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WNC TO BE CLOSED - ANOTHER BLOW TO THE WOMEN'S SECTOR

The Women's National Commission (WNC) which was set up in 1969 as the national, independent organisation to present the views of women to government is to be axed, the Government Equalities Office announced yesterday.

WNC has been an independent voice for women across the UK (England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland) for over 40 years on issues of tackling violence against women, supporting women into positions of leadership and decision making, providing a voice for asylum seeking women, widows and raising awareness of the needs of minority ethnic women. Its vital work has been ensuring that women's voices are heard at the central governmental level.

Baroness Joyce Gould, Chair of the Commission said, "WNC has been a unique model of engagement for women across the UK and already exemplifies the spirit of the Government's Big Society by capacity building groups of women at grassroots level who are best placed to develop and run local services and champion women's requirements. As the only official, independent advisory body on women's issues to government, the Commission has over 670 Partners from across the UK's women's sector. This represents the voices of around 8 million women.

“The decision to dismantle an independent and cost effective mechanism to give women a direct voice to government is yet another blow for women across the UK at a time when the Comprehensive Spending Review is likely to hit women and families disproportionately.” Following the decision, Baroness Gould also expressed her disappointment on the lack of consultation and transparency in the whole process.

Nearly 30 women's groups, including Amnesty International, the Fawcett Society, Action Aid UK and the British Institute of Human Rights signed a letter urging the home secretary, Theresa May, to reverse her decision to axe the WNC.

The letter states, "It is hard to imagine how the government will be able to achieve its commitments to popular inclusivity and gender equality in such an efficient way and for the same minimal funds. Its closure will leave a huge gap in democratic input into government on behalf of women."

WNC will be closed down on 31 December 2010 and its core functions will be brought into its sponsor department, the Government Equalities Office (GEO). You can download the full document of the governments' **WNC Equality Impact Assessment**.

The GEO has promised to consult on the best way to develop a new approach that brings its engagement with women and the organisations that speak on their behalf closer to Ministers. To develop an effective new approach it would be vital that the GEO engages with the women's sector. In the meantime the GEO has to put in place mechanisms to ensure women's voices are still heard by policy makers and ensure that the vital work WNC has been doing continues.

The priorities of the WNC Chair and Board of Commissioners in the coming few months is also said to be to engage with the Government to ensure that WNC Partners have an opportunity to influence the new central approach, to work to protect funding designated to promote gender equality and to ensure that the core functions of the WNC, which historically have had such an important impact on the lives of women, will be maintained.

Anna Bird, Head of Policy and Campaigns at the Fawcett Society said, “The abolition of the WNC will make it that much harder for government to devise informed policy that reflects the unique position of women in the UK. When times are tight it becomes more, not less important to ensure the vulnerable in our society are supported. We call on the government to ensure that in abolishing the WNC, they don't also lose the unique things the WNC did - in particular, providing a dialogue between government and women to directly influence government policy.”

Albeit this being a nationwide picture it is yet another example of the trend whereby women are hardest hit by cuts be it at national level or regional level as in the case of London Councils' proposed review on its grants scheme. It simply reinforces what the women's sector in London and elsewhere in the country are experiencing despite the fact that women's services represent unusually good value for money.

To find out more on London Councils' proposed grant scheme review and to take action please click [here](#).

LETTER FROM OUR SERVICE USERS AND PARTNERS

Please see below samples of what our service users and partners have to say about their experience of using our services as well as their specific views on the London Councils' proposals to restructure funding to the women's sector.

24th September 2010

To whom it may concern:

I work in ██████████ College and found out about the Eaves Scarlet Centre through a colleague who frequently accesses the service on behalf of the young people she works with.

I contacted the centre regarding a young woman who was in desperate need of support. There didn't seem to be any other agencies in the area offering the same kind of support and advice under one roof. The staff were extremely helpful and understanding and dealt with the referral immediately.

The Eaves Scarlet Centre is an invaluable project meeting the needs of many women who suffer from a number of issues and who, for one reason or another, have been unable to access statutory services or help elsewhere. They have helped many young women in our college and if the centre were to close, it would leave many women facing adversity without the advice and support they so desperately need.

Yours faithfully

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Skills Coach
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I could give a million and one reason's why the Scarlet Centre should not close, but here are just a few. For me, it's been a 'place of sanctuary'

I suffer from depression, often resulting in suicidal thoughts and hours walking the streets of London. I've also suffered abuse and been raped numerous times.

Since becoming a part of what I call the 'Sister's of Scarlet Centre', I am receiving counselling, I've taken part in workshops such as 'dealing with panic attacks', 'staying safe', building on my low 'self esteem', attended workshops on 'healthy eating' and a hat making workshop to name but a few.

Whilst to the 'reader' these may seem 'trivial', knowing that I am amongst other's who have also suffered in one way or another and drawing strength from each other, has meant a lot and helps to 'heal the wound' in some little way.

Using the computer and photocopier at the centre without the added cost involved has also been a 'God send'. Not having a land line at home but knowing that I can walk in and make very important phone calls have also been a 'God send'.

The continuous supports from my Key worker Sarah and the many other staff member's I've met have been a 'lifeline' for my family and I.

Once, I walked into the centre as I had nowhere else to go that day and was offered a massage. It turned out to be a massage which left me fast asleep and snoring my head off. Something I hadn't done in days.

By bus it takes me well over half an hour to get to the centre but it's well worth it when you've been through some of the trauma's I and many other woman and children who walk through the Scarlet Centre doors have.

If you truly care about the welfare of vulnerable woman and children such as us, then I urge you to think again about your intended decision to close down the Scarlet Centre.

Please don't repeat the same mistakes as others.

Take Action:

- Please respond to the official London Council consultation. Click [here](#) to access the consultation. The deadline for this consultation is **10th of November**.
- Contact your Grants Committee members, Council Leaders and MPs with your concerns. (**Contact details of Grants Committee members, Council Leaders and MPs could found [here](#)**)
- Write to your local media informing them of what's happening so that this campaign will achieve as much media coverage as possible. Click [here](#) to find contact details for your local media.
- There are three dates for upcoming London Councils meetings that you might want to be aware of and attend – **19 October: Grants Executive Committee** meeting, **8 November: Grants Committee meeting** and **14 December: Leaders' Committee** meeting. These meetings are open to the public but you have to RSVP to attend. Please email **Lisa Dominic** on lisa.dominic@londoncouncils.gov.uk to register.

EVENTS

Liberation – Congolese women's group

Congolese Women Speak out: 'Enough is enough, it must stop'

Congolese women are now appealing to ordinary people of conscience through the globe to come to their side and join them in bringing amend to the deadliest conflict in the world.

Chair: Maggie Bowden, General Secretary of Liberation

Speakers: Jeremy Corby, MP, Victoria Dove Dimandja and Jose Musau Kalanda

Saturday 23rd October 2010- (3 – 6 pm)

St Pancras Church Hall – Lancing Street, London NW1

Cassandra Learning Centre

Conference: Sexual Violence: The Teen Perspective

Wednesday 20th October 2010 (9.30am-4.30pm)

Venue: Salvation Army, 45 Benhill Avenue, Sutton, SM1 4DD

The Cassandra Learning Centre (CLC) is committed to tackling domestic violence within teenage relationships through prevention and education. CLC will be holding a conference to address the issue of young people as victims of sexual violence.

Guest speakers include:

- Steve Barlow- Survivors UK
- Detective Chief Superintendent Richard
- Martin Lewisham (Acting) Borough Commander
- Whitney Iles- No Sex without Love
- Jane Coppock- Barnardo's

Lunch and refreshments provided

To find out more and for more information please email

Jennifer@clcentre.org.uk

Womankind

Freedom to Achieve – Preventing Violence, Promoting Equality: Starting in schools

25th November 2010, 10am – 4pm

Cost: £50 (bursaries available)

Venue: The Abbey Centre, 34 Great Smith Street, Westminster, London SW1P 3BU

To mark the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women we are hosting an inspiring and practical event to discuss the role of schools to stop violence against women and girls. There will be:

- Speeches and workshops on policy and practice
- Discussion of the whole school approach
- Exchange of good ideas and plenty of resources to take away.

Confirmed keynote speaker: Tim Loughton, Parliamentary Under Secretary for Children and Families

Additional contributions: Dr Claire Maxwell, Institute of Education, University of London

To attend, please contact Moya Wilkie at Womankind Worldwide by phoning 020 7549 0368 or emailing Moya@womankind.org.uk

Reclaiming the Domestic Violence Agenda: Promoting Impactful Policy and Practice with Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic Women Survivors

An international conference for all who are responsible and committed to addressing issues faced by Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic survivors of domestic violence. This is a unique opportunity to hear world renowned activists on this issue.

Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th November 2010 Northumbria University Newcastle upon Tyne

For more information visit the following link: www.angeloucentre.org.uk email angeloucentre@btconnect.com or call on 0191 2260394

HEAR & LEP

Ensuring Equality in a Changing London – 21st October

HEAR, London's human rights and equalities network, and the London Empowerment Partnership is holding a **free event** called ***Ensuring Equalities in a Changing London*** on the **21st October 10am-1pm**. Refreshments and lunch will be provided.

Come and join us in a lively and interactive debate on the changing landscape of London's equality sector.

Speakers include, amongst others, Vivienne Hayes, CEO for the Women's Resource Centre & Chair of the HEAR network, and Elizabeth Henry, CEO for Race on the Agenda.

Please email Claire@londoncivicforum.org.uk to book your place.

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 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

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.

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.

- **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>

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](#).

DIRECT ACTION & CAMPAIGNS

Feminism in London

Black woman signer required for Feminism in London, 23rd October 2010

At Feminism in London we are running a workshop specifically for black women (African, Asian, Middle Eastern, Latin American and Caribbean women and

indigenous women from all non-European regions of the world, and women of dual heritage).

Information on the workshop is available here:

http://www.feminisminlondon.org.uk/p_workshops10.ikml#SpaceToRecover. One of the women who has booked to attend the workshop is profoundly deaf and requires signing, and at the moment we only have a white signer.

If you are a black woman signer and are available Saturday 23rd of October, or know someone else who is, please contact Anna Fisher at info@feminisminlondon.org.uk

End Violence Against Women Coalition (EVAW)

TAKE ACTION - the Coalition Government must keep its promise on Violence Against Women & Girls (VAWG)

Home Secretary Theresa May MP says VAWG is a priority for her, and the Coalition Government is publishing a 'strategic narrative' in November, followed by an action plan next Spring. The Inter-Ministerial Group on VAWG meets on 19th October.

So now is the time to urge the Coalition Government not to turn back the clock on women's safety by letting local decision-makers choose whether or not VAWG is a priority, as currently envisaged by the Big Society. Harsh spending cuts are already threatening frontline services but there are also opportunities and the Home Secretary has promised to "*[end] the culture of charities having to survive hand-to-mouth.*"

Take action NOW:

- Write to the Home Secretary and Secretaries of State for Education and Health to demand access to specialised support for **all women** no matter where they live, and for work to *prevent* violence in schools, Academies, communities and workplaces. All public bodies must play their part! Please influence the strategy by writing to Theresa May, Michael Gove and Andrew Lansley.

To find out more about the campaign visit the following website
www.endviolenceagainstwomen.org.uk

Appeal to reunite Oxana with her children!

Oxana Kalemi is a former Poppy Project service user and author of '**Mummy Come Home**' (2008) – an autobiographical account of her experiences of being

trafficked into prostitution in the UK and her subsequent battle to be reunited with her children. Two years after publication, she has not seen her children for nine years and the campaign continues.

To find out more or to donate to Oxana's campaign, please email her at olimpiya@hotmail.co.uk

Please note that this campaign is not being run by Eaves.

MPA - Have your say on policing in London!

A questionnaire to help the Metropolitan Police Authority (MPA) and Metropolitan Police Service (MPS) decide London's policing priorities. Your views will also be used to inform other MPA and MPS work to help improve London's policing services.

The MPS priorities are reviewed every year - The Metropolitan Police Authority works to try and ensure that all of London has a voice and the needs of Londoners are taken into account, especially when setting the annual policing priorities for the Met. To do this the Authority consults as widely as possible and it needs your help.

The Have Your Say survey lets you give your top three priorities for policing London and to suggest what the police should do to tackle them.

To complete the survey, please complete the questionnaire online at:
<http://surveys.mpa.gov.uk/v.asp?i=22753hocwi>

Alternatively you can call 020 7202 0063 to request a paper questionnaire or to complete the questionnaire over the telephone with one of our staff - whichever suits you best.

TRAINING

Women and Girls Network

**Counselling and Therapeutic Interventions for Working with Women
Overcoming Experiences of Violence: A Multicultural and Feminist
Approach**

February – July 2011

Are you committed and passionate about providing the best possible services for women and children surviving violence? ***This FREE 14-day course*** has developed out of Women and Girls Network's (WGN) 12 years' experience of training women who work with survivors of violence. This programme provides a comprehensive introduction to the issues involved in working with women to aid recovery from experiences of gendered violence.

The course is accredited by the Open College Network and is a fantastic opportunity to access an in-depth and practical training course, delivered by practitioners at the forefront of the field.

The closing date for applications is Friday 19 November at 5pm. For further details and an application form, please visit www.wrc.org.uk/accreditedtraining

The course is currently only open to staff and volunteers of organisations funded by London Councils under service specifications 43, 59, 60, 61 & 63, 62, 65, 69, 70 and 72.

For further information please email ellen@wrc.org.uk

Lambeth Multi Agency Domestic Violence, Forced Marriage and Female Genital Mutilation Training Programme - 2010 – 2011

Domestic violence, forced marriage and female genital mutilation (FGM) are widespread social problems that cause a huge amount of suffering. They often take place behind closed doors, within the family or intimate relationships, and are not always publicly visible. They often go under-reported and under-recorded, yet a vast range of agencies come into contact with domestic violence survivors and perpetrators on a daily basis.

Ensuring the safety of those experiencing or at risk of domestic violence, forced marriage or female mutilation, and holding perpetrators to account for their behaviour, requires joint-working across a wide range of statutory and voluntary sector agencies.

In Lambeth we recognise that domestic violence, forced marriage and female genital mutilation can only be effectively tackled by multi-agency working, and this is why we have developed a free partnership training programme.

To find out more and to attend please contact Jade Holvey on jholvey@lambeth.gov.uk or 0207 926 4877

Series of Lectures on Women's Liberation at Conway Hall

Women's Liberation: What, when and why

Tuesday 2nd November – 18.00-20.00

The first in a series of four evening lectures exploring the origins, goals and ultimate trajectory of the women's liberation movement. This introductory session aims to provide an overview of the movement's main aims and examine why it spontaneously arose during the late 1960s and early 1970s, asking too whether the Women's Liberation Movement was 'man-hating' as the media then claimed.

Male Violence, Subjectivity and the Personal as Political

Tuesday 9th November – 18.00-20.00

This lecture will detail the calls made by feminists for 'freedom for all women from intimidation by the threat or use of male violence.' Asking whether the Women's Liberation Movement achieved this aim or if male violence against women has instead been co-opted to become 'violence against the individual', the session will also question whether the oft-quoted expression 'the personal is political' is still relevant.

Media Representations of the Feminine

Tuesday 16th November – 18.00-20.00

The third session in this four part lecture series will document how the Women's Liberation movement demanded an end to media representations of women and girls as sexualised objects. But has equality between the sexes really changed the way femininity is depicted in advertising, film or television? Or has the myth that a woman's greatest power and asset lies in her sexual attractiveness to man not only persisted, but been amplified in recent decades?

Neo-liberalism, Feminism and Humanism

Tuesday 23rd November – 18.00-20.00

The final lecture in this series will look at the impact of recent political and cultural shifts on the status of women in society and other possible implications of these changes on the enduring legacy of the women's liberation movement. Do the pervasive notions of 'choice' and 'individuality' which rest at the heart of the contemporary neo-liberal social order render questions of sex irrelevant to power and politics? And how far can it be said that feminism ought to be reconstituted

as part of the wider Humanist project of achieving equality for all regardless of ethnicity, sexuality, class or gender?

About the tutor: Jennifer Drew

Jennifer Drew (BA Women's Studies and History) is an independent researcher on male violence against women. She is a consultant to Scottish Women Against Pornography, is an active member of the campaign group Truth About Rape and was formerly chair of Object, a campaign organisation focusing on women's rights. She has contributed articles to Rain and Thunder, a radical feminist journal of discussion and activism, The Fword, a contemporary UK Feminism on-line magazine and is a regular contributor to the Global Sisterhood Network, a research resource for feminists from around the world working together to improve women's lives.

South Place Ethical Society: Conway Hall, 25 Red Lion Square, WC1R 4RL.
www.ethicalsoc.org.uk – 020 7242 8034

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

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.

VACANCIES AND VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

Haven House Project

Lead Worker – Children and Young People’s Service

Closing Date: 21 October 2010

Salary: (£26,276 pro rata) - 37 hours per week including some unsocial hours

A management role with responsibility for delivery of our Playful Ideas BIG Lottery Project and for services work within the refuge. Our Playful Ideas work is called ‘Domestic Abuse? We Choose Play!’ and is a major programme for Haven House. The aim of our programme is to develop an integrated holistic model of play for use with children and young people who have been in situations where domestic abuse has impacted on them.

For an application pack please contact recruitment@hhouse.org.uk

The nia project

Senior Family Learning Worker

Full Time (35hrs/week) including some evenings and weekends

Salary Range £28,499 – 30,773

Fixed Term Contract until 31st May 2011

The Family Learning Project is a pan-London Project working with mothers/carers and their children (0-16 yrs) from Black, minority ethnic and refugee communities who have been affected by domestic violence. Family learning opportunities will be offered to enable mothers/carers and their children to learn together, developing new skills such as cookery, crafts and IT, whilst also developing parenting skills.

The post-holder will have experience of both leading projects as well as family support work, preferably with mothers/carers and children who have experienced violence and/or from BMER communities.

Closing Date: 10am Friday 29 October 2010

To apply for this post, please contact Rachel Evans on 0207 683 1270 Ext 211 or alternatively email to REvans@niaproject.plus.com

Standing Together

Health and Maternity Project Coordinator (DOMESTIC VIOLENCE)

Closing Date: 24 October 2010

Salary: £28,771 p.a.

Health and Maternity Project Coordinator (DOMESTIC VIOLENCE). Standing Together is recognised nationally as one of the most innovative domestic violence partnerships in the U.K. Coordination is the key to our success. This is an exciting new project funded for 5 years by the Big Lottery and will build on our work with health services. We seek to appoint a dynamic project coordinator with a proven track record in project development and management within a partnership context. In addition we are encouraging applications from individuals with knowledge of working with domestic violence survivors and BAMER communities.

Application packs will be available on www.standingtogether.org.uk or contact admin@standingtogether.org.uk

London Irish Women's Centre

Director

Closing Date: 01 November 2010

Salary: £38,575 incl ILW (plus 7.5% employers' pension after probationary period)

The London Irish Women's Centre prides itself in providing a quality holistic advice, advocacy, information, and counselling service to Irish Women. Building on experience gained at LIWC, the current Director has secured a senior post outside London. We now require an experienced and dynamic manager to take up the role of Director to lead LIWC through this important yet challenging phase of our development with the Irish community in London.

The post is currently funded to 31/7/2011 with scope for further development subject to funding successes based on our achievements to date.

This post is open to women of Irish birth or descent Section 29 (c) of the Sex Discrimination Act and Section 38.1 (d) of the Race Relations Act apply.

All staff are required to have a satisfactory enhanced CRB Disclosure which will be arranged. LIWC is an Equal Opportunities Employer

The application pack is available to download at www.liwc.co.uk

For further information contact Caroline Foulkes - caroline@liwc.co.uk / 020 7249 7318

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

