initiatives, we want to challenge the stigma and shame of being a victim and demonstrate the creative and innovative ways that women respond to and resist VAWG. As well as hearing from inspirational examples, delegates will also be able to:

- Gather ideas on how your service can deliver more for less
- Generate new creative ideas for service delivery
- Understand how your agency fits into the 'Big Society'
- Learn about new ways of including survivors in your work
- Network with practitioners from across the VAWG spectrum.

Venue: CBI Conference Centre, 103 New Oxford Street, London WC1A 1DU

Price: £119/£129 vol/stat when booking before the 3 September
£139/£159 vol/stat thereafter

To book your place or for more information go to the AVA website [here](#)

Eaves' Scarlet Centre

1. Resettlement workshops

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

- **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

2. New support workshops

The Scarlet Centre runs courses and events every week. All courses are free and open to women who live and work in London. These courses are not for training staff but for supporting women.

- **Promoting self-esteem and emotional wellbeing!** – Wednesday 8th September, 2:00pm-3:30 pm
- **Assertiveness Skills (18+)** – Friday 10th September, 11:30am-1:30pm
- ****NEW** Make a Winter Hat** – Tuesday 14th September 5:30-7:30pm (Every Tuesday evening for four weeks)
- **Dealing With Panic Attacks (18+)** – Friday 24th September, 11:30am-1:30pm
- **The Early Years (18+)** – Friday 8th October, 11:30am-1:30pm
- **How to say 'NO'** – Wednesday 13th October, 2:00pm-3:30pm
- **What is it like in a refuge?** – Friday 15th October, 1:00pm-3:00pm
- **Self Esteem & Confidence Building (18+)** – Friday 22nd October, 11:30am-1:30pm
- **Unlock your potential!!!** – Wednesday 10th November, 2:00pm-3:30pm.

Call us on 020 7840 7142 to book a place.

3. Women's Empowerment Days

- **Tuesday 7th September in Uxbridge** (open to women in Hillingdon and Hounslow)
- **Tues 14th September in Bromley** (open to women in Bromley, Bexley and Greenwich)

- **Friday 17th September in Barking** (open to women in Barking & Dagenham, Redbridge and Havering)
- **Tuesday 21st September in Wandsworth** (open to women in Wandsworth and Merton)

Each day will feature workshops, good food, a raffle and goodie bags to take home!

Please come and join us. ALL women and children are welcome.

Places are limited so please book in advance.

For more information or to book please either call the Scarlet Centre on 020 7840 7142 or email on advice_centre@eaveshousing.co.uk

Eaves

A seminar exploring research methodology in the women's sector – Research, policy and activism: ways forward in ending violence against women

Thursday 23rd September 2010, 12:00-16:00

As a second tier project working to end violence against women, Eaves' Lilith Research & Development team often find themselves at the nexus of producing high quality, original research, engaging in work to change policy, and working as grassroots activists.

This seminar will explore how the relationship between research, policy and activism is reflected in research methodology in the women's voluntary sector.

To RSVP please Shannon.Harvey@eaveshousing.co.uk

We will confirm your booking via email, including venue details.

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

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. Valerie 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

CONSULTATIONS AND REPORTS

Government Equalities Office (GEO)

Equality Act 2010: The public sector Equality Duty: Promoting equality through transparency – A consultation

This consultation seeks your views on the GEO's proposals for draft regulations for the specific duties and the list of public bodies that will be subject to the general and specific duties.

This consultation will be of interest to:

- public bodies;
- those monitoring the performance of public bodies;
- others who perform public functions; and
- organisations that are interested in how public services can eliminate discrimination, advance equality and foster good relations.

Closing date: 10th November 2010

For further information and to respond to the consultation please click [here](#).

Child and Woman Abuse Study Unit (CWASU)

New Report: A Missing Link? An Exploratory Study of the Connections Between Non-Consensual Sex and Teenage Pregnancy

Teenage pregnancy has been a policy priority traversing health, education and crime agendas at national and local levels for a decade. In 1999 a twin track strategy for England and Wales was introduced that aimed to halve teenage conception rates among under 18s by 2010, whilst simultaneously reducing social exclusion among teenage parents (SEU, 1999).

Although the 1999 strategy identifies sexual abuse as a risk factor for teenage conception, this link is not evident in annual reports and evaluations of the strategy. Moreover, whether or not teenage pregnancies are a result of non-consensual sex has yet to be specifically addressed in the substantial UK evidence base on risk factors, conducive contexts, interventions and outcomes.

That said, international research findings demonstrate connections between sexual abuse, coercion and intimate partner violence and teenage conception rates. This report presents findings from the first contemporary UK study to focus on this association.

To access the full report click [here](#)

New guide to UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

A new guide to the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRDP) has been published by the Equality and Human Rights Commission.

The Commission's guide will help disabled people to know what their rights are and how to use them. It will help people to challenge injustices and improve services for themselves and others, and will also help organisations understand what their responsibilities are.

The Convention, which was signed by the UK Government last year, sets out disabled peoples' basic rights in one place. It covers health, education, employment, access to justice, personal security, independent living and access to information.

The UN Convention also describes what the Government has agreed to do to make these rights a reality. It has until next July to report back to the UN on its progress on this agreement. The Commission's guide also sets out how organisations can report to the UN.

Copies of the Commission's guide are available to download from its website at: www.equalityhumanrights.com/UNCRPDguide

DIRECT ACTION & CAMPAIGNS

Emma Humphreys Memorial Prize

Emma Humphreys Memorial Prize is now accepting nominations for the 2010 Awards.

Is there a UK-based individual or group that you would like to see recognised for their commitment and hard work around violence against women? Why not nominate them for the Emma Humphreys Memorial Prize?

The Emma Humphreys Memorial Prize is awarded each year to commemorate the life and work of Emma Humphreys who tragically died, aged 30, in 1998. Emma was a writer, campaigner and survivor of male violence who fought an historic struggle to overturn a murder conviction in 1995, supported by Justice for Women and other feminist campaigners.

Please note that the awards are for raising awareness, not for service delivery.

Deadline for nominations: 15th of September 2010

To download the application form please click [here](#).

Southall Black Sisters

Appeal for victims of acid attack!!

Donations are desperately needed to pay for the medical costs and rehabilitation of Samar (31) and Juwariya (25) Atique whose young lives and hopes were brutally crushed in October 2009 by two men who threw a jug of acid on their faces as the women were returning home from a day's work in a rickshaw. Their crime – Juwariya had turned down a marriage proposal from one of the men!

The immediate target for fundraising is £21,000 for microsurgery to be carried out on Samar's eyes. There is some hope that her sight may be saved although Juwariya's is irretrievable. Of this sum £11,000 has already been raised.

For more information and to donate please click [here](#).

ECPAT UK / The Body Shop UK

Campaign petition to Stop Trafficking of Children and Young People

ECPAT and The Body Shop have launched a global petition as part of their three-year campaign to stop child trafficking. As part of the UK campaign, ECPAT UK is calling on the Government to provide greater care and protection for child victims of trafficking.

ECPAT UK is asking people to sign the petition online or in any of The Body Shop stores across the UK. The petition specifically calls on the Government to

develop a system of guardianship for children who have been trafficked. A system of guardianship would mean that every child victim of trafficking would have:

- Someone with parental responsibility to care for and support them and take decisions based on their best interests
- Someone to ensure they receive the educational, medical, practical and legal support they need to help rebuild their lives.

You can sign the petition online and read more about the campaign here:

http://www.ecpat.org.uk/body_shop_campaign.html

Please publicise the petition amongst your contacts and networks to encourage as many people as possible to sign it.

For further information, please contact Andrew Howard, ECPAT UK Campaigns Officer, on 020 7233 9887 or at a.howard@ecpat.org.uk

TRAINING

Positive Action in Housing (PAiH)

Working with Refugees, Asylum Seekers, Migrants & EU Nationals

Date & Time: Wednesday 29th September 2010, 9.30am-4.30pm

Venue: PAiH 98 West George Street, Glasgow, G2 1PJ

This one day course examines the rights of migrants under UK and European Law. You will be briefed on all the fundamental issues such as barriers faced by different groups and their respective entitlement to services. As a participant, you will be given up-to-date knowledge on the housing, employment and welfare entitlements of refugees, asylum seekers, migrants and EU nationals.

By the end of the day you will:

- Understand the barriers faced by refugees, asylum seekers, migrants and EU nationals
- Have an awareness of the relevant legislation that impacts on individuals from these communities
- Have a knowledge of their housing, employment and welfare entitlements

- Be equipped to effectively review and update your organisation's policy and practice.

Cost: Non-members: £220, Community/voluntary organisations: £150, Members: £125

Community Engagement: Working with Communities, Including BME Groups

Date & Time: Thursday 30th September 2010, 9.30 am – 4.30 pm

Venue: PAiH 98 West George Street, Glasgow, G2 1PJ

This course will show you the key steps to help your organisation to effectively engage with everyone in your areas of operation, particularly with those communities who are historically under-represented or less likely to participate as members, workers or service users. This session will help you identify the key barriers to engagement and how to overcome them and will allow you to apply your knowledge to practical case studies which will assist you in your day-to-day working environment.

By the end of the day you will:

- Understand the challenges to engagement of BME communities and individuals
- Be able to apply the Nationals Standards for Community Engagement effectively for BME engagement
- Be equipped to effectively review and update your organisation's policy and practice accordingly.

Cost: Non-members: £220, Community/voluntary organisations: £150, Members: £125

Cultural Awareness Training

Date & Time: Thursday 16th September 2010, 9.30 am – 4.30 pm

Venue: Dundee Voluntary Action, 10 Constitution Road, Dundee, DD1 1LL

This one day course will give you a deeper understanding of some of the key cultural differences and communication barriers affecting people, including BME communities. It will enhance your organisation's interpersonal communications. You will be able to recognise the needs of different groups of people and effectively adapt the approach you use with service users. This course is highly participative, involving case studies, group exercises and open discussion. Course packs are comprehensive.

By the end of the day you will:

- Understand the extent to which culture impacts the way in which we interact with one another
- Be able to describe some of the ways in which different groups of people may differ in terms of customs and practices, and ways of communicating
- Know how to communicate effectively and overcome language barriers
- Be equipped to effectively review and update your organisation's policy and practice accordingly.

Cost: Non-members: £220, Community/voluntary organisations: £150, Members: £125

For more information and to book your place, please contact Suki Sangha, Training Officer, Positive Action in Housing Ltd, 98 West George Street, Glasgow, G2 1PJ, tel: 0141 353 2220, email: suki@paih.org

Domestic Abuse, Stalking and Harassment and Honour Based Violence (DASH 2009)

Risk Master-class: October 28th

Examine and explore:

- the evidence base that informed the compilation of the DASH (2009) Risk Model
- agency responsibility in relation to risk identification, assessment and management
- the risk identification process and the high risk factors for serious harm and homicide
- how this relates to the risk management process
- how the model fits into the wider public protection framework
- the profile of the domestic violence perpetrator and nature of serial offending
- how the model fits into partnership working and the risk management panels including the Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conferences (MARAC) and Multi-Agency Public Protection Arrangements (MAPPA)
- lessons learned from homicide reviews using case studies.

You will receive a certificate following the training course to show you have attended accredited DASH training.

'Train the Trainer': November 4th and 18th 2010

Ideally, this class should be attended by those who have already been trained in the use of DASH. On completion of the training you will feel confident and competent to deliver training to others. You will receive a certificate following the

course to show you are accredited to deliver training to others and accredited trainers will receive all material specified post the training session.

Spaces are limited and those who are interested in attending are encouraged to book early, as spaces will be awarded on a first come first served basis.

To register for the trainings please contact alison.bird@tiscali.co.uk or go to www.dashriskchecklist.co.uk for more details.

Safe Choices

Young Women, Gangs and Serious Youth Violence

Dates for London based training –

- Wednesday 15th September 2010 – 10am-4.30pm
- Wednesday 6th October 2010 – 10am-4.30pm

Venue: The Tomlinson Centre, Queensbridge Road, London E8 3ND

Safe Choices is a London based project working to reduce and prevent violent offending by young women. Drawing on our practices and the views and experiences of young people that we work with, we have developed a unique training programme for professionals dealing with the challenges and complexities of working with young women involved in or at risk of involvement in serious youth crime.

Cost of training per delegate:

Full Rate: Statutory Agencies, Commercial Sector – £200.00

Concessionary rate: Non statutory agencies – £150.00

For more information and to attend email safechoices@niaproject.plus.com

The Business!

Funded by London Councils ESF

Always wanted to be your own boss? Got a creative great idea you want to get off the ground that you think will earn you money? Need the inspiration, motivation and practical skills to take the first step? Then this programme is for you – it's the Business!

The Business! is free for women aged 20+ who are economically inactive and are interested in setting up their own creative businesses or social enterprises.

Training will be tailored to suit your own individual needs and you could get support with travel and childcare.

Over 12 weeks you'll receive:

- One to one sessions with an Information Advice and Guidance (IAG) Advisor
- Detailed Individual Action Plan
- 6 weeks personal development and wealth creation training
- Employment support including work experience opportunities
- Business start up support
- Business networking
- Mentoring.

Women from Black and Minority Ethnic backgrounds living in London are eligible. The course is due to commence mid September 2010. **To find out more and book an interview contact: Lorraine on 020 7720 7879 or email lorraine@ukurbanvoice.com**

University of Worcester

Postgraduate certificate in professional development: The dynamics of domestic violence

Intensive weekends

The course has traditionally been taught on a part-time basis on a Tuesday evening over one full year. This structure will continue for local students but we have now introduced intensive weekends over one full year to allow for accessibility for students who cannot make the weekly journey.

There will be two intensive weekends (three full days) per semester; over three semesters (one full year) and ongoing interactive contact while students are not on campus.

Entry requirements:

- A good first degree **or**
- A professional qualification in an appropriate area **or**
- Relevant practical experience.

The course offers the opportunity for those who already have a professional qualification and/or are working in the field of domestic violence to enter study at postgraduate level. It is also a good progression route from lower level domestic abuse qualifications.

For further information please contact Ruth Jones at r.jones@worc.ac.uk

Oxfam Routes to Solidarity Project

Voice of Solidarity Free Training (Sheffield)

The provisional dates for the training are Wednesdays 6th, 13th, 20th October 2010, 10.00 – 16.00

The training aims to strengthen the BME women's voice in the North through a set of three day sessions designed to help women from BME women's organisations to enhance their skills, experience and knowledge, enabling them to become more effective in their roles, engage with decision makers and develop a strengthened policy voice.

Participants are expected to attend all three sessions. Refreshments and lunch will be provided. Child care costs will be reimbursed.

For any further information, or to request a place on the course, please email routestosolidarity@oxfam.org.uk

AVA

Recovering from the Impacts of Domestic Violence – Unresolved Anger

Date: 15 September 2010

Venue: AVA office, 1 London Bridge, London, SE1 9BG

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 the natural expression of their feelings – but may suffer from suppressing or over-controlling their emotions. Having these left-over 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.

Safeguarding Against Forced Marriage and so called Honour-Based Violence, 28 September

Date: 28 September 2010

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

Price: £90 vol / £130 stat

This course is designed to increase participants' knowledge and awareness of forced marriage and 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, 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 or so called 'Honour Based Violence'.

Working with Domestic Violence Perpetrators within a Substance Misuse Agency

Date: 6 October 2010

Venue: LCVS, 151 Dale Street, Liverpool, L2 2AH

Price: £90 vol / £130 stat

This course looks at identifying domestic violence perpetrators, giving safe messages and making appropriate referrals upon identification. It will also explore theoretical perspectives around domestic violence, the links to substance misuse and the perpetrator's choice to use violence.

For more information or to book your place on either of the above courses visit: <http://www.avaproject.org.uk/our-training--events/open-training.aspx>

Refugee Council

Supporting women affected by sexual violence – One day course

Thursday 21st October – The Refugee Council in Brixton, London

This course is informed by the stories related by female 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 the 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 or call 020 7346 6733

Other training events scheduled in London include:

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

VACANCIES AND VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

One World Action

Director

Closing Date: 15 September 2010 at noon

Starting Salary: £48,120

Full time: 35 hours per week

One World Action is looking for a new Director who is experienced, creative and a forward-thinking professional with excellent communication skills to lead a dynamic international development organisation.

The Director will have overall organisational responsibility for building One World Action's profile and influence in the UK and internationally, be a personal advocate for their feminist approach to development, and ensure a secure funding base for the organisation, providing leadership and direction to the staff.

For further information and to apply click [here](#)

YWCA

Senior Policy Officer – WHEC (Female Only): Three year fixed term contract

Closing Date: Friday, 17th September 2010

Salary: £35,428 + Inner London weighting

Full time: 35 hours per week

Location: London based with regular travel to Oxford and other locations in England

Women's Health and Equality Consortium (WHEC) is a partnership of seven women's agencies working to tackle women's health and social inequalities. It is a strategic partner of the Department of Health. YWCA is a leading charity working with girls and women in England and Wales. It is the lead partner in the Women's Health and Equality Consortium.

The Senior Policy Officer's responsibilities will include:

- Working collaboratively to deliver WHEC's strategy and business plan
- Providing clear policy analysis and leading WHEC's policy development
- Preparing information and briefings on key issues to Parliament and other external groups
- Pursuing lobbying opportunities and organising high profile events.

For further details and to apply click [here](#)

Eaves – Lilith Project – Research & Development Manager

Maternity Locum – up to one year

Salary £36,100 to £39,621

Eaves' Lilith Project is a 2nd 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.

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: 10 September 2010

Interview Date: TBC

For further information and to download the recruitment pack visit www.eaves4women.co.uk or email 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.

University of Bedfordshire

Project Coordinator for the National Working Group for Sexually Exploited Children and Young People (NWG) – Ref: HS3348

Starting salary from £24,273 to £29,853 per annum

Fixed term until May 2011

This is an exciting opportunity to work with the lead UK networking Non Government Organisation to prevent the sexual exploitation of children and young people. Based at the University of Bedfordshire you will work with NWG (a charity) members to continue the programme of practitioner seminars, resource and information sharing and web based support to raise the profile of needs of sexually exploited children and young people.

The post is funded by Comic relief until May 2011 with the expectation of continued funding. It is available on a part or full time basis and flexible working arrangements are available.

Closing date: 14 September 2010
Interview date: 1 October 2010

Informal enquiries may be made to Camille Warrington
Camille.warrington@beds.ac.uk or Professor Jenny Pearce
jenny.pearce@beds.ac.uk

For more information, please visit: www.beds.ac.uk/jobs

Alternatively, application forms and further details may be obtained from the Human Resources Department, University of Bedfordshire, Park Square, Luton LU1 3JU. Tel 01582 743376 (24 hour answering service) or email employment.opportunities@beds.ac.uk quoting reference number **HS3348** and job title.

Please note CVs will only be accepted in addition to a fully completed application form.

Survivors' Network

Female Young Person's Counsellor

Salary: £21,840 – £24,980 (Pro rata)

Survivors' Network, a dynamic Brighton based charity supporting women who have experienced sexual abuse and violence, is recruiting a Female Young Person's Counsellor.

Working ten hours a week with clients 14-18 years old you will be experienced in the particular needs of young women and counselling survivors of sexual trauma.

Closing date: 15th September 2010
Interviews week commencing: 27th September 2010

Application packs are available to download from www.survivorsnetwork.org.uk or by calling the office on 01273 203380.

This post is exempt from the Sex Discrimination Act 1972 and subject to a full CRB disclosure.

Central America Women's Network (CAWN)

Communications and Events' Internship

Closing date for applications: 27 September 2010, 10am
Interviews will be held on: 30 September 2010, 2–6pm

CAWN, a London based organisation, is offering this internship opportunity to an enthusiastic and motivated individual prepared to gain experience in the work of a women's international organisation. The Communications and Events' Intern will be expected to support the general communication and events side of CAWN's advocacy work, logistics of events and the regular updating of the website.

To apply please email info@cawn.org or visit <http://www.cawn.org/html/involved.htm>

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

