

The Lilith Project Women's Weekly News 326

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VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN IN LONDON

Woman's body found near Windsor Great Park

The body of Missing Ascot woman Joanna Brown, was found Near Windsor great Park this weekend.

A post mortem carried out at Wexham Park Hospital in Slough yesterday revealed the 46-year-old mother-of-two recently going through a divorce, who lived in Buckhurst Road, died from a severe blunt force trauma to the head and associated complications.

The bed and breakfast owner was reported missing to police earlier this week when her family became worried after she failed to answer or respond to their calls. Officers began searching the park on Thursday after receiving information about her disappearance, and on Friday afternoon found a woman's body in an area close to the Crown Estate.

Her husband appeared before Slough Magistrates Court on Friday morning on suspicion of her murder.

Police charged Robert Brown, 46, of North Street, Winkfield, on Thursday with murder and from preventing the coroner of Berkshire from holding an inquest.

He has been remanded in custody and is due to appear before Reading Crown Court on Monday, November 15, for a preliminary hearing.

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN IN THE UK

“I’d have died without Iceni” but the Ipswich project is in danger of closing

Sarah Grimwood 29 ex-sex-worker and former drug addict, has been going to the Iceni Project, based in Foundation Street, since five of her friends were murdered by Steve Wright in 2006. Addicted to heroin and crack cocaine, she worked on the streets to pay for her habit and saw no light at the end of the tunnel.

She told The Evening Star that being a sex worker for ten years left her feeling like she was “walking dead”.

She said: “I hated it and hated my life but I had a really, really bad drug habit on the worst drugs out there on brown (heroin) and crack cocaine. Once you are hooked on them your life is over and without help and support there was no way out for me.

“I wanted to change my life so bad and was so low for so many years, I didn’t care if I lived or died – now I hate to think how long I thought that way.”

After the murders, awareness of the Iceni Project spread rapidly, and although Sarah admits she was scared to attend – she now believes it was the best decision she ever made.

“I went to Iceni and they just listened and didn’t look down on me as I was so low and my self-esteem was so low for so many years.

“Even now three or four years later after being and staying at Iceni, I’m only now beginning to realise I am worth something.”

She said that as well as helping her secure her own flat, the charity has helped her with treatment for Hepatitis C.

Sarah has now been clean of drugs for more than a year – but she is adamant that she could not have done it without the help of Iceni. But in this climate of

cuts, Icenis is threatened, hundreds of letters of support keep flooding in and Icenis vows to fight on.

“We cannot change the decision that has set this farcical and desperate situation in motion, however, we are determined to fight on and we have already an exciting new pioneering service that could lead the way in this country in treating addiction with the addict and the family together.

Source: the Evening Star Ipswich 4 November 2010

Brothel Baron said to have earned £6.2 Million from chain of sex parlours

Brothel Baron Ian Barnett aged 59 was given a 3 year sentence in 2008 for keeping four brothels in and around Manchester with names such as Dolly Mixtures, Foreign Touch and Angels. Yesterday he was back in court under the proceeds of crimes act.

Clients would be charged £40 for an hour, with £25 going to the prostitute and the remainder to Barnett, the court heard. The total sum paid to him from the brothels was £5,672,649 over six years.

His wife, who in 2008 received a suspended prison sentence for money laundering in connection with her husband's racket, had her 'benefits' estimated at £560,768, the court heard.

.Barnett had been arrested after a Lithuanian teenager known as Rita was illegally smuggled into the country by an Albanian gang and ended up working at one of his brothels.

From the witness stand, he repeatedly criticised police and insisted he had been a victim of an abuse of the judicial process.

He questioned Judge David Hernandez, saying: 'You have been a judge for what — a year?'

The judge responded: 'I have told you, that line of argument does not assist you.'

The case continues.

Source The Daily Mail 5 November 2010

Rotherham sexual abuse case sees 5 men jailed for a total of 32 and a half years

THE FIVE Rotherham men convicted of sexually abusing three teenage girls have been jailed for a total of 32 and a half years.

The sentences were handed out by Judge Peter Kelson QC at Sheffield Crown Court today following a seven-week trial.

Razwan Razaq (30), of Oxford Street, Clifton, was jailed for 11 years after being found guilty by a jury of having sex with two 13-year-old girls in 2008. His 24-year-old brother Umar Razaq, of the same address, was found guilty of sexual activity with a 13-year-old and not guilty of raping a 16-year-old. He was sentenced to four and a half years.

Zafran Ramzan (21), of Broom Grove, Broom, was jailed for nine years after being found guilty of raping a 16-year-old girl and twice having sex with her 13-year-old cousin. He was found not guilty of two further counts of rape.

Adil Hussain (20), of Nelson Street, Rotherham, was given a four-year sentence at a young offender institution after he was found guilty of under age sex with a 13-year-old, but acquitted of three other sex abuse charges.

Mohsin Khan (21), of Haworth Crescent, Moorgate, was convicted of one charge of under-age sex with a 13-year-old and found not guilty of two other charges of sexual activity with the same girl. He was sentenced to four years.

Source: Breaking News 5 November 2010

INTERNATIONAL VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

Spain in two minds about how to respond to prostitution

Prostitutes in Lleida, Spain are being fined for creating danger on the public highway and forced to wear fluorescent high visibility vests or face a 40 Euro fine (£36).

Police said they were not trying to get rid of the prostitutes, but were simply including them in a push to enforce use of the fluorescent bibs, which must be worn by anyone walking down a rural highway. The chosen beat for the prostitutes is a roundabout off the LL-11 road which falls just outside the municipal boundaries of Lleida – which recently banned street prostitution.

The move comes amid a wider debate over prostitution in Spain where it thrives in a context that is part legal and part illegal.

In contrast Barcelona has just seen the opening of one of Europe's largest brothels, employing up to 150 prostitutes. The Paradise brothel opened in La

Jonquera with 80 rooms and two showrooms, catering for up to 150 prostitutes each paying 70 euros a day for room and meals.

Owner Jose Moreno was quoted by the El Pais daily as saying it aimed to draw many clients from just across the French border, each paying an average 60 euros for half an hour with a prostitute.

Mr Moreno has reportedly been charged but not detained for allegedly being part of a gang trafficking men and women from Brazil who were forced into prostitution.

But the Catalan superior court obliged the town hall to grant a licence to the brothel, overturning the town's rejection of an application in 2006 on the grounds of safety and public order risks, the paper said.

Sources 26 and 22 October 2010 Coalition against trafficking of women

Rape of Chinese woman in Australian motel raises fear of large scale trafficking.

The rape of a prostitute found working in a motel that was used as a brothel resulted in a wider police investigation. It found prostitution syndicates operating brothels in Perth motels using hundreds of Chinese women, mostly trafficked through Sydney on study and tourism visas.

During a month-long undercover operation codenamed Miner, police discovered how an Osborne Park motel was being run without a licence as a front for a 24-hour brothel.

Almost half the 18 rooms were being used by Chinese nationals for full-time prostitution until the last of the women moved out last month. The managers of the Day Night Motel in Main Street were being paid \$700 a week for each room by an Asian middle-man known as James.

But the sub-leasing and crime, including the rape of one prostitute and robbery of five others, has been investigated by police and the City of Stirling, who said that the complex was never licensed to operate as a motel, let alone a brothel.

The pimp was running a stable of girls acting as a broker for the women, doing all the advertising and providing a call-taking service. He would pay the rent and then take profits from the clients.

Many of the women came via Sydney on tourist or student visas under the control of crime groups based mainly in Hong Kong and China. Police have evidence some have paid between \$2000 and \$3000 to the syndicates to get here and must pay a percentage of their income when in Australia. Other women were recruited from Perth universities via middle-men who helped them with visas and passports before they left China.

Source: the West Australian, Perth 30 October 2010

Brazil elects its first female President Dilma Rousseff who promises to promote gender equality

62 year old Ms Rousseff promised to "honour the trust" Brazilians had put in her and work to eliminate poverty. Ms Rousseff was the preferred successor of President Lula, who is leaving, as is compulsory, after two terms with record popularity. She has not held high elected office before and some commentators are suggesting she will be a puppet to Lula. However, thousands of supporters of the governing Workers' Party took to the streets across Brazil to celebrate her victory and it would be wrong to dismiss her history in the field.

A former Marxist rebel who was jailed and tortured in 1970-72 for resisting military rule, Ms Rousseff trained as an economist and worked her way up through local and state governments. She joined President Lula's cabinet as energy minister in 2003-5 and then became his chief of staff.

Ms Rousseff, who will be sworn in on 1 January, is expected to continue the left-leaning policies of President Lula, with emphasis on government efficiency, expanding the role of the state in some sectors such as mining, and upgrading the country's decrepit infrastructure.

The Superior Electoral Court said that with almost all the votes counted, she had won 56% against 44% for her rival, Jose Serra of the Social Democratic Party. Although voting is compulsory in Brazil, there was a high rate of abstention at 21.5%. The second round of voting was forced after Ms Rousseff fell short of the 50% needed in the 3 October first round, winning 47% to Mr Serra's 33%.

Her election as the country's first female leader, Ms Rousseff said, was a sign of the democratic progress Brazil had made.

Her priority now was to make sure that such equality of opportunity between men and women became the norm at every level, she added.

"I would like parents who have daughters to look straight in their eyes and tell them: "Yes, a woman can."

Source: BBC news 1 November 2010

TAKE ACTION

London Councils is one of the largest funders of the voluntary and community sector in London, providing £26.4 million in grants to hundreds of voluntary and community organisations across the capital annually.

It is the umbrella body for local authorities in the capital which raises money from individual boroughs, to be then allocated to voluntary and community sector organisations across London.

London Councils is currently reviewing its grant scheme and proposing to cut funding from different front-line services.

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 two dates for upcoming London Councils meetings that you might want to be aware of and attend –**25 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.

Run for Congo

Women for Women International provide women survivors of war, civil strife and other conflicts with the tools and resources to move from crisis and poverty to stability and self-sufficiency, thereby promoting viable civil societies. We currently work in Afghanistan, Bosnia, DRC, Kosovo, Iraq, Nigeria, Rwanda and Sudan. There will be a fundraising Run to raise money women in DRC which we hope women will want to support: Here are the event details:

Event: 10K Run for Congo to benefit Women for Women International

Where: Greenwich Park

Date: Saturday November 13th

Time: 9am registration

Cost: £18 and sponsorships (target £150+)

To register, email runforcongouk@womenforwomen.org

EVENTS

Women in Lambeth – we need your views on violence services

Eaves and AVA are assessing women's experiences of violence against women services in Lambeth Borough. They need to hear the opinions of female survivors of all forms of domestic and sexual violence. A series of 2 hour sessions will be held to hear your view on services and a range of other activities such as film screening, assertiveness and self defence training and art workshops will be provided.

Travel expenses, child care costs and refreshments provided.

Focus groups between 10am and 12 noon and between 1pm and 3pm in Lambeth (venue to be confirmed) on

November 17, 22, 23, 26 and
December 1,3,6,17.

Contact laura.brown@eaveshousing.co.uk 0207 840 7110

Reclaim the Night 27 November

Assemble Central London 6pm for women only march followed by mixed rally and party at the Camden Centre, Euston, till late – all welcome

For more information visit www.reclaimthenight.org

Women for Refugee Women

'Break the Silence' - The Riverside Studios in Hammersmith on 28 November 2010 at 3pm.

A play and an audience discussion to shine a light on the hidden experiences of women who come to the UK fleeing persecution. The play, *How I Became an Asylum Seeker*, is written and performed by a group of women refugees,

Women Asylum Seekers Together. The author of the play, Lydia Besong, and some of the cast will join actor Juliet Stevenson and Briget Phillipson MP for a discussion.

Tickets £10/£5/free for asylum seekers: www.riversidestudios.co.uk

Underwire festival: Female filmmakers screenings and awards

The UnderWire Festival aims to showcase the raw cinematic talents of women with four days of screenings and events in London from 18th – 21st November 2010. Tickets for the Festival are now on sale.

Focusing on female filmmakers at the beginning of their careers, UnderWire will recognise those working across the key filmmaking disciplines with awards in the following categories: Directing, Producing, Screenwriting, Editing and Cinematography.

There is also a special category for Representation, sponsored by Human Rights organisation, Object. This award will recognise films from male and female filmmakers that challenge the sexual objectification of women and avoid stereotypical interpretations of female focussed stories.

Awards for each category are kindly donated from the Festival's sponsors and partner organisations: Women in Film and Television, Birds' Eye View, Kodak, Euroscript, VET, Radar Music Video, and Little White Lies. These will be presented at the Festival's awards ceremony on Sunday 21st November.

-Thursday 18th the Representation and Screenwriting shortlist will be screened PLUS – UK Feminista Founder and author of The Equality Illusion, Kat Banyard will speak about the need for fair and equal representation of women on and off screen.

-Friday 19th the Producing and Cinematography shortlist will be screened PLUS – WFTV Chief Executive and award-winning Producer and Director, Kate Kinninmont chairs a panel of industry professionals as they answer practical questions about the industry from audience members, and in response to questions tweeted to UnderWire in advance.

-Saturday 20th the Directing and Editing shortlist will be screened, PLUS Jacqueline Wright of Jackal Films will present a warts and all presentation about the Directing process. Later that evening Jacqui and her partner, writer and performer Alice Lowe challenge negative preconceptions about women in comedy with screenings and live comedy.

UnderWire is proud to have received support from some of the country's leading female-led organisations, alongside Patrons whose work the Founders particularly admire: Feminist and Activist, Kat Banyard; Award-winning Producer, Nira Park; respected Actress Maxine Peake; Head of Development at Big Talk

Productions, Rachael Prior; Award-winning Producer, Rebecca O'Brien who says: "UnderWire will provide a much needed impetus to take a look at what new female voices in film can do. I'm really looking forward to watching the talent emerge."

For more information contact Festival Founders Gabriella Apicella 07951 338 006 / GemmaMitchell07729 020 362 or email underwire@underwirefestival.com
Website: <http://www.underwirefestival.com>

400 Women: Exhibition of renowned international artists work in response to Ciudad Juarez murders

From: Fri 12 November 2010

To: Sun 28 November 2010

At:: Shoreditch Town Hall

For more information www.amnesty.org.uk/events

Amnesty International and the 400 Women project team are delighted to be working in partnership around the first public exhibition of *400 Women*.

This is a large scale ongoing project driven by artist Tamsyn Challenger in response to the brutal murders and rapes of more than 400 Women over a decade in the US border town of Ciudad Juárez and the region of Chihuahua in Mexico.

Although each image contained within the exhibition represents a woman killed or missing in Ciudad Juárez, *400 Women* is a project emblematic of gender-based violence around the world where one woman in every three will be raped, beaten, sexually coerced, trafficked or otherwise abused in her lifetime.

It includes the work of around 200 exceptional international artists including Paula Rego, Tracey Emin, Swoon, Maggi Hambling and Humphrey Ocean. Each artist has painted one of the murdered or missing women, confronting the audience with – and safeguarding in our memory – the dead and disappeared.

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

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>

WRC – Annual Conference

Facing our future

As an eventful year draws to a close, the Women's Resource Centre is to hold its annual conference on **Tuesday 7th December 2010 at Cass Business School in London**. The all-day conference has scheduled speakers, panels and workshops on everything from social media to social enterprise, from how we can address equalities issues to what the future holds for the sector. We will cover all the crucial topics the sector faces and all the ways organisations can endeavour to safeguard their future.

We will be providing refreshments throughout the day and are also holding our AGM and hosting an evening drinks reception.

WRC has made every effort to keep costs manageable and we are offering a number of bursaries.

If you would like to attend, please go to our website www.wrc.org.uk and download booking forms/bursary forms from the front of the website.

You can also email info@wrc.org.uk and mark 'conference' in the subject header, or 'AGM' if you would like to attend the AGM, or call Christina Nelson on 0207 324 3030.

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

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.



TRAINING

‘Abortion: Decisions and Dilemmas’

Tuesday, December 14 from 9:15am to 4:15pm

Venue: London (356 Holloway Road, N7 6PA).

Cost: £110.

Course aims:

- To raise awareness and understanding of teenage pregnancy and abortion so that professionals can facilitate constructive discussion of the issues and equip young people to make and act on informed choices
- To enable practitioners to provide clear information and supportive advice about abortion to young people
- To facilitate reflection of personal attitudes and values and how they impact on professional practice

Outcomes - by the end of the course participants will:

- Be able to explain the importance of addressing abortion with young people and professionals
- Have considered their own and others' view points on pregnancy and abortion and reflected on how these might influence their work with young people
- Be better able to take a client focus
- Be able to use a range of exercises to facilitate discussion of abortion with young people in group work
- Feel more confident in delivering abortion education with Sex and Relationships Education
- Have considered practical ways of supporting a young person to make an informed decision about pregnancy and feel more confident in doing so
- Understand key policies relating to young people, abortion, confidentiality and the law
- Know about abortion provision and understand abortion in relation to physical and emotional health

To register visit the following link:

<http://actevarsvp.com/event/a0LA0000002HVwl>

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

Public law project

Advisers Training Day using the law for judicial review - "How to Make the Perfect Complaint"

London Thursday 18th November

Learn to use complaints processes, **contribute** to the Law Commission's consultation on Ombudsmen Schemes, debate on public service cuts and Ombudsman powers

Click here for full programmes and booking form or visit

<http://www.publiclawproject.org.uk/>

Amnesty International UK

Human rights at home: transforming services, changing lives – British Institute of Human Rights Training Course

Venue: The Human Rights Action Centre, 17-25 New Inn Yard, London EC2A 3EA

Date: 07/12/2010 - 10:00 - 16:30

Booking: To book on this course, please complete an **online booking form**.

Following on from one day conference on 18th November, '**Human rights at home: transforming services, changing lives**' we are offering a one day training session for participants wishing to explore the conference themes in more detail. This one day course will explore how human rights can be used in practical ways to help people commissioning or delivering public services find cost effective ways to protect the most vulnerable in a climate of cuts and to practically deliver on the government's agenda to devolve more power to neighbourhoods and individuals. We will offer a 10% discount on both events to participants attending the conference and the training course.

Course costs: Public sector: £250 (£225 for conference delegates)

Third sector organisations, annual income over £1 Million: £175 (£157.50 for conference delegates)

Third sector organisations, annual income under £1 Million: £100 (£90 for conference delegates)

For further information please contact on 020 7848 1816 or training@bihr.org.uk.

Series of Lectures on Women's Liberation at Conway Hall

Women's Liberation: What, when and why

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

Amnesty International UK

The place of 'faith' in the Big Society – British Humanist Association panel discussion

Venue: Human Rights Action centre, 17-25 new Inn Yard, London EC2A 3EA

Date and time: 7pm, 24th November

Cost: Tickets £5, Student concessions £4

People of faith are at the heart of civic society in local communities, and have been for decades...Interfaith groups are part of what we want to see: people reaching out to each other across boundaries of religion to make life better for all.

Andrew Stunell, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Communities and Local Government

The BHA is concerned that the Big Society agenda will increase the focus on, and power of, religious groups at local level. Our expert panel will discuss what this continued focus on 'faith' will mean for secular service deliverers, local communities and vulnerable groups within society.

Speakers:

- **Dr Romy Hasan: Senior lecturer of Science and Technology Policy Research University of Sussex**
- **Parvin Ali: Chief Executive and founder of Fatima Women's Network**
- **Christina Patterson: Writer and Columnist for the Independent**
- **Jane Everton: DCLG**

- **Johann Hari: Writer and columnist for the Independent**
 - **Chair: Andrew Copson CEX BHA**
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VACANCIES AND VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

Central America Women's Network (CAWN)

Research and Fundraising Assistant - Part time –

25 hours per week

Fixed term for 6 months

The Central America Women's Network (CAWN) is recruiting for a Research and Fundraising Assistant. This is an opportunity for an enthusiastic and motivated individual prepared to gain experience and become involved in all aspects of fundraising work for a women's international organisation.

The purpose of this position is to lead and support CAWN's fundraising efforts. This will include researching potential funding opportunities, drafting grants proposals and concept notes, and coordinating applications with partner organisations in Central America and Europe.

Main Duties and Responsibilities:

- Research potential funding opportunities.
- Support the design and implementation of the organisation's fundraising strategy.
- Draft funding and grants proposals.
- Coordinate grants proposals submission process with the Management Committee, Programme Co-ordinator and Partner organisations in Europe and Central America.
- Assist in general administrative tasks as needed.
- Any other related work to the above.

For more information about this position please see the attached Job Description and Person Specification, alternatively you can visit our website www.cawn.org

Closing date for applications: 12 November at 10 am
Interview date: 16 November

Rape Crisis - (Wycombe, Chiltern and South Buckinghamshire)

Rape Crisis is currently looking to attract new women to the **Management Committee**.

You will need to have: Enthusiasm and commitment, ability to stand up for what you believe in, time available for bi-monthly meetings and to get involved in our activities/areas of work, willingness to undertake training

In return we can offer you: A challenge, new experiences, meeting and working with new women. The chance to release your potential, the opportunity to put something into the community and to have an impact on women's lives locally

All expenses reimbursed

For an application pack please ring 01494 513823 or e-mail:
info.rapecrisis@virgin.net

Housing for Women

Support Worker – Trafficked Women
Salary £25,500 - £29,000

Housing for Women is a leading women's housing association providing innovative solutions to women's housing needs in the capital. We provide secure, quality accommodation and support for women and their dependants in eight London boroughs.

Housing for Women is seeking a full time worker to provide intensive support and a responsive service to vulnerable women who have been trafficked. Ideally the successful candidate will have experience of working with this client group and with statutory and non statutory agencies in this field.

The post is based in Brixton but will involve travelling throughout London.

This position is restricted to women and one subject to section 7(2)(e) of the Sex Description Act 1975.

The successful candidate will undertake an enhanced CRB check.

To apply: download an application pack by going to our website www.hfw.org.uk or write to: Office Manager, 6th Floor, Bluestar House, 234-244 Stockwell Road, London SW9 9SP

No agencies or phone calls please

Closing date: 12 noon Friday 12 November 2010

First Interview: Friday 19 November 2010

Second Interview: Friday 26 November 2010

Anti-Slavery International - Africa Programme Co-ordinator

Leading our Africa Programme you will be responsible for developing and implementing anti-slavery operations across Africa. You will have a strong background in human rights or development work, with experience of using international human rights standards and mechanisms, networking and working closely with non-governmental, governmental and other organisations within Africa. You will have excellent communications and project management skills.

Salary: £28,000 - £31,000 per annum

Closing date: 29th November 2010 at 10.00am

Interviews: 9th December 2010

Please click [here](#) to download an application pack.

Central America Women's Network (CAWN)

Research and Fundraising Assistant

CAWN is seeking an enthusiastic individual to lead and support our fundraising work.

The main duties and responsibilities will be to undertake research on potential funding opportunities, support the research of future projects, draft funding and grants proposals, and coordinate the submission process for grants proposals with the Management Committee, the Women's Rights Programme Officer and partner organisations in Europe and Central America.

Eligible candidates must be receiving Job Seekers allowance.

Salary: £5.80 per hour

Hours: 25 hours per week

Closing date: 10am 12th November

Interview date: 16th November

To apply: contact your Job Centre under code EBL 466 – Research and Fundraising

Assistant and/or submit your CV and cover letter to:

Elliott Long: elliott.long@urbanfutures.org.uk

Please note that applications for this position should not be sent directly to CAWN.

For more information and the full job description, please click [here](#)

RASASC - Rape and Sexual Abuse Support Centre (Guildford)

Female Telephone Helpline Volunteers

Training 30th October – 11th December 2010

Are you free every 2-3 weeks in the evening to volunteer for 2½ hours?

Helpline for survivors and people supporting survivors.

Remaining Training Days and Times – 2 Saturdays 10am-4pm and 6 evenings 7pm-9.30pm

- Mon 15th Nov 2010 7pm-9.30pm
- Thu 25th Nov 2010 7pm-9.30pm
- Mon 29th Nov 2010 7pm-9.30pm
- Mon 6th Dec 2010 7pm-9.30pm
- Sat 11th Dec 2010 10am-4pm

Full training given, no experience necessary.

The Helpline offers listening support for women and men who have experienced childhood or adulthood rape and/or sexual abuse. Confidential telephone helpline, individual counselling, self-help groups, counselling for those supporting a survivor and talks.

We offer: a friendly and supportive environment, Supervision and ongoing training.

To apply and for more information 01483 452900 or admin@rasasc-guildford.org

Anti-Slavery International

Finance and Administration Assistant – Stockwell

Anti-Slavery International is seeking a well organised, conscientious individual to maintain supporter information on their database; to provide a regular flow of volunteers; and to provide a general administration service to the office.

Salary: £21,000 - £24,000

Closing date: Midnight Sunday 21st November

Interviews: Tuesday 30th November

Please click [here](#) for more details about this **full-time** post based at the organisation's offices in Stockwell.

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

