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VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN IN LONDON

CPS pays compensation over poor handling of sex assault case

The Crown Prosecution Service is to pay compensation to a woman over its failings in handling an allegation of a serious sexual assault case in London.

The woman, named only as 'Josephine' for legal reasons, was assured that when the case against her attacker went to court, she would be able to give evidence from behind a screen.

However, on the day of the trial she was told there would be no screen which left her "petrified" to directly face the accused across the courtroom.

While in the witness box, she accidentally let slip something about the man's history, which resulted in the discontinuation of the trial. Subsequently she said prosecutors blamed her for the collapse of the case.

“If you put your faith in the system, and then it falls apart that is bad enough, but then to be blamed for it, it just leaves you feeling completely worthless, that nobody cares” she said.

Keir Starmer, Director of Public Prosecutions for England and Wales, apologised to the woman personally and pledged that this will not happen again. He said that he was “very sorry for the distress these failings have caused the complainant.”

The woman was diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder and said she felt suicidal following the court ordeal.

The CPS has admitted that the man should have faced a retrial rather than being acquitted.

Josephine will be paid £16,000 in damages.

Source: [BBC](#) 20 September 2010

Images of man released in London park murder case

Police have released images of a man in relation to the murder of Michelle Samaraweera, 35, who was raped and strangled in May, 2009. Her body was found in Queens Road park, Walthamstow east London.

DNA evidence has confirmed that her killer had also carried out three other rapes in the area. The first victim was a 59-year-old woman who was raped at her home on the 24 March by a man who forced his way into her property.

The second attack happened to a 46-year-old woman in the South Grove area on 22 April, after she was forced into an alleyway near Lea Bridge Road and raped. The third victim was a 32-year-old woman who was attacked in the grounds of St Saviours Church in Markhouse Road on 29 April.

Police have described the man as being of Asian appearance, or with dark skin and dark hair, and aged between 30 and 45. Detective Chief Inspector Stewart Hill said, “We have been trying to trace a man who entered the shop on the same night as Michelle and we're keen to speak to anyone who can help us identify him.

“Due to the clarity of the pictures we're confident someone will know him and know his current whereabouts. Michelle was callously murdered as she returned to her boyfriend's address after stopping by at a local supermarket.”

The investigation continues.

Source: [BBC](#) 22 September 2010

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN IN THE UK

Sex offender strikes again after case dropped

Frank Steinfeld from Manchester was charged in 1997 following reports that he had abused an eight-year-old girl. At the time the girl gave a statement to police but the case was discontinued and Steinfeld was set free after appearing in a magistrates' court.

Over the next two years he committed a string of sex attacks on another girl. His crimes only came to light in 2007 and he pled guilty to eight counts of indecent assault, four counts of indecency with a child, possession of a firearm, affray, and ten counts of making indecent images of a child.

Regarding the 1997 offence, Detective Inspector Meriel Buglass said, "He appeared at magistrates' court, where he was remanded in custody until the case was committed to crown court. It would appear that this was never heard at court but our records don't show why this was the case. The handling of the case once it has appeared at court falls to the CPS."

A CPS spokesman was also unable to explain why the 1997 case had been dropped. However he said that, since 2007, the victim had been contacted and repeated attempts had been made to bring a case on her behalf.

The victim, now in her twenties, said she was "sickened" that it had taken so long to bring her abuser to justice.

Steenfeld has now been jailed for 12 years.

Source: [Manchester Evening News](#) 24 September 2010

Man jailed over Oxford rape

Yasin Mohamed, 25, of Aston Street, Oxford, admitted kidnapping, raping and robbing a 19-year-old student.

Oxford Crown Court heard that he initially attacked the woman in St Clements Street on her way home in March. He continued his attack at a property in the east of the city.

CPS case lawyer Jenny Jonckheer said, "Yassin Mohamed subjected his victim to a terrifying ordeal. He raped her in a churchyard and then took her to his home address where he raped her again twice".

She added, "This was an appalling crime and I would like to commend his victim for her courage in coming forward to police. In doing so, this man has been brought before the courts and has been sentenced for his crimes and sent to prison for many years.

"I hope this fact helps this young woman come to terms, in some way, with what she has been through and she can move forward in her life."

Mohamed has been sentenced to nine years imprisonment and placed on the sex offenders register for life.

Source: [BBC](#) 23 September 2010

Ex-pastor guilty of sex offences

Former Baptist Church pastor Malcolm Hoare, 68, of Whitefriars Road, King's Lynn has been found guilty of five indecent assaults against an 11 year old girl.

Norwich Crown Court heard that the attacks happened over a seven-year period beginning in the late 1970s.

Detective Constable Elaine Goodall of Norfolk Police said, "This case focused on a man who abused his position of trust as a notable church figure.

"The victim's bravery in coming forward after so many years to report the offences is to be admired."

The former pastor with King's Lynn Baptist Fellowship has been found guilty of five indecent assaults

Hoare was released on bail and a date for sentencing is yet to be fixed.

Source: [BBC](#) 23 September 2010

INTERNATIONAL VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

European Commission adopts new strategy on gender equality

On 22 September the European Commission adopted a five-year strategy for promoting equality between women and men in Europe.

The strategy translates the principles set out in the European Commission's Women's Charter into specific measures, ranging from getting more women into company boardrooms to tackling gender-based violence.

Viviane Reding, Vice-President of the European Commission responsible for Justice, Fundamental Rights and Citizenship, said, "Europe has led the world by example in terms of gender equality by including the principle of equal pay for equal work into the Treaty of Rome in 1957. We can do this again today regarding the participation of women in decision-making and the fight against gender-based violence".

The strategy sets out a series of actions based around five priorities: the economy and labour market; equal pay; equality in senior positions; tackling gender violence; and promoting equality beyond the EU.

Gender gaps remain in many areas in Europe. In the labour market women are still over-represented in lower paid sectors and under-represented in decision-making positions. Parenthood still keeps female employment rates down. Women also continue to work more unpaid hours than men at home.

Source: [EU Commerz](#) 23 September 2010

Former Chilean president to head up UN women

Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon has assigned former Chilean president Michelle Bachelet to head United Nations Women (UN Women), a newly created entity merging four UN agencies and offices: UNIFEM, DAW, the Office of the Special Adviser on Gender Issues, and UN-INSTRAW.

The Secretary-General said, "UN Women will promote the interests of women and girls across the globe. I'm confident that under her strong leadership we can improve the lives of millions of women and girls throughout the world."

Bachelet, who was the first female president in Chile, has been working with UNIFEM to advocate for the needs and rights of Haitian women following January's devastating earthquake.

Source: [WLUML](#) 15 September 2010

EVENTS

CAWN

Intersecting Violences: A Review of Feminist Debates and Theoretical Approaches on Violence Against Women and Poverty in Latin America

Date: Thursday October 21st 2010 from 2pm-5pm (followed by a drinks reception)

Venue: Congress Centre, 23-28 Great Russell Street, London WC1B 3LS (nearest tube Tottenham Court Road)

Chair: **Baroness Miller**, Vice-Chair of the All Party Parliamentary Group on Central America

Speakers:

- **Yakin Ertürk**, former UN Special Rapporteur on VAW, its causes and consequences
- **Patricia Muñoz Cabrera**, author of the research report and Chair of the Women in Development Europe (WIDE) network
- **Discussant: Maxine Molyneux**, Director of the Institute for the Study of the Americas, University of London

For further information and to book a place email info@cawn.org

Southall Black Sisters (SBS) and the End Violence against Women (EVAW) Coalition

A strategy on violence against Black and minority ethnic women and girls –

Consultation seminars

Southall Black Sisters (SBS) and the End Violence against Women (EVAW) Coalition are holding a series of free consultation seminars to develop a UK-wide strategy on violence against BME women and girls. The seminars will be hosted by the Equality and Human Rights Commission (EHRC). These seminars will be crucial in informing the Westminster Government's forthcoming strategy on violence against women, which is expected to be published in November 2010, and other policies around the UK.

Dates:

10am-1.30pm 13 October 2010 Birmingham
10am-1.30pm 25 October 2010 London
10am-1.30pm 27 October 2010 Manchester
10am-1.30pm 1 November 2010 Glasgow
10am-1.30pm 3 November 2010 Cardiff

It is essential to pre-book as space is limited. Please contact SBS on tel: 020 8571 9595 or email: info@southallblacksisters.co.uk to attend.

Women's Resource Centre and Women and Girls Network

Empowering and Creative Techniques to Enhance Therapeutic Engagement

Date: Thursday 21 October

Time: 9:30 - 13:30

Venue: TBC

This seminar, delivered by Women and Girls Network (WGN), is for workers in the violence against women sector and it will introduce participants to a range of empowering, creative and therapeutic techniques that are available to them as workers, to enhance therapeutic engagement.

The seminar will be facilitated by WGN and will also serve as an introduction to the Accredited Training Course run by WGN as part of the Sharing Our Strengths Project (applications for 2011 open in late September):

www.wrc.org.uk/accreditedtraining

To book your FREE place on this women-only seminar, please contact Ellen Storrar at ellen@wrc.org.uk

Rights of Women

What is the future of civil legal aid? Ensuring access to justice and equality for women – Seminar and debate

Date: Thursday 28 October 2010

Time: 2.45-4.30pm

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

This seminar and debate will bring together leading campaigners to discuss law and policy concerning the recent developments in civil legal aid provision and the impact on women.

Changes to the administration of civil legal aid have had a devastating impact on the availability of specialised and high quality family and immigration law advice and representation.

Join us, one week after the announcement of the Comprehensive Spending Review, to debate with a panel of leading practitioners and campaigners on the impact of cuts to the civil legal aid budget and its administration on access to justice and gender equality.

This event is free of charge and open to representatives from voluntary and statutory sector organisations interested in finding out about, and campaigning on, the law and policy related to access to justice and civil legal aid.

To reserve your place, please RSVP to events@row.org.uk

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

Women's Aid Seminar and Annual General Meeting

Safeguarding survivors and services: Reviewing policy and funding in light of the Comprehensive Spending Review (CSR)

Date and time: 4th November 2010, 10.30am-3.30pm

Location: The Abbey Centre, Central London

This seminar will explore:

- the impact of the CSR on victims' ability to access safety and protection
- the impact of the CSR on the commissioning framework and the continued provision of dedicated specialist domestic and sexual violence services
- how we can protect and sustain our vital services.

Speakers from government departments and experts in the field will be joining us to discuss the impact of the review upon local services within the sector including on funding, policing, family justice etc. We will also look at how we can continue to safeguard and maintain appropriate services for survivors of domestic and sexual violence.

There will be an opportunity to participate in group discussions and share experiences and ideas for sustaining safe responses to domestic and sexual violence in the context of cuts in public spending.

This AGM and seminar is free to Women's Aid members. Non-members are welcome to attend for £25 per person (cost price). Lunch will be provided.

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.ik.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

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: 228 or email: jparnham@niaproject.plus.com

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

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.

- **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.

CONSULTATIONS AND REPORTS

Consultation – London Councils

Consulting on the future role and scope of the London Councils grants scheme

London Councils is undertaking an extensive consultation exercise to establish the best way of using its grant resources for the benefit of boroughs, voluntary groups and people living in the capital.

Under the existing system, London's boroughs take a decision each year to pool some of their funding and fund voluntary services on a regional level through the London Councils Grants Programme. The consultation is looking at whether a pan-London grants scheme is the best way for the money to be used, or whether boroughs can achieve a greater impact by spending money on their own locally determined priorities.

The consultation will run until 10 November 2010 and London Councils is urging all those working in or with an interest in the voluntary sector to take part in the online survey and make their views heard, including the London Boroughs, other key funders of the voluntary and community sector in London, other major public sector bodies working in London, and of course voluntary sector organisations (that are currently commissioned, and those that are not).

The background paper can be downloaded from:

<http://www.londoncouncils.gov.uk/London%20Councils/BackgroundDocumentFINAL.pdf>

You can find the link to the survey at:

<http://www.londoncouncils.gov.uk/grants/aboutourfunding/futureofgrants.htm>

New Book: Race, Gender and the Criminal Process Series No: III

Edited by Ruth Chigwada-Bailey an independent criminologist who taught at Birkbeck College, University of London for many years. She has been running Race, Gender and Criminal Justice Conferences since 1991. She is well known in the United Kingdom and abroad as a commentator and writer on issues affecting Black women, notably in relation to criminal justice.

Contributors and topics:

- **Joanna Trickey** on the Gender Duty and Women Offenders
- **Vickey Micheal-Dick** on the Resettlement Needs of Women Ex-Offenders
- **Derya Yildirim** on the Needs of Black and Minority Women Experiencing Domestic Violence
- **Dr. Dele Olajide** on the Impact of Mental Illness on Children with Special Reference to Black People
- **Martyn Glynn** on Black-on-Black Violence
- **Helen Atkins** on Trafficking: African Slavery in 21st Century Britain
- **Janice Joseph** on Female Genital Mutilation: An International Perspective and
- **Ruth Chigwada-Bailey** on Black Women's Experiences of the Criminal Justice System.

For more information and to order click [here](#)

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](#)

DIRECT ACTION & CAMPAIGNS

Solace Women's Aid

'Running For Their Lives'

Two of our Trustees at Solace Women's Aid, **Mairi and Louise** are running an exhausting half marathon at the end of September to raise much needed funds to support vulnerable women and children in London.

Please help change the lives of vulnerable families by sponsoring them. You can donate now using the link below, remember even the smallest donation will help them reach their target!!!!

<http://www.justgiving.com/LouandMairi>

Thank you on behalf of all the women and children we work with each year.

TRAINING

Rights of Women

Stop the traffic: Protecting and supporting trafficked women in the UK

1 day – 06/10/10 – women only

Understand the criminal and immigration laws that apply to women who have been trafficked into the UK for sexual exploitation and learn to navigate and assess the National Referral Mechanism and other measures implemented by the government for the protection of victims of trafficking. One year on from UK's ratification of the Council of Europe's Convention on Action Against Trafficking in Human Beings this one day course, delivered in partnership with the Poppy Project, will enable you to identify and support women who have been trafficked, and covers elements of both the criminal and asylum law.

FREE to Refugee community organisations

Small voluntary sector organisations (income less than £500,000): was £100
NOW £59

Larger voluntary sector organisations (income more than £500,000): was £130
NOW £79

Statutory sector/all others: was £160 NOW £99

Enforcement: Making domestic violence injunctions work
½ day (am) – 13/10/10 – women only

This half-day course will enable you to improve the support you give to survivors of domestic violence whose abusers disobey court orders. You will be given a comprehensive update on recent changes to the law which will enhance your understanding of both the civil and criminal remedies available to victims, as well as providing you with an overview of the enforcement of non-molestation, occupation and restraining orders.

FREE to Refugee community organisations

Small voluntary sector organisations (income less than £500,000): was £70 NOW £29

Larger voluntary sector organisations (income more than £500,000): was £100 NOW £49

Statutory sector/all others: was £130 NOW £69

Forced Marriage: Gaining protection through the law
½ day (am) – 20/10/10 – women only

Forced marriage is an abuse of human rights and a form of violence against women. This half-day course will enhance your knowledge of the law and enable you to support women and girls at risk of, or who have experienced, forced marriage. The course explains the legal remedies that exist to protect victims of forced marriage and will give you an understanding of the procedure for getting a forced marriage protection order. We will investigate the new role of local authorities as relevant third parties and examine the impact of the Forced Marriage (Civil Protection) Act 2007 one year on.

FREE to Refugee community organisations

Small voluntary sector organisations (income less than £500,000): was £70 NOW £29

Larger voluntary sector organisations (income more than £500,000): was £100 NOW £49

Statutory sector/all others: was £130 NOW £69

Protection from persecution? Asylum law and process
1 day – 21/10/10 – women only

Asylum-seeking women are some of the most marginalised and vulnerable women in our society. Caught up in a system that appears incomprehensible, they remain invisible to many service providers. This one day course, co-delivered with Asylum Aid, is a practical and insightful introduction to the law that determines who is entitled to protection in the UK and how decisions are made and challenged. This unique and innovative course focuses specifically on the

needs of asylum-seeking women who are, or have experienced, gender-based violence.

FREE to Refugee community organisations

Small voluntary sector organisations (income less than £500,000): was £100
NOW £59

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NOW £79

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**For more info & booking visit: www.rightsofwomen.org.uk/training.php
contact training@row.org.uk, or just give us a call 0207 251 6575**

Stella Project

Training Courses

Sexual Violence, Drugs and Alcohol, 9/10 December, London

This two-day experiential course will look at all forms of sexual violence (child sexual abuse, sexual assault, rape), post-trauma responses and coping mechanisms specifically focusing on drugs and alcohol (legal, prescription as well as illegal drug use).

Safeguarding Children – Living with Parental Substance Misuse and Domestic Violence, 17 January, London

This course looks at the overlapping issues of domestic violence and substance use and examines the impact of these on families, with a particular focus on safeguarding children.

Working with Domestic Violence Perpetrators within a Substance Misuse Agency, 25 January, London

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 and to book click [here](#)

Tender

One Day Training: Awareness and Good Practice when working with women experiencing violence and abuse in relationships

Date: 3rd November 2010

Venue: Central London

This training will equip participants with an understanding of the issues for women experiencing violence from men they know, the pressures on women to stay in violent relationships and the impact on children witnessing and experiencing domestic abuse.

The programme is designed to give participants an appreciation of the barriers experienced by abused women, which might prevent them from seeking and securing the help they need.

The day is aimed at staff in any agency who may be called upon to support, advise, treat, or otherwise assist a woman experiencing violence from a man she knows.

If you would like to book a place or find out more information about the training and costs, please contact Dorota Small at Tender dorota@tender.org.uk

Rights of Women

**No recourse? EEA national? Overcoming the barriers
1 Day – 27/10/10 Doncaster – women-only**

Meeting the needs of women who have no recourse to public funds, or who are EEA nationals, is incredibly challenging. You have to be able to keep-to-date with one of the most frequently changing areas of law, understand the duties of local authorities and the rights that the woman herself has to pursue justice in the criminal, family or immigration systems. This one day course will give you the skills and knowledge you need to support women who have experienced domestic violence and who have an insecure immigration status with confidence.

Venue: Courses will be held at Doncaster CVS, 5-6 Trafford Court, DN1 1PN

**Costs, more info & booking visit: www.rightsofwomen.org.uk/training.php
contact training@row.org.uk, or just give us a call 0207 251 6575**

Refreshments and lunch will be provided

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

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

Date and time: 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

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

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:

- **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

Eaves

Temporary Female Advice & Support Centre Worker (substance misuse)

3 months with the possibility of extension

Salary: £28,770 - £32,532

We are seeking to appoint a Centre Worker to support women with drug and alcohol issues as a consequence of violence and abuse.

You will be responsible for:

- Providing specialist advice on substance misuse
- Developing and running tailored workshops to empower women.
- Operating a drop-in and telephone advice service.

Closing Date: 8 October 2010

Interviews: During the week commencing 11 October 2010

Exiting Prostitution Administrator (Female)

Salary £25,501 pro rata – Part-time, 21 hours per week

Fixed Term Post until April 2011

This post will be crucial in helping to co-ordinate and support research project staff.

You will need:

- Experience of carrying out a range of administrative duties including booking rooms and minute taking
- Excellent IT skills
- Good numerical and basic finance skills
- A good understanding of research processes
- Good communication skills.

Closing date: 8 October 2010

Interview date: To be advised

This post is funded by the National Lottery, through the Big Lottery Fund

Female Family Reunification Worker

Fixed Term for 3 years - 35 hours per week

Salary £30,352 – 31,936

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

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

Good literacy and spoken communications skills and the ability to manage own workload will be essential.

A social work qualification, recognised by the GSCC, with post qualification experience would be desirable.

Closing Date: 8 October 2010

Interview Date: During the week commencing 11 October 2010

Greenwich Women's Aid

Refuge Manager

Salary: £37,000 pa

Working in our new refuge in Greenwich you will be able to provide a safe and empowering environment for women and their children rejecting violence. The ideal candidate will have experience of delivering domestic violence services in a changing environment, experience of staff management, outstanding organisational and communication skills and the ability to successfully lead a team. A recognised qualification in the field is essential.

This post is restricted to women and is subject to Section 7(2) (e) of the Sex Discrimination Act 1975. Housing for Women aims to be an equal opportunities employer.

Deadline for applications: 29 September 2010

Interview to be held: 11 October 2010

To obtain an application pack email: info@gwaid.org.uk or write to: PO Box 799, London SE10 8JD.

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

