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VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN IN LONDON

Overall crime down but sex crimes rise

According to the recently published British Crime Survey, the overall number of crimes has fallen at a 30 year low last year but sexual offences increased by 7%.

Home Office statisticians urged to cautiously evaluate the raise in figures of sex crimes against the improvement of reporting and recent police campaigns to improve recording.

Keith Bristow of the Association of Chief Police Officers said, "Nationally we have been working to improve all areas of sex offence investigation, with a particular emphasis on rape in domestic abuse cases. We remain determined to bring to justice people who commit sexual offences and we are making significant progress in this critical area, particularly around giving victims confidence to come forward and report these crimes and we need them to do so".

The survey showed the number of homicides fell 4% to 619 in the year to the end of April 2010, 25 fewer than the year before and the lowest number since 1997-98 when 606 were recorded.

As in previous years, the survey also showed that although about two-thirds of homicide victims were male, about three-quarters of female victims of homicide knew the main suspect.

Source: [The Guardian](#) 20 January 2011
[BBC](#) 20 January 2011

Rape suspect caught after victim bites through his tongue

Metin Sancı, 34, from Stoke Newington, was arrested within minutes after he attacked a young woman in her twenties, just 100 yards away from where the attack happened in Islington.

Paul Cavin, prosecuting, said the woman, had fought him for eight minutes after he grabbed her on her doorstep as she arrived home from her job in a bar in the early hours in July last year.

The jury at the Blackfriars Crown Court was shown CCTV footage of the attack. The prosecutor explained to the court, "The defendant grabbed her from behind and dragged her into the doorway of a shop. She was screaming and fighting back. He made the mistake of trying to kiss her on the mouth. Displaying great courage, she bit down severely on his tongue."

Police found Sancı covered in blood and before he could be interviewed his tongue was stitched at University College Hospital.

Sancı denies rape, an alternative count of attempted rape, and sexual assault.

The trial continues.

Source: [Evening Standard](#) 19 January 2011

Man jailed for attacking his sister because she dates a non-Muslim

Ashraf Azad, 28, brother of Afshan Azad, 21, who played Padma Patil in Harry Potter is jailed for six months for a "prolonged and nasty" attack on his sister in which she was beaten and branded with names for dating a non-Muslim.

The Court also heard that during the attack, which also involved her mother and father, she was called a "slag" and a "prostitute" and told, "Marry a Muslim or you die."

Sentencing Azad, Judge Roger Thomas QC said, "This persistent attack was accompanied by serious and very hurtful abuse and threats. It must have been a

miserable and frightening experience for your sister which, she suggested, lasted for about three hours or so.

"The background to this offence lies in the concern that you, and perhaps other family members, had about Afshan's relationship with a young man who was not of the Islamic faith."

"This is a sentence that is designed to punish you for what you did and also to send out a clear message to others that domestic violence involving circumstances such as the one arisen here cannot be tolerated."

The actress had pleaded for leniency begging the judge not to jail her brother.

She is now believed to be staying with friends in London.

Source: [Evening Standard](#) 21 January 2011

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN IN THE UK

A rape victim silenced by her community

Judge Simon Newell called for urgent meeting with community leaders, after a woman refused to give evidence against her husband on a rape charge, after an 'enormous pressure from her community'.

Discharging the 34-year-old man accused of the crime who was due to stand trial at Burnley Crown Court, the judge said, "It seems to me there are persons who have an interest in this case, who are minded to express opinions and exert influences which are possibly inhibiting the police, the prosecuting authorities and the courts in carrying out their proper functions. This will not be tolerated.

"It is for the courts to carry out judicial functions and it's not for individuals or sections of the community to attempt to resolve these matters outside the court."

Prosecutor Sara Dodd said she would not be proceeding with the case against the defendant as it would 'do more harm than good' to the alleged victim.

The man, who denies the charge, was already on the sex offenders' register until autumn 2014 for an offence against another woman. He also had a previous conviction for assault causing actual bodily harm against his wife.

Salim Mulla, chairman of the Lancashire Council of Mosques, said, "I think there is a real problem and we have to accept that. The Asian community sometimes has a different way of working, trying to resolve the problems itself rather than leaving it to the police. But that doesn't make it the right thing to do."

Pendle Council leader Mike Blomeley said, "We do have a service for people like this and we have a women's refuge. The question is whether the Asian community feels comfortable accessing that sort of service and whether we need to have something a bit broader than what is in place."

Claire Bennett, of Pendle Domestic Violence Initiative, said there has been an increase in the number of victims requiring support during the past year. She added, "We work hard to combat such pressures and actively support victims to increase their safety through all options available. Unfortunately, despite this, some victims do not feel they are able to seek support or pursue the justice they deserve."

Judge Newell has also ordered that the rape allegations to be left on the man's file, meaning the charges could be brought back to court in the future.

Source: [The Citizen](#) 20 January 2011

Research on condoms to help catch sex offenders

Researchers at the Sheffield Hallam University, in Sheffield have developed a technique to detect condom lubricant on fingerprints left by a suspect at a crime scene.

There has been an increase in the use of condoms by sex offenders, partly to prevent the transfer of DNA evidence and evade detection.

Dr Simona Francese from the university's biomedical research centre said, "Offenders are increasingly aware of forensic issues and it is common now for condoms to be used and removed from the scene of a sexual assault.

"However, they are less likely to consider the possibility of lubricant transferring onto their fingertips and then into finger-marks left at the scene. If condom lubricant can be detected in finger-marks it would improve the evidence for the prosecution by establishing the assailant's presence at the scene and, crucially, having had contact with a condom.

"This would enable forensic scientists to provide further support to the evidence in alleged cases of sexual assault."

The technique has proved to be successful even on finger-marks left several weeks before analysis.

Source: [BBC](#) 19 January 2011

Father and son guilty of sex trafficking

Bogdan Nejlloveanu, 51 and his son Marius Nejlloveanu, 23, who targeted and trafficked Romanian women between the age of 19 and 27 to the UK to force them into prostitution have been found guilty.

The women, five Romanian nationals, who were targeted because of their vulnerability, were trafficked to the UK under the pretense of new home and jobs.

Most of the women were raped, beat and threatened with a knife by Marius, if they refused to co-operate, while the father gave his son practical help and advice so he could set up his own prostitution business.

DC Colin Ward talking about Marius said, "He is a violent rapist with even less regard for women, and is trying to establish himself as his father has."

The victims were forced to work six or seven days a week, sometimes having sex with as many as eight or ten men a night. The women had to hand over up to £300 a day each to the Nejlloveanus. It's estimated that half of it went to the brothels where they were forced into prostitution in Manchester.

After the women were rescued by police both father and son fled the country but were traced in an international investigation and extradited.

Police said while on remand they were found to be making threatening phone calls to three of the women threatening them not to give evidence. In a call to his mother Marius suggested that they should kidnap the two witnesses by luring them to their home in Romania.

Marius also tried to arrange for a new victim to be brought over by mail and in phone calls, urging his friend to tell her that he loved her, adding, "She'll fall for that."

Marius Nejlloveanu was convicted of five counts of trafficking women into the UK for sexual exploitation, one count of conspiracy to traffic a woman into the UK for sexual exploitation, two counts of trafficking women within the UK for sexual exploitation, one count of trafficking a woman out of the UK for sexual exploitation, four counts of rape, five counts of assault, two counts of causing a woman to engage in sexual activity without consent, five counts of controlling prostitution for gain, and one count of witness intimidation.

Bogdan Nejloveanu was convicted of three counts of trafficking within the UK for sexual exploitation, three counts of trafficking into the UK for sexual exploitation and one count of controlling prostitution for gain.

Juanita Huntington, 51, who acted as a 'receptionist' at the brothels admitted five counts of controlling prostitution for gain.

All three are due to be sentenced at Manchester Crown Court on the 26th of January.

Source: [Sussex Express](#) 21 January 2011
[Manchester Evening News](#) 19 January 2011

INTERNATIONAL VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

Berlusconi calls for new laws to protect himself

Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi said he would propose new laws to prevent magistrates from pursuing elected officials, after a recent accusation that he paid for sex with a minor.

The 74-year-old is accused of paying for sex with Karima El Mahroug, a 17-year-old night club dancer. He was summoned by magistrates for questioning but he refused saying that biased Milan magistrates did not have the right to preside over the case.

"I can't present myself to public prosecutors that do not have either the functional or territorial competency, and also so as not to endorse this illegitimacy. I want to go to trial straight away... but I want to do it with impartial judges and not with public ministers who want to use this as a political fight."

In a televised address he said, "There is nothing that I have to be ashamed of. The government will continue to work, and parliament will make the necessary reforms to guarantee that a magistrate will not be able to try to illegitimately destroy someone who has been elected by the citizens."

Just days after prosecutors opened an investigation into this case a recorded conversation between the girl and Berlusconi was released. The record includes

a conversation in which El Mahroug said she asked for 5 million euros from Berlusconi in return for keeping their affair a secret.

In December last year Berlusconi narrowly survived a confidence vote. He also lost automatic immunity from prosecution after a recent top court ruling.

Hence, it's more likely he will eventually have to appear in court to answer charges related to the case.

Source: [The Telegraph](#) 20 January 2011
[Xinhuanet](#) 19 January 2011

Three women killed everyday in Bangladesh

According to a survey almost 16 cases of violence against women occurred daily in Bangladesh last year, with three women being killed.

Following the survey 11 ministries in the country and nine United Nations agencies jointly launched a two-day Inception Workshop to discuss the issues.

The workshop aims to find possible ways of future collaboration between the Government and UN agencies under the project titled, 'The Joint Programme to Address Violence Against Women'.

UN Resident Coordinator Arthur Erken said, "Any forms of violence affects or even destroys a woman's self-esteem, her health, denies her of her human rights and undermines her potential and full involvement in society.

"A coordinated multi-sectoral and sustainable approach is the right way to combat violence against women."

Speakers also stated that these figures are just the tip of the iceberg as most cases still remain unreported, unnoticed and even accepted in the society especially incidences of domestic violence.

They also recommended that young boys and men should be engaged through this programme to play a significant role for the prevention of violence against women.

Source: [Asiaone News](#) 20 January 2011

Poorer mental health linked to physical and sexual abuse

According to a study at the University of Western Australia, women subjected to both physical and sexual violence by their partner are much more likely to experience mental health and/or substance use issues.

Dr Marika Guggisberg surveyed 227 adult women in Perth studying the links between male-perpetrated violence against women, mental health problems and psycho-active substance use among victims.

The results revealed that women who suffered physical and sexual violence by a current or former intimate partner were up to 24 times more likely to experience mental health and/or substance use issues than women who were not abused.

Mental health problems included - anxiety, depression and post-traumatic stress disorder. Substance use in the study covered alcohol, tobacco, pharmaceuticals for non-medical purposes, cannabis, heroin and ecstasy.

Dr Guggisberg said, "With remarkable consistency, co-occurring mental health and substance use problems were highest among participants in group one (women experiencing concurrent sexual and physical violence as well as controlling behaviour). The study concluded that the use of alcohol and other drugs may be a strategy to manage physical and psychological outcomes of the violence".

She also stressed an urgent need for safe and appropriate intervention in cases where women were subjected to both physical and sexual violence.

Source: [Science Alert](#) 19 January 2011

EVENTS

Amnesty International – Book Launch

The Whistleblower: sex trafficking, military contractors, and one woman's fight for justice

Date: Tue 25 January 2011 - 6.30pm for 7.00pm

Kathryn Bolkovac served as an International Police Task Force human rights investigator in Bosnia, where she headed the gender affairs unit. At great personal risk, she began to unravel the ugly truth about officers involved in

human trafficking and forced prostitution and their connections to private mercenary contractors, the UN, and US State Department. Soon, she was demoted, then fired.

She was threatened and forced to flee the country under cover of darkness - bringing incriminating documents with her. Thanks to the evidence she had collected, Kathryn won a lawsuit against private military contractor DynCorp, exposing their actions.

Kathryn will talk about her experiences and then take questions from the audience.

Copies of the book will be on sale.

To book a place please visit the following website

http://www.amnesty.org.uk/events_booking.asp?ID=1735&#booking

London Metropolitan University

Human rights and social justice seminars – 26 January - 7 July 2011

The Human Rights and Social Justice Research Institute at London Metropolitan University is holding a series of public seminars to debate the value of human rights standards and principles as a means of scrutinising the impact of public policy, identifying its true cost and, where necessary, proposing alternatives.

The series will also explore what it means in practice to integrate equality and human rights approaches in legal, policy and political responses to austerity. Speakers at the fifth seminar in May on 'Integrating human rights and equality in responses to austerity' include Professor Sandra Fredman, University of Oxford and Sarah Spencer CBE, Chair, Equality and Diversity Forum.

The registration fee for each seminar is £5, payable on the door, which includes a glass of wine.

For more information and to book a place click [here](#).

Eaves' Scarlet Centre

January - March 2011 Workshops and Events

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.

Some of the workshops are around:

- Post Depression Support Group
- Save-a-Life First Aid training
- Confidence Building & Self-Esteem
- Fears about rent arrears
- Exiting Prostitution & Sexual Violence
- 'Recovery – Hope and Choice' Film screening and discussion
- Positive Change - A workshop looking at how to bring about positive change in your life.
- Start your own business

For full information on the workshops and to attend please call the Scarlet Centre on 0207 840 7142 or emailing advice_centre@eaveshousing.co.uk.

It is advisable to book in advance, as some workshops are very popular and there may not be space on the day if they come without booking.

Eaves

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 and attendees are expected to attend both days.

Why should I attend?

- Would you like to learn more about how to utilise your existing resources in a cost effective way?
- Do you have responsibility for Community Safety and Engagement in your borough?
- Is violence against women and girls part of your remit?
- Want to understand how to develop a strategy for your borough/organisation?
- Do you want to learn more about developing policies to help you respond to prostitution in your borough?
- Would you like to develop exit strategies for women involved in prostitution?

If you answered yes to any of these, then this course is for you!

Dates:

February 2nd and 3rd 2011
March 9th and 10th 2011
April 13th and 14th 2011
May 11th and 12th 2011
June 14th and 15th 2011

For further information, or to book a place, please contact: **Louise Jenkins on 020 7840 7103** or louise.jenkins@eaveshousing.co.uk

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

DIRECT ACTIONS, CAMPAIGNS & RESOURCES

European Women's Lobby – Petition

Sign the RealStars petition for stronger EU anti-sex-trafficking legislation!

MAKE FAIR SEX REAL CAMPAIGN, "Make Fair Sex Real"

RealStars is a new initiative founded in Sweden in 2010. RealStars is an independent non-profit organization that promotes Fair Sex (sex on equal terms) and aims at putting an end to sex trafficking in Europe.

The EU was close to reaching a breakthrough with a new Directive on Human Trafficking: the proposal for the Directive would have criminalised buying sex from trafficked persons. This is crucial because in order to end sex-trafficking the demand that fosters trafficking and makes it profitable needs to be addressed.

Unfortunately this point was removed from the proposal. This would have been the first step towards a dream of not only banning sex trafficking from Europe but also to make Fair Sex a reality for all of us.

Now you have the chance to help make this dream a reality! [Sign the petition.](#)

European Women's Lobby – Petition

Sign the petition against the eroticisation of violence against women in music videos!

HipHopConnection.com has leaked a video teaser for the Kanye West hit song "Monster". In just 30 seconds, viewers take in image after image of eroticized violence against women:

- Dead women, clad in lingerie, hang by chains around their necks.
- West makes sexual moves toward dead or drugged women propped up in a bed.
- A naked dead or drugged woman lays sprawled on a sofa.

If that's not enough, a behind-the-scenes clip of the video includes a semi-naked dead woman laying spread eagled on a table in front of Rick Ross as he eats a plate of raw meat. It is likely we can expect more brutal images in the full-length video.

The victims in this video are clearly women. Only women. And the men, Kanye West, Rick Ross, and Jay-Z are far from bothered by the female corpses. They seem to enjoy being surrounded by lifeless female bodies, apparent victims of a serial killing.

We call on Universal Music Group and MTV to combat violence against women by refusing to support, promote, and/or give airtime to West's "Monster" video.

Please add your name to the petition here: <http://www.thepetitionsite.com/1/pr...>

Rights of Women

10 Minutes to Save Legal Aid!

As you may know, the Ministry of Justice is proposing to make a number of changes to legal aid which will have significant negative effects on women, particularly women experiencing violence including:

- Changing the legal aid scheme so the legal aid will no longer be available to deal with certain types of legal problems including private children law, financial relief, immigration law and welfare benefits law. Those with problems in these areas of law will have to pay privately for advice, seek advice from charities or other organisations or represent themselves.
- Limiting the availability of legal aid in relation to debt and housing so that it will only be available when a person's home is immediately at risk.
- Changing the rules on eligibility to make it more difficult to qualify for legal aid (including for those on welfare benefits) and to increase the level of financial contributions to legal fees that have to be made by those who are still eligible.

- Reducing the amounts paid to lawyers (this will further reduce the number of providers doing legally aided work).
- Changing how legally aided legal advice is accessed so that women would no longer be able to approach solicitors directly for advice. Instead there will be a single point of access to legally aided legal advice through a telephone line.

Rights of Women will be campaigning against the changes and is developing a template consultation response with the **Women's Resource Centre** so that women's organisations and other groups can make their views on the proposals known (this will be circulated in late January 2011). We need your help to do this.

Please complete the relevant surveys to you; you can complete more than one. For example, you may be a professional working on violence against women issues (such as a outreach worker or social worker) who has also has individual experience of dealing with a legal problem. Each survey should take no more than 10 minutes to complete.

- Survey for individual women <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/KVPG3X6>
- Survey for professionals who respond to violence against women issues <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/ZHWGLMD>
- Survey for legal professionals <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/VV3KD3Z>

Rights of Women will also be holding a **seminar and debate in London on Thursday 3 February 2011** to provide an opportunity for women's groups and other interested voluntary and statutory sector organisations to engage in a question and answer session on the current proposals and the potential impact of the proposed changes on women's access to justice. This event will equip participants with a better understanding of the way that the proposed changes will impact on women's access to justice, and provide a forum for discussion about how to most effectively respond to the consultation.

Further details, including how to book, will be on the Rights of Women website shortly: <http://www.rightsofwomen.org.uk/current.php>.

Questionnaire - Exploring the category of gender within hate crime policy

Deadline: 12th February 2011.

In Britain the government has created legislation and policy designed to combat different forms of hate crime. It mandates that crimes which might be motivated by prejudice should be punished more harshly and that the victim should receive a higher standard of care.

The victim categories included in current hate crime policy are race, religion, sexual orientation and disability. To date, there has been little discussion about the merits of including gender within hate crime legislation. This questionnaire seeks to find about the potential for such an approach, and the limitations.

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/2XZXM3M>

TRAINING

Imkaan

Accredited training - Understanding Forced Marriage and 'Honour' Based Violence

10 February 2011

Cost: The course cost is £95 per day

A unique accredited 2 day training from Imkaan. The course is first of its kind. By the end of this session participants will have a better understanding of the definitions of forced marriage and 'honour'-based violence, historical and cultural roots and how this impacts on different communities.

You will also have an introductory overview on the legal framework; risk and begin to shape strategies for developing effective service responses in this area.

The accredited training course is aimed at frontline professionals working with or seeking to engage with BAMER women and children. This course will also be beneficial to policy-makers, funders, commissioners, legal advocates, health professionals, the police, Local Authorities and other statutory and voluntary organisations.

For more information and to book contact Lia Latchford on bookings@imkaan.org.uk

Accredited training - Risk and Case Management in Violence Against Women

15 February 2011

Cost: The course cost is £95 per day

By the end of the session you will have a more detailed understanding of existing models of risk assessment; specific risk indicators and safety planning. The session is designed to help you develop best practice around the management of risk, disclosure and safety planning.

The accredited training course is aimed at frontline professionals working with or seeking to engage with BAMER women and children. This course will also be beneficial to policy-makers, funders, commissioners, legal advocates, health professionals, the police, Local Authorities and other statutory and voluntary organisations.

For more information and to book contact Lia Latchford on bookings@imkaan.org.uk

Tender

One Day Training - Working with young people to address violence in teenage relationships

This training will practically examine how drama techniques can be used to engage young people in order to explore the early warning signs of abusive relationships, what abuse is and how to seek support.

The day is aimed at professionals working directly with young people. Participants do not need to have previous experience of drama or theatre to take part in the day.

This very practical day will:

- Equip participants with a clear understanding of the key issues of abuse and violence in relationships including what violence and abuse are, why victims of violence often stay in violent relationships and why violence occurs. It will particularly focus on empowering young people to read the early warning signs of a relationship that may be becoming abusive.
- Practically explore exercises that can be used to engage young people. These will include short pieces of text, group games, and exercises that draw out opinion and discussions. These are exercises that have been tried and tested in a range of youth settings including schools, youth centres and pupil referral units.
- Explore how the activities can be applied in a variety of youth settings, and effective techniques for engaging and encouraging young people to participate.

- Examine managing disclosures.
- Offer participants a set of session plans and resources that they can take away and use in their own settings.
- Trouble shoot particular barriers participants have encountered when carrying out this kind of violence prevention work.

For any further enquiries please feel free to contact dorota@tender.org.uk or telephone 0207 431 7227

Women and Manual Trades

DIY COURSES FOR WOMEN: FEBRUARY AND MARCH 2011

Course places cost just £50 per person, per day

Women and Manual Trades is a national organisation which has been supporting women in non-traditional jobs for over 30 years.

This February and March, we'll be running a series of one-day DIY courses, teaching the basics of five different trades – Carpentry, Electrics, Plumbing, Painting & Decorating, and Tiling.

Our training is delivered by professional tradeswomen, working with small, friendly, women-only groups. Each course is designed to give an introduction to the relevant trade, allowing participants to tackle small home maintenance jobs with more confidence.

You can book online now at www.wamt.org/store.

For more information email info@wamt.org, or call 020 7251 9192 and speak to Amanda, Louise, or Niki.

WRC & EHRC

Using CEDAW in the UK

The Women's Resource Centre (WRC) and Equality and Human Rights Commission (EHRC) are running FREE regional training on the UN Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) in February 2011 in **Birmingham, Manchester and Newcastle.**

Further information and booking forms please visit the following websites:

- **Cardiff - Thursday 3rd February 2011**
http://www.wrc.org.uk/training_events/cedaw_events/using_cedaw_in_the_uk_cardiff.aspx
- **Birmingham -Thursday 10th February 2011**
http://www.wrc.org.uk/training_events/cedaw_events/using_cedaw_in_the_uk_birmingham.aspx
- **Manchester - Wednesday 16th February 2011**
http://www.wrc.org.uk/training_events/cedaw_events/using_cedaw_in_the_uk_manchester.aspx
- **Newcastle - Friday 25th February 2011**
http://www.wrc.org.uk/training_events/cedaw_events/using_cedaw_in_the_uk_newcastle.aspx

For more information, please contact Charlotte Gage at the Women's Resource Centre on charlotte@wrc.org.uk or call 020 7324 3042.

WRC training for the New Year

Our programme of FREE sustainable funding trainings is designed to support you as women's organisations to explore different types of funding for your organisation could access.

Upcoming trainings include:

- [Partnerships: getting off to a good start:](#) 25 January 2011
- [Commissioning: understanding the basics:](#) 27 January 2011
- [Partnerships: putting it into practice:](#) 9 February 2011
- [Social Enterprise: understanding the basics:](#) 15 February 2011.

Click [here](#) to see the full training calendar and email Sam at samantha@wrc.org.uk for details.

Rights of Women

New & Updated Training Courses – March & April 2011

No recourse? EEA national? The permanent solution - London 2nd March

Breaking the cycle: using civil and criminal remedies to protect women from violence - London 9th March

Protecting children from domestic violence: children and the law - London 16th March

Supporting survivors of sexual violence - Manchester 23rd March

Stop the traffic! Supporting women who have been trafficked for sexual exploitation - Birmingham 30th March

For more info contact the training officer: 0207 251 6575
training@row.org.uk

Further course details: <http://www.rightsofwomen.org.uk/training.php>

London Metropolitan University

MA Woman and Child Abuse – One year (Full-time) or Two years (Part-time)

The aim of the MA programme is to provide a comprehensive grounding in theoretical frameworks, research, policy and practice approaches to woman and child abuse.

The programme aims to develop your knowledge and understanding of all forms of violence against women and child abuse, including sexual exploitation, domestic violence, sexual violence and harmful traditional practices.

Entry Requirements: A good Honours degree in a relevant subject and/or experience of developing/delivering policy or service provision in the field. A degree in an unrelated subject and lower qualifications may be acceptable if balanced by extensive relevant experience. All applicants are normally interviewed, but importance is also placed on the statement of application. Applicants for whom English is not their first language must demonstrate sufficient proficiency in both written and spoken English.

To find our more please contact Maddy Coy Deputy Director / MA Coordinator on 020 7133 5024 or m.coy@londonmet.ac.uk or visit the website www.cwasu.org

Postgraduate Short Courses - Short Courses on Violence Against Women and Girls

These courses are aimed at professionals currently working in the statutory or voluntary sector who wish to:

- Conduct internal evaluation, monitoring and small scale research projects;
- Develop and extend specialist services dealing with child and/or woman abuse;
- Undertake policy development at a local, regional or national level where they have responsibility for delivering support and advocacy services,

- coordinating multi-agency for and/or improving the response of the criminal justice and/or health sectors
- Deliver government and/or agency policy commitments with respect to

Safeguarding Children, addressing domestic violence, rape, FGM, forced marriage, sexual exploitation and other forms of violence against women.

This course will focus on forms of sexual violence in child and adulthood including:

- sexual abuse in childhood
- rape and sexual assault of adults
- sexual exploitation including pornography
- prostitution
- trafficking and other aspects of the sex industry
- sexual harassment

The course will be delivered over 6 days and the areas covered will be: definitions and prevalence; impacts and meanings; legislative frameworks and the criminal justice response; sexual cultures; perpetrators and approaches to prevention

Sexual Exploitation of Children and Young People

The course will extend the student's knowledge base in relation to:

- sexual exploitation of children & young people
- definitions and prevalence of sexual exploitation
- intervention and protection
- managing perpetrators
- policy and legislation

Historical continuities in the form and nature of sexual exploitation will be examined, in a national and international context. The impact of sexual exploitation on the child or young person will be examined, and good practice in working with young people explored. Particular examples of exploitation will be analysed,

Teaching dates for the next course in the 2011 spring semester are:

Thursday 17th February

Friday 18th February

Thursday 3rd March

Friday 4th March

Thursday 31st March

Friday 1st April

Course Fee: £600

To find our more please contact Maddy Coy Deputy Director / MA
Coordinator on 020 7133 5024 or m.coy@londonmet.ac.uk or visit the
website www.cwasu.org

VACANCIES AND VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

University of Bedfordshire

Director - National Working Group (NWG) – Ref: NAHS3428
Fixed term post for 3 years
£37,839 - £40,119 per annum

The National Working Group (NWG) is at an exciting time of its development, funded by Comic Relief to raise the profile of initiatives and activities within the UK to prevent the sexual exploitation of children and young children.

The new Director will lead the NWG into its own independent status and will advocate on behalf of its members.

You will need leadership skills with experience at senior management level; fundraising and campaigning experience and demonstrate an understanding of the different political concerns and policy and practice needs of the range of NWG members.

This is an opportunity for a dynamic and empathetic leader to advance work to prevent the sexual exploitation of children and young people.

To apply:

Please download information and application forms from: www.beds.ac.uk/jobs
Alternatively, application forms and further details may be obtained from the Human Resources Department, University of Bedfordshire, Park Square, Luton LU1 3JU. Tel 01582 743376 (24 hour answering service) or email employment.opportunities@beds.ac.uk

Please quote reference number and job title. Please note CVs will only be accepted in addition to a fully completed application form.

Closing date: 28 January 2011
Interview date: 1 March 2011

Housing for Women

Director of Support Housing

Salary £47,000 - One year contract initially

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.

We are offering a varied and challenging role as Director of Supported Housing. This is a new post with responsibility for developing and securing the sustainability of our supported projects and provides a real opportunity to shape services to meet emerging needs. We currently provide refuges and ancillary services for women and their children rejecting domestic violence; accommodation and support for trafficked women and we work with women ex-offenders and their children.

To apply download an application pack from the following website www.hfw.org.uk or write to Sixth Floor, Blue Star House, 234-244 Stockwell Road, London SW9 9SP

Closing date: 12 noon Friday 28 January 2011

Housing for Women

Re-Unite Project Co-ordinator

Salary £32,000 - £33,000 - Three year contract

Our Re-Unite project provides temporary accommodation and floating support to women leaving prison, to successfully re-unite them with their children and resettle them within the community. We are offering a varied and challenging role as Project Co-ordinator. You will have experience working with women offenders and providing support to socially excluded women and their dependants. You will also have experience in managing staff and working with statutory and voluntary agencies.

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

The successful candidate for this position will undertake an enhanced CRB check.

Closing date for applications 12 noon Monday 31 January 2011

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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:
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