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VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN IN LONDON

Home Secretary launches cross government plan on UN day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women

On the 25th of November, the UN Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, the Home Secretary Theresa May has launched a cross government plan on elimination of violence against women and girls (VAW). An action plan is set to be published the coming spring.

The document replaces the previous government's strategy on violence against women and girls. May confirmed that services which support victims of sexual and domestic violence will continue to receive Home Office funding and allocates around £28 million for specialist services to tackle violence against women and girls until 2015.

She said, "No level of violence against women and girls is acceptable in modern Britain or anywhere else in the world. As women and as a society we have made great strides but we need to do more to ensure that women and future generations are not held back. My ambition is nothing less than ending violence against women and girls and our strategy document will outline our commitments to seeing this become a reality."

“Our aim is clear; we want to end violence against women and girls. We must ensure offenders are brought to justice, victims are given support and most importantly challenge attitudes and behaviour. Too often this hidden crime sees victims afraid to seek support. That is why Home Office funding for frontline support services will be protected for four years.

“Ending violence against women is a priority for me but central government cannot solve this complex problem alone. I want to send a clear message to local agencies – including police, councils and the health service - that tackling violence against women should be a priority for them too.”

The four key areas of the plan are stated to be – preventing violence from happening by challenging the attitudes and behaviours which foster it and intervening early where possible to prevent it. Secondly, providing adequate support where violence does occur.

Thirdly, working in partnership to obtain the best outcome for victims and their families and finally taking action to reduce the risk to women and girls who are victims of these crimes and ensure that perpetrators are brought to justice.

In the last year alone, there were 1 million women victims of domestic abuse in England and Wales. Over 300,000 women are sexually assaulted and 60,000 women are raped each year.

In the UK, more than one in four women will experience domestic abuse in their lifetime, often with years of psychological abuse.

The minimum cost of violence against women and girls in the UK is £37.6 billion.

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

Met Police arrest 195 people across London for domestic violence and hate crime

The Met Police carried out raids timed to coincide with 25th of November, International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, also known as White Ribbon Day. All arrests made were related to domestic violence, except for two which were related to homophobic offences.

Of the 195 arrests made, 112 people remain in custody, 33 have been charged with offences and 50 have been bailed to return pending further inquiries.

Detective Superintendent Darren Williams, the head of the Public Protection Unit, said, “We are taking a proactive approach in order to bring those responsible to justice and support the victims of these heinous crimes. We are encouraging

third party reporting and are developing stronger links with communities most at risk.

“We know that these types of crime are still under reported and we will continue to work hard to gain the trust and confidence of communities so that victims feel that they can come forward. My key message to victims of these offences is tell us what is happening so we can help you but if you can't tell the police – tell someone.”

Deputy mayor for policing, Kit Malthouse, said, “There is no place in London for domestic violence and those arrested this morning found out first hand. The Met take this crime very seriously and we are grateful to all those officers involved in this important operation. I want to reassure Londoners that there is zero tolerance in the capital for these cowardly crimes and all perpetrators will be dealt with swiftly and severely. ”

Source: **BBC** 25 November 2010
Pink News 25 November 2010

Police warned London newspapers over sex ads

Detective Chief Superintendent Richard Martin, head of the Human Exploitation and Organised Crime Unit, has sent letters to London Newspaper editors warning them about advertisements for sex establishments in their newspapers.

In the letter he warns them saying, “As you will appreciate, criminal liability can arise in certain circumstances where evidence clearly shows that the advertising in question supports or promotes offences associated to trafficking, exploitation or proceeds of crime.”

He adds, “Advertising in newspapers can play a key role in facilitating the exploitation of trafficked victims. The adverts in question often purport to be massage parlours, saunas or escort agencies, but are in reality a front for criminal networks to advertise trafficked victims for sexual services.”

In 2008, Newsquest, a major newspaper publisher in the capital, took lead in banning newspaper sex ads after being convinced of the link between these adverts and women being trafficked into the country to be used as sex slaves.

In July 2008, Andy Parkes, group editor at Newsquest South London, said, “Despite operating in accordance with industry guidelines, the company has taken a decision to no longer publish adult services advertisements, either in print or on its websites. Increasing concerns regarding the appalling issue of human trafficking has been significant in this decision, which is effective immediately.”

The letter which was sent to more than 170 editors, urges editors to support police to address the issue by ensuring newspapers do not allow advertising space to be utilised to promote exploitation.

Click [here](#) to read the letter.

Source: [Croydon Guardian](#) 26 November 2010
[Hold the front page](#) 18 July 2008

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN IN THE UK

Welsh Assembly government to protect project to tackle domestic violence from spending cuts

The assembly government had pledged the £4.4 million budget for tackling domestic violence referred as 'Right to be Safe' is protected from any spending cuts. The announcement was made on the 25th of November, international day for the elimination of violence against women.

Social Justice Minister, Carl Sargeant said, " Tackling domestic abuse and violence against women is one of my top priorities and that is why I have protected this crucial area of work in the draft budget.

"By protecting the budget we can continue to work with our partners to make women and children safer. We have come along way in tackling violence against women but I recognise more needs to be done to eradicate this heinous crime.

'Right to be Safe' was launched by the assembly government in March. The six-year strategy addresses all forms of violence against women in Wales including rape and sexual assault, domestic abuse, 'honour based violence', female genital mutilation and forced marriage.

Different groups have welcomed this decision. Welsh Women's Aid's chief executive Paula Hardy said, "The announcement that a much needed north Wales project is to be developed to tackle prostitution and trafficking highlights that despite challenging times in relation to budgets, new initiatives' are continuing to be supported."

Cathy Owen, of Carmarthen-based Hafan Cymru, said, "The costs of domestic abuse to Wales are enormous. For every pound spent supporting someone suffering domestic abuse, the saving is between £3 and £5. The sooner you can start to change somebody's attitude to what is normal in a relationship - and that violence should never be tolerated - the better."

The money is also said to be used to expand services offered by the Wales Domestic Abuse helpline and a new project to tackle prostitution and trafficking in north Wales.

Source: **BBC** 25 November 2010

BBC 26 November 2010

A pilot scheme proposed to ban domestic violence suspects from home

Under government plans to tackle domestic violence, a year-long pilot scheme will start next summer which bans people suspected of abusing a partner from their homes for up to four weeks.

Under the proposed plans, "go orders", the police would be able to stop suspects having contact with an alleged domestic violence victim for 48 hours and that could be extended by a court to between 14 and 28 days.

The scheme which was first put forward by the previous Labour government will start in the Greater Manchester, Wiltshire and West Mercia police areas. A Home Office spokeswoman said if it was deemed successful in those areas it would be rolled out across England and Wales.

Shadow home secretary Ed Balls said, "These orders have been proven to work in other countries and would give the police the extra powers they need to protect the victims of domestic abuse."

Deputy Chief Constable Carmel Napier, the lead on domestic abuse for the Association of Chief Police Officers, said, "The orders will assist police in doing all we can to protect victims of domestic abuse and give victims the necessary breathing space to make informed decisions about their long-term safety, and that of their children, without the immediate fear of threat or further harm."

Home Secretary Theresa May, said, "Domestic violence is an appalling crime which sees two women a week die at the hands of their partners, while millions more suffer years of abuse in their own homes.

"These new powers will allow the police to step in when the victims are most vulnerable to give them vital space and time, which could ultimately save their lives."

The Home Office stated that similar initiatives had been proved to be successful in Austria, Germany, Poland and Switzerland.

Source: [BBC](#) 25 November 2010

INTERNATIONAL VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women

In 1999, the UN General Assembly designated 25 November as the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women. Violence against women and girls is a problem of pandemic proportions. At least one out of every three women around the world has been beaten, coerced into sex, or otherwise abused in her lifetime - with the abuser usually someone known to her.

Women's activists around the world have marked 25 November as a day against violence since 1981. The date commemorates the brutal assassination of the three Mirabal sisters, political activists in the Dominican Republic, in 1960 on orders of Dominican dictator Rafael Trujillo (1930-1961).

Governments, international organizations and NGOs have celebrated the day by organizing activities to raise public awareness of the problem. More than 1 million actions have been registered with the 'Say NO – UNiTE to End Violence against Women initiative of the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM, part of UN Women). The online effort was launched a year ago to provide a platform for individuals, civil society groups and governments to showcase and record their activities on the issue.

The International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women also launches the 16 Days of Activism against Gender Violence, which runs through 10 December, Human Rights Day.

Source: [Say NO – UniTE](#)
[WHO](#)

Authorities in Nicaragua 'failing rape victims', reported Amnesty International

A report published by Amnesty International to mark the international day for the elimination of violence against women, authorities in Nicaragua are failing to tackle high levels of sexual violence against girls.

The report revealed that two-thirds of rape victims in Nicaragua are under the age of 17 and survivors of sexual abuse are often stigmatised by the authorities and society alike. Most perpetrators are relatives or people in positions of power, and many victims are put under pressure to remain silent.

According to the report one young woman was raped by a family member when she was 17 and became pregnant. She said several people, including the local priest, pressured her not to file a complaint and to give her child for adoption.

In 1998 the current President Daniel Ortega was accused by his adopted step-daughter, Zoilamerica Narvaez, of sexually abusing her from the age of 11 to 22. The case was never brought to trial because of statute of limitations and Ortega's immunity from prosecution as a member of parliament.

Another case mentioned in the report was about a mother who reported that her daughter was being raped by her partner, the girl's step-father. She was jailed for 12 years for complicity for not reporting the crime earlier while no effort was made to arrest the alleged rapist.

Amnesty's Nicaragua researcher Esther Major, said, "Every day girls in Nicaragua are suffering the horror of sexual violence in silence, rather than risk the rejection that many suffer when they speak out.

"Young victims of rape and sexual abuse demand that their right to be free from sexual violence is protected by the Nicaraguan government and that they are supported so they can overcome the physical and psychological trauma caused by such acts of violence."

Amnesty called on Nicaragua to make clear that sexual violence is never the fault of the victim, and perpetrators will be brought to justice. There has been no response to the report so far from the government.

Source: [BBC](#) 25 November 2010

TAKE ACTION

Demonstrate: Women against the cuts

A group of trade union and activist have set up a London group to organise action and raise the profile of how the cuts will affect women. The first piece of action will be at The Treasury, Horse Guards Road, London on Tuesday 30 November, 5-7pm.

March: 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

Lap dancing: Lobby your council now with OBJECT's Guides

Since April 2010 local authorities have had the option to stop licensing lap dancing clubs like cafes and instead regulate them as part of the sex industry. Some local authorities and police are consulting on the issue now.

OBJECT has now published two toolkits to help you lobby your local authority to make sure they use these new powers effectively.

The first toolkit will help you make sure your council takes up the new licensing in the first instance.

The second can be used only once your council has introduced the new licensing but is critical in ensuring they make full use of it.

Take action now! Help tackle the growth of lap dancing clubs.

Step 1: Find out if your council has already adopted the new licensing regime for lap dancing clubs

Find out if your council has passed any resolutions by the full council on 'Sexual Entertainment Venues' (lap dancing clubs) by:

- Contacting the licensing department of your local council (the telephone number for the main switchboard will be on your council's website)
- Or searching your council's website

Step 2: Download the relevant Toolkit and take action!

Toolkit 1: How to get your local council to adopt new licensing for lap dancing clubs

- To be used if your local council has not already taken up the new licensing regime.

Toolkit 2: How to make sure your council makes full use of new licensing regime for lap dancing clubs

- To be used after your council has adopted the new licensing regime.

Downloads available at <http://www.object.org.uk/index.php/beinvolved>

EVENTS

Safe Exit - SOLUTIONS TO PROSTITUTION

6 December 2010 – Toynbee Hall, 2:00 – 5:00pm

This is an invite to a multi-agency event that will bring together examples of good practice from around the UK, including Safe Exit's Diversion Scheme. Earlier this year Safe Exit undertook an independent evaluation of the scheme, which considered if and how it has helped women change their lives.

We are pleased to share its findings with you and to have Rt. Hon Ms Lynne Featherstone MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Equalities Office, to launch the report and our new service in Newham. There will also be presentations from expert professionals on: The National Ugly Mugs Scheme is developed by the UK Network of Sex Work Projects (UKNSWP). It promotes women's safety and enables projects working with women involved in prostitution to share information about dangerous individuals who have perpetrated violence against the people they work with.

Please RSVP to Josie at Safeexit@toynbeehall.org.uk

London Civic Forum's, HEAR and EHRC

**Wednesday 8th December
9.30am – 1.00pm**

London Civic Forum's Your Voice, Your City programme in partnership with HEAR and the EHRC would like to invite you to our next event focussing on the new Public Sector Equality Duties.

The event will look at how community and voluntary sector organisations can use the new Public Sector Equality Duties to hold Public bodies to account. We will also look at how the new duty will apply to community and voluntary sector organisations when delivering their services.

The event includes:

- Presentation and update by the EHRC on the Equality Act and Public Sector Duties.
- Presentation by Race on the Agenda on how small voluntary community sector equality organisations can hold public bodies to account.
- Work shop by the Women's Resource Centre and their work with the women's sector and the PSED.

To book a place; events@londoncivicforum.org.uk or call 0208 709 9770

What's Gone; What's Left; What's New

Friday 3rd December 2010 | 10:00am - 2:00pm
Amnesty International UK: The Human Rights Action Centre,
17-25 New Inn Yard, London, EC2A 3EA

With funding cuts already biting for some, the Comprehensive Spending Review has announced reductions of 25% and more across many departmental budgets. Alongside the upheaval this will cause, the government is taking the chance to introduce fundamental changes in its approach to the welfare state, aiming to reduce spending on a long-term basis and to increase the powers of local civic organisations and citizens.

This event will address the impact on the voluntary and community sector in London of the drastic cuts to public spending and the government's localisation and decentralisation agenda. The new structures developing in London will be examined: what has gone, what is new, what is now happening at regional level and what has been devolved down to local level.

Tony Travers, expert on the politics and economy of London at the LSE, will deliver the keynote speech, including insight into how the emphasis on localism will work alongside London's regional government.

It is hoped that voluntary and community organisations who find themselves in limbo, uncertain of how funding will be secured in this new environment, will have the opportunity to discover and discuss how to ensure their sustainability, make themselves competitive and to plan and finance future projects.

Department of Health consultation - Information and Choice

Friday 3rd December 2010 | 2:00pm - 3:00pm
Amnesty International UK: The Human Rights Action Centre,
17-25 New Inn Yard, London, EC2A 3EA

This optional workshop will follow the lunch that finishes the main event. DoH officials will be on hand to guide discussion on the current consultations: [An Information Revolution](#) and [Greater Choice and Control](#). This will be an

opportunity to find out about, and to influence, what will go, what will be left and what will be new around the NHS.

Delegates may book the full day or either section individually.

To book your place, complete the attached booking form and send it to Anna Costi at LVSC: anna@lvsc.org.uk

Stella Project

Free breakfast networking event: launch of the young women's initiative, 1 December, London

1 December at AVA, 1 Downstream Building, London Bridge, SE1 9BG

Research highlights how women use drugs and alcohol as coping mechanisms for experiences of violence and abuse. However, no scoping work has yet been done on violence and substance use experienced by young women in adolescent relationships. This breakfast networking event will launch the Stella Project's **three-year research and development initiative** to improve responses to young women with experiences of domestic and/or sexual violence and substance misuse in two London boroughs.

The networking event will include a keynote presentation by Dr Miranda Horvath, Senior Lecturer in Psychology at Middlesex University, and a practitioners' panel discussion with Amanda Middleton, manager of the 722 Young People's Substance Misuse Service in Walthamstow, a Young Trainer from the nia project/Children's Society and a final panellist to be confirmed.

The event will be an opportunity for practitioners to share their experiences of working with young people with these overlapping issues, and discuss both effective strategies and challenges.

The Stella Project Newsletter is going monthly!

Formerly a quarterly newsletter, we are trialling a shorter, monthly newsletter, with every third edition dedicated to our Mental Health Initiative. We hope that this will provide you with more timely information and updates, and being shorter, will be easier to read.

We'd love to know what you think though – email us at shannon.harvey@avaproject.org.uk

Workshops! Prostitution, exit strategies and good practice in supporting women.

Eaves is running a series of workshops for borough-level statutory agencies and voluntary service providers who focus on prostitution. The aim is to equip attendees with the knowledge required to assist individuals who want to leave prostitution – including victims of trafficking – through facilitating access to appropriate services. Workshops will be run over a day and a half, attendees are expected to attend both days.

Cost: £150 (statutory) or £110 (voluntary)

Dates in February and March

For more information on dates and workshop contact Louise Jenkins 0207 840 7103 or Louise.jenkins@eaveshousing.co.uk

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

1st, 3rd, 6th, 17th of December

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

New group – Black Feminists meeting 14 December

Black Feminists is a group for all women (including trans women) who are African, Asian, indigenous, Latin American and/ or Middle Eastern or of these backgrounds.

It offers a safe space for women to meet, discuss and explore our experiences, including the intersections of race and gender as it affects us.

We meet next on Tuesday 14th December at 7pm in the Waterstone's Piccadilly 5th floor cafe. Please email blackfeministsuk

Film: FGM The Day I Will Never Forget By Kim Longinotto

When: Wednesday 1 December at 6.45 pm

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

Please join us for a special screening of 'The Day I will Never Forget', a gripping feature documentary by acclaimed filmmaker Kim Longinotto that examines the practice of female genital mutilation (FGM) in Kenya and the pioneering African women who are bravely reversing the tradition.

The screening will be followed by a panel discussion with Naana Otoo-Oyortey from **FORWARD** and Lisa Gormley from Amnesty's International Secretariat. Admission is free but a £5 donation will be requested on the door towards the work of the Women's Action Network.

Book your place at: http://www.amnesty.org.uk/events_details.asp?ID=1710

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

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

Fri 12 November 2010 - Sun 28 November 2010

Shoreditch Town Hall

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.

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

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

Facing Our Future – WRC Conference – 50% discount – 7th December 2010

The Women's Resource Centre is holding its annual conference on 7th December and for one week only we are offering a 50% discount on all prices!

Entitled '**Facing Our Future**', the conference and AGM at Cass Business School in London will cover everything from social enterprise to social media, with speakers and panellists from across the women's sector and voluntary and community sector.

You can find booking forms here

http://www.wrc.org.uk/includes/documents/cm_docs/2010/f/final_booking_form_for_web.pdf

You can also call Christina on 0207 324 3030 or email info@wrc.org.uk and put 'conference' in the subject header along with 'AGM' if you also wish to attend this event.

Limited stall places still available

If you would like to know more please contact Skye, our membership and events officer, on 0207 324 3039 or email skye@wrc.org.uk

DIRECT ACTION & CAMPAIGNS

Online Petition - London Councils - keep your commitment to funding lifesaving services for women and children

The online petition condemns the threat to violence against women and children services and calls for London Councils to honour current funding arrangements and to involve the sector in full and proper consultation before any changes to the borough grants scheme.

Please sign the petition and send it out through all your networks– it will be a fantastic weapon in our armoury to show how widespread support is for the maintenance of these services and we can use it to try and influence councillors right up until 14 December.

This will only work if we get a substantial number of signatures – please send it far and wide!

<http://www.petitionbuzz.com/petitions/londoncouncils>

Refugee Council

Following the publication of the new report on the Azure payment card Refugee Council supporters are calling on the government to replace the card with cash support.

Your campaigning helped to get rid of the shocking practice of providing asylum support through vouchers. But now these vouchers have been replaced with a payment card that restricts where, when and what people can buy.

Many asylum seekers whose claims have been refused but who are unable to return to their countries, are forced to rely on the Azure payment card. A new report, [Your inflexible friend: the cost of living without cash](#) brings to light a

multitude of problems with the card.

The card is topped up weekly with just £35 for a single person and can only be used in a limited number of supermarkets. It cannot be exchanged for cash making travel impossible, and, for single adults, only £5 can be carried over to the next week. Often the card doesn't work at all, leaving asylum seekers unable to buy food for themselves and their children.

Life without cash means hunger and deprivation for asylum seekers. One Congolese man said about the card - "It makes me feel like I'm less than an animal; an animal in this country gets enough to eat all week."

Act now: Tell the government to replace the payment card with cash support and let asylum seekers live in dignity

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/a0LA000002HVwl>

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

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.

VACANCIES AND VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

Solace Women's Aid

Sexual Violence Advocate (North London Rape Crisis) 2 posts -18 month

**30 hours (4 days) per week including occasional evening & weekend work
£27,009 pro rata (£21,607 for 4 days per week) + benefits**

Solace Women's Aid is delighted to have been awarded the contract for the newly funded Rape Crisis service in North London. As an experienced Advocate working with a vulnerable service user group you will work within a multi-agency setting to provide a pro-active crisis intervention and ongoing support service to adult female victims of recent and historic rape and sexual assault within and outside of the criminal justice system.

Closing date: 30 November 12 noon

Rape Crisis Counselling Coordinator – North London

22.5 hours per week (3 days)
£31,935 pro rata plus benefits
18 month contract

Solace Women's Aid is delighted to have been awarded the contract for the newly funded Rape Crisis service in North London. As an experienced and qualified counselling supervisor and accredited member of BACP or equivalent, you will set up and lead the counseling team offering free individual and group counseling to women and girls over 14 years impacted by sexual violence.

The counseling will be delivered by three counsellors and volunteers who you will manage and supervise. You will lead the counseling team reporting to the Rape Crisis Manager and liaise with Rape Crisis advocates and take responsibility for delivering excellence in outcomes and partnership working.

Closing date: 29 November 12 noon

Interviews: 10 December

Rape Crisis Counsellors (3 posts) – North London

30 hours per week (4 days but negotiable)
£27,009 pro rata plus benefits
18 month contract

Solace Women's Aid is delighted to have been awarded the contract for the newly funded Rape Crisis service in North London. We are now seeking experienced and qualified counsellors who are accredited members of BACP or equivalent. We will offer free one to one and group counseling to women and girls over 14 years impacted by sexual violence. We are seeking one counsellor with an interest in and experience of working with young women and girls.

You will carry out assessments, allocate counselling places appropriately and work closely with our volunteer counsellors. You will deliver both individual and group counseling contributing to excellence in service delivery.

Closing date: 2 December 12 noon

Interviews: 14 December

Rape Crisis Service Manager – North London

22.5 hours per week (3 days)
£33,306 pro rata plus benefits
18 month contract

Solace Women's Aid is delighted to have been awarded the contract for the newly funded Rape Crisis service in North London. As an experienced service manager you will lead on this project; setting up the counseling and advocacy service, leading the team and ensure excellent outcomes and partnerships with other providers.

Closing date: 29 November 12 noon

Interviews: 8 December

CONTACT DETAILS: For information & application pack (we do not accept CVs) ring Maureen Giles or Pat Shillong on 0207 619 1350 or email

info@solacewomensaid.org

Equality Now, London office

Fundraising Associate

Closing date: 5 Dec 2010

Salary: £27,000 to £33,000 according to experience.

Equality Now is an international human rights organisation working to protect and promote the rights of women and girls around the world.

We are looking for a Development Associate with 3 to 5 years fundraising experience in a charity setting, strong writing and interpersonal skills and the ability to work well under pressure as well as a proven commitment to the field of international women's rights and other related social justice issues. Spanish, **French or Arabic language are also desirable.**

Please send a CV and cover letter to ukinfo@equalitynow.org. For further information about the position or Equality Now please visit www.equalitynow.org.

If you have any question, do not hesitate to contact me on 0207 839 5456 or ukinfo@equalitynow.org

Rights of Women - Office Intern

We are looking for an office intern to support us with the administration and delivery of our vital legal advice and information services for women.

We are looking for a commitment of a minimum of 2 days per week for a period of at least 3 months. The intern will be based at our office in London and will be a well motivated, organised and reliable woman with an understanding of and

commitment to the work of Rights of Women. Computer literacy and good interpersonal skills are essential for this role, as is an ability to work as part of a small team.

Reasonable travel and subsistence expenses will be paid.

This is a unique opportunity to gain experience of working within a leading women's legal organisation. There will be opportunities to learn more about the work of Rights of Women, attend training and other events and be involved in other aspects of our work.

How to apply

Please send a covering letter addressing the key qualities set out in the role description together with a CV by Friday 03 December 2010. Interviews will take place on Thursday 09 December 2010 with the internship commencing in January.

Applications can be emailed to info@row.org.uk or posted to: Rights of Women, 52-54 Featherstone Street, London EC1Y 8RT

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.

Director – London Irish Women's Center – 29th of November 2010

Director – £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 Director will have responsibility for developing the services and supervising the staff as well as securing the financial and operational future of the Centre. The leadership of the Director will provide the vision and drive to position LIWC at the heart of current policy making, connecting the Centre with the Irish community agenda, the wider voluntary sector and key statutory agencies. The post will be confirmed subject to satisfactory completion of a three month probationary period.

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
<http://www.liwc.co.uk/page12.htm>

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

Closing date 29th November 5pm

1st Interview 8th December

2nd interview tbc

Community Development Worker – Newham Asian Women’s Project – 30th November 2010

*** Hours: Full Time**

*** Salary: S01 SCP 29 £25,440 (inclusive) (35 Hours)**

Newham Asian Women’s Project (NAWP) is a leading women’s organisation in East London. Set up in 1986 to provide specialist support services to Asian women and their children experiencing domestic violence. The project has since developed a range of other services to support Asian women and girls including four refuges, a resource centre, a counselling service, a youth project, a legal advice service, a training department and a mental health project called Zindaagi (meaning ‘Life’).

The project has recently secured a grant from the Paul Hamlyn Trust and the Mental Health Foundation called Right Here to develop a mental health and wellbeing project focusing on the 16 to 25 age group.

We are seeking a highly motivated and dynamic woman who has the drive to take this project forward and who has the following skills:

- Experience of working with vulnerable young people and an awareness and understanding of the issues impacting on them
- Knowledge and experience of working with young people who maybe vulnerable to and/or experiencing mental health difficulties
- Experience of monitoring and evaluation
- Experience of delivering support and training to young people
- The ability to actively involve young people in service development and delivery in a creative and empowering way
- The ability to speak fluently in one of the main South Asian languages

For further information about the post please contact: Baljit Banga on 0208 536 1397 or **bbanga@nawp.org**.

For an Application Pack please contact: Shahina Begum on 0208 472 0528 or **sbegum@nawp.org**.

Closing date for applications: 5pm on Tuesday 30 November 2010

This post is open to South Asian women only and is exempt under the Sex Discrimination Act 7(2)(d) and (e) and the Race Relations Act 5(2)(d) 1976
Charity Registration No: 1001834

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 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

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

