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VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN IN LONDON

Government appoints anti-abortion group on advisory panel on sexual health

Life, an organisation which is opposed to abortion in all circumstances and which advocates abstinence-based approach to sex education, has been appointed to a new government advisory panel on sexual health.

The panel has been set up to replace the Independent Advisory Group on Sexual Health and HIV, which was abolished last year.

However, the Government has been criticised for omitting the British Pregnancy Advisory Service (BPAS) from the new panel despite its long-term membership of the previous advisory group.

The Department of Health has justified its decision on the basis that it was important that the forum represented "a wide range of interests", despite BPAS's omission.

Yvette Cooper, shadow home secretary and shadow minister for women and equalities, said: "Many women will be alarmed to hear that an organisation that campaigns against abortion in all circumstances is now advising the government.

"Abortion is legal in this country but the appointment of this group raises a concern about whether that will continue to be supported by ministers in future.

"We know that women don't take decisions about pregnancy and abortion lightly. They will want reassurances from ministers that the appointment of this group does not signal a backwards step in independent advice, proper health support for women and safe access to abortion."

Lisa Hallgarten, director of Education for Choice, said: "It is hard to see how an organisation dedicated to opposing provision of abortion would support these kinds of advances and our main concern would be that Life might seek to obstruct further advances in contraceptive and abortion access or even turn the clock back on some of them."

Nadine Dorries, the Conservative MP, has welcomed the decision. She said: "The news that the government has ejected BPAS from the new sexual health forum and replaced them with the charity Life is pleasing, as it was the right thing to do."

Source: [Guardian](#) 25 May 2011

Judge criticised met police sex unit

Mr Justice Collins, speaking at a hearing into the investigation of an alleged rape in 2005, criticised Southwark's Metropolitan Police Sapphire unit, as 'under-resourced' and run by 'inexperienced' officers.

In 2005 detectives of the unit investigated the alleged rape of a 15-year-old girl and a man was charged with the allegations but found not guilty after a trial.

Relatives of the 15-year-old girl were not happy about the investigation and asked the Independent Police Complaints Commission (IPCC) to investigate an officer.

The family then sought a judicial review after the IPCC decided not to ask police to take disciplinary action.

The IPCC, have admitted that police investigating the girl's rape allegation had made a series of mistakes; the inquiry had not been properly supervised, forensic opportunities had not been explored and mobile phone evidence "lost" because of errors.

Speaking at a hearing into the investigation of the alleged rape, Justice Collins said: "There was a unit which had recently been set up in Southwark called the Sapphire unit.

"Unfortunately there was a complete failure to provide the necessary resources to enable the unit to operate properly. The result was that inexperienced police officers were put in charge."

An IPCC spokeswoman said: "We are aware of today's ruling and await the full written judgment of the court."

Source: [BBC](#) 24 May 2011

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN IN THE UK

Two men jailed for raping a 15-year-old girl

Hussnain Ahmed, and Omar Ali, both 24 and from Longsight, Manchester, who picked a 15-year-old girl from a care home outside Manchester and raped her have been jailed.

After seeing the girl was drunk they persuaded her to get into their car and drove her to a spot in Alderley Edge where they raped her, the jury at Manchester Crown Court heard.

Though they claimed she consented to having sex, forensic tests showed DNA evidence consistent with both of them raping her.

Detective Sergeants Cronshaw said: "Not only did Ali and Ahmed rape a defenceless young girl, but it is clear they exploited the fact she was from a care home, intoxicated and vulnerable.

"I hope this case demonstrates that Greater Manchester Police takes the issues of rape and sexual exploitation of children extremely seriously.

"Just because a child does not live with their parents, it does not mean no-one cares and it does not mean they should be subject to the sort of sexual exploitation by the likes of Ali and Ahmed just for their own gratification.

"I am absolutely delighted that the jury saw through the lies they spun and convicted them of rape."

The pair has been jailed for 11 years each.

Source: [BBC](#) 20 May 2011

Man convicted for attempted rape

David Bell, 22-year-old man has been convicted of attempted rape of a 21-year-old woman in Irvine, Scotland.

The jury at the High Court in Glasgow was shown CCTV footage of the victim and a friend walking past a shopping centre in Irvine before going their separate ways just before midnight.

Bell emerged from the shadows and began walking behind the woman as she walked alone. He then grabbed her from behind, dragged into a secluded area and pinned her to the ground before undressing her and repeatedly trying to rape her.

He eventually stopped the attempted rape, saying it was too cold. He told the victim to get dressed and go home and said she had been "lucky".

Judge Lord Turnbull told Bell: "You have been convicted of a most serious offence indeed. The jury saw right through the disgraceful pack of lies you told. "You preyed upon a young woman and attacked her in the dark. This was conduct of a most despicable sort.

"This young woman thought she was going to be killed. Any man who conducts himself the way you did forfeits his right to live in the community."

Bell claimed the sexual contact was consensual.

His sentence has been deferred until next month and he remains in prison.

Source: [BBC](#) 23 May 2011

INTERNATIONAL VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

Saudi women arrested for driving

Manal al-Sherif, a women's rights activist, who was one of the organisers of an online campaign protesting Saudi Arabia's driving ban, has been detained on the 22nd of May 2011, says reports.

Manal al-Sherif, who drove an automobile twice, is charged of "disturbing public order and inciting public opinion", according to reports. She started a Facebook campaign asking Saudi women to drive on the 17th of June.

Equality Now, an organisation working to end violence and discrimination against women and girls around the world, issued an urgent call for the repeal of Saudi Arabia's *Fatwa* on Women's Driving of Automobiles, which violates women's rights under international law.

Equality Now also urged the Saudi government to release Manal al-Sherif immediately and unconditionally for the peaceful expression of her opinion.

Click [here](#) to sign the petition which would be delivered to King Abdullah bin Abdul Aziz Al Saud and Minister of Justice Dr. Muhammad bin Abdul El Karim Abdul Azziz El Issa.

Honour killing laws changed in Palestine

Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas signed an amendment to the law to end leniency on people found guilty of assault or murder in name of so-called "family honor."

The law required leniency in sentencing for those who beat or kill their wives, mothers, sisters or women within the family if they commit adultery or other acts of sexual impropriety.

The amendment applies to both the Jordanian Penal Code which applies in the West Bank area and the Egyptian law which rules in the Gaza Strip.

Article 240 of the Jordanian penal code states the exception as: "this does not include the killing of women for issues of family honor".

Article 18 of the Egyptian penal code says: "Excuses are acceptable for deeds which would have been treated as a crime without that excuse if the suspect can prove that he committed that deed to avert inevitable consequences which would seriously harm the perpetrator or other people, he should protect, with respect to financial honor or financial damage.

“However, when they commit such deeds, they must not overreact and do only what is necessary and reasonable to achieve that goal. The damage resulting from that deed must be adequate to the consequences to be averted.”

This amendment comes after police identified the remains of a 20-year-old woman in a well near Hebron. Her uncle and three other relatives were detained and questioned. Police revealed that the death was an “honour” killing and the uncle confessed to the details of the murder.

Rabiha Thiab, Minister of Women’s Affairs said the amendment "did justice to women's rights, and will impact and restrain further violence against women." She added that this is "a good start to changes affecting women's rights in personal status as well as family law".

Source: [WLUML](#) 16 May 2011

EVENTS

Rights of Women

FREE seminar and debate on current proposals for the reform of the family justice system

Date: London, 14 June 2011 - 2.30-4.45pm

Venue: National Council for Voluntary Organisations (NCVO), Regent's Wharf, 8 All Saints Street, London N1 9RL

On 31 March, 1 March 2011 the Family Justice Review launched its interim report setting out proposals to tackle problems faced by the family justice system and inviting responses to its proposals for reform.

We are concerned that the proposals at present miss the opportunity to reform the family justice system in a way that offers better protection and ensures equal access to justice for women who have experienced domestic violence.

This seminar and debate will equip you with an understanding of the main proposals and enable you to respond to the consultation to ensure that the needs of the women that you work with are reflected in the reform of the family justice system. It will also offer the opportunity to discuss the implications of recent proposals on civil legal aid on the family justice system.

Prior to the seminar, Rights of Women will circulate a paper outlining our key concerns that we encourage you to use to respond to the consultation.

This seminar and debate is open to representatives from voluntary and statutory sector organisations interested in finding out about, and campaigning on, women's rights within the family justice system. It is open to women and men and will be publicised widely.

This seminar is free of charge but booking is essential. Download the booking form from our website [here](http://www.rightsofwomen.org.uk/current.php#womens-experience-of-the-family-justice-system) (<http://www.rightsofwomen.org.uk/current.php#womens-experience-of-the-family-justice-system>) and email it back to Rights of Women on events@row.org.uk or by fax on 0207 490 5377.

London South Bank University

A Conducive Context? Misogyny, inequality, violence

Date: Wednesday 22nd June 9.15 – 4.30

Venue: London South Bank University, SE1

This conference will explore relationships between violence against women and the broader cultural, social and economic context. Opened by author and journalist Joan Smith reflecting on the state we're in twenty years after her feminist classic 'Misogynies' was first published, the conference will ask: How have things changed? What are the challenges that academics, policy makers and service providers face, and where do we go next? Join leading academics, activists, professionals from the women's sector, charities, law, media and policy, to debate and discuss. Affordable sliding scale.

For more information including a programme and booking form please visit <http://www.lsbu.ac.uk/business/training.shtml#ConduciveContext>

Streatham Labour women's forum - Invitation to House of Commons Debate

Monday June 27th, 7pm

Stop raping Congolese women enough is enough, it must stop - break the silence

The starting point to changing something is knowing about it. Spread the shocking stories of the appalling atrocities currently taking place against women, young girls and the children in the DR Congo. It's hell on earth. It has been

allowed to go on for so long and those who hold power all over the world have taken so little positive action.

Please come along. This event is free of charge and by invitation only.

Please contact amwaters@hotmail.com to book a place.

For further information on this vital campaign, visit www.liberationorg.co.uk or contact: Jose Musau Kalanda on itmuststop@hotmail.com

Community Care conference

Child Sexual Exploitation - Prevention, Protection and Prosecution through a multi-agency approach

Wednesday 15th June 2011

Holiday Inn Bloomsbury, London WC1N 1HT

This Community Care conference will examine how public sector agencies comprising Social Care, Education and the Police can work together effectively prevent abuse, protect victims and prosecute perpetrators.

Attend this conference to:

- Understand what constitutes abuse in the 21st century
- Examine triggers and indicators that a child is being groomed
- Reduce the potential for convictions to be derailed and minimise impact on victims by improving multi-agency approaches to disclosures, risk assessments and best evidence interviews
- Hear how to work with denial: Working with resistant victims
- Benefit from examples of how to effectively support victims and their families to minimise trauma
- Learn how to embed a multi-agency approach in your Local Children's Safeguarding Board

For more details and to book your delegate place:

www.communitycareconferences.co.uk/cse or call 020 8652 3887

BASW - Child sexual abuse

Intersections of Controversy - Race - Culture - Gender

Manchester: 24th June 2011

London: 29th June 2011

BASW, the college of social work members: £ 25.00

Students: £ 15.00 / others: £ 55.00

Key themes:

- learning from social work practice with child sexual abuse and sexual exploitation
- understanding and assessing male & female sex offenders
- supporting and reaching out to vulnerable children & young people
- the cultural and gender context of sexual abuse
- making communities and organisations safe
- promoting pro-active campaigns for change
- retaining our value-base when working with emotionally challenging offenders

To book for this event, please download and return the booking form at: www.basw.co.uk/events and email to s.richards@basw.co.uk or fax 0121 622 4860 or post to BASW - the college of social work, 16 Kent street, Birmingham, b5 6rd

DIRECT ACTIONS, CAMPAIGNS & RESOURCES

Justice for All

Public rally - Outside the Supreme Court, London

Date: Friday 3 June - 12pm - 1pm

Venue: The Supreme Court, Parliament Square, London, SW1P 3BD,

The Ministry of Justice have proposed important changes to the legal aid system, which will deny hundreds of thousands of people access to Justice. The Justice for All coalition's rally outside the Supreme Court on Friday 3 June is one of several events across England and Wales to mark the Day of Action for justice, highlighting the opposition to these changes.

Why?

To show the government that a wide range of people from a diverse range of backgrounds oppose the proposed changes to legal aid.

What?

Come and demonstrate your opposition to the changes, and hear from a range of inspiring speakers.

Tender

Request for health professionals and female survivors of domestic abuse to take part in consultation sessions

Tender has recently received funding to deliver a three year programme to work with and train health professionals to increase the identification and support for women experiencing domestic abuse during pregnancy.

The aim of the project is to enable health professionals to feel better equipped to identify and support women and children victims of violence, in hospital maternity units, health centres, GP surgeries and Children's Centres. The programme will be delivered across 6 regions of England.

The first part of this process will involve touring an interactive play to audiences of survivors of domestic abuse and health professionals, in order to identify the key concerns, issues and barriers affecting health professionals' capacity to support pregnant women experiencing violence.

As part of the research of the interactive play Tender would like to run a series of consultations with groups of women survivors and groups of health professionals.

If you know of any groups or individuals who are either health professionals or survivors, who would be interested in taking part in a consultation, please contact Susie McDonald on 0207 431 7227 or susie@tender.org.uk

WRC

GEO Strengthening Women's Voices consultation- WRC template response [now available online](#)

The GEO is currently consulting around women's engagement with government and the new gender architecture that will replace the Women's National Commission. The consultation seeks to find appropriate ways for the government and Ministers to engage with individual women and women's organisations but also businesses and other organisations that work with women.

This is a crucial consultation for the women's sector which will shape the focus of national gender policies and we urge you to respond on behalf of your organisations and as individual women.

WRC has produced the following template to make it easy for organisations to respond to the consultation, please follow these simple steps and send off your response as soon as possible -

http://www.wrc.org.uk/resources/briefings_and_consultations/current_consultations.aspx

How to use this template

- Before using this template please read it in full to ensure that your organisation agrees with the points we have put forward. WRC has designed the template to reflect the diverse views of its members; you may wish to amend sections dependent on your organisation's views
- Please insert your organisation's name on pages 2 and 3 (where specified) and insert your organisation's priority areas of work/concern on pages 4,6,9,10,12 and 13
- Please feel free to add additional information to the template or use this template as the basis of your response
- Remember to change the name of the document before you send it!
- To submit your response please email: womensengagement@geo.gsi.gov.uk and cc: policy@wrc.org.uk

Please ensure that you cc: WRC in your response as this is the key way that we can tell whether our work is effective, the more organisations use our templates the more will create them!

At the end of the template there is information on the process and discussions so far on what the new gender architecture might look like as well as a draft diagram. **Please have a look at this and get back to us with any comments or thoughts.** You do not have to include this in your response and we will be sending a more detailed proposal to GEO when we have had more feedback from the sector.

The **closing date for the consultation is Friday the 10th June**, for further information please visit:

http://www.equalities.gov.uk/what_we_do/womens_engagement.aspx

Sound Off For Justice

Please join us in supporting Sound Off For Justice –the Law Society's campaign to oppose the government's proposals for dramatically cutting Legal Aid provision.

There are very simple ways you can show your support to prevent these ill-conceived proposals becoming law and drastically altering the British justice system.

Over 8,000 people have put their name to our letter to Ken Clarke, which opposes the changes.

By June 1st we want to raise the number of signatures to 100,000 to show that these proposals are of huge concern to the British public and an infringement on justice in the UK.

Please sign the Sound Off For Justice petition to safeguard Legal Aid, a key component of the British justice system for over 60 years. Sign up now at www.soundoffforjustice.org/sign-our-letter

<<http://www.soundoffforjustice.org/sign-our-letter>>

Help spread the word to stop Ken Clarke's Legal Aid reforms affecting UK's most vulnerable members of society @soundoffjustice petition <http://bit.ly/g4lac>

Object

STOP US PORN FRANCHISE 'GIRLS GONE WILD' FROM COMING TO THE UK

'Girls Gone Wild' is a US porn franchise, founded by convicted criminal Joe Francis, which targets young women in night clubs to strip and have sex on camera in exchange for cheap merchandise.

Mantra Films, the producer of 'Girls Gone Wild' has been sued in the USA for filming minors in scenes of a sexual nature, and the founder Joe Francis has served time in prison for child abuse and prostitution.

Alarming, 'Girls Gone Wild' is planning its first UK tour in May which will be broadcasted on Sky television.

Download the OBJECT template letter and send it to MP's, Council Leaders, Licensing Departments, Local Police, Student Unions and other relevant bodies calling on them to stop Girls Gone Wild from exploiting and degrading women in the UK:

<http://object.org.uk/component/content/article/3-news/124-stop-us-porn-franchise-girls-gone-wild-from-coming-to-the-uk>

CONSULTATIONS

‘Strengthening Women’s Voices in Government’ – Consultation

On 7 March 2011, the Government published a consultation: ‘Strengthening Women’s Voices in Government’. This sets out the Government’s proposals for a new approach for engaging and listening to women through:

- Direct engagement between ministers, women and organisations that represent women to ensure government understands the views of a wide range of women in the UK, and providing the opportunity for a genuine two way dialogue on policies that affect women.
- Bringing in expertise from the women’s sector and beyond to support the new model and support independence from government where this is critical, particularly in the international arena.
- Looking Ahead to enable [the Government] to anticipate emerging and future issues, such as the impact of the changing demography of the UK, which will be important for women.
- A new IT platform, making the most of modern communication techniques to get the informed voice of women to Government when they need to be heard.

The consultation runs until 10 June 2011 and is an opportunity to influence proposals about Government’s new approach for engaging and listening to women in the UK.

To access the consultation document [Click here](#)

TRAINING

AVA

Supporting Survivors to Recover from the Impacts of Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) – Unresolved Anger, 9 June, London
£90 vol / £130 stat

Anger is a natural reaction to violence against women and girls but anger is a particularly problematic emotion in our society, especially for a woman. Many

learn that 'nice' women don't raise their voices - they are supposed to just cry or cope. A woman might also learn to hide anger because her abuser 'would give her something to be really angry about' or because she is determined not to 'sink to his level.' Women become prevented from natural expression of their feelings - but may suffer from suppressing or over-controlling their emotions. Having these left over feelings can come out in various ways: women might feel like they have lost any feeling, like zombies; they might snap when they don't mean to or they might get depressed or sick (turning the anger on themselves). This course is based on principles that all feelings are healthy, that beliefs influence how we express feelings and that we can complete 'unfinished business' or unresolved anger in a safe way, using techniques adapted from experiential therapies.

Delegates attending this course will receive a copy of the [Sane Responses toolkit](#).

For more information got to www.avaproject.org.uk – Our training & events / open training.

**Supporting Survivors to Recover from the Impacts of Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) – Injured Self-esteem, 23 June, London
£90 vol / £130 stat**

Self-esteem is often mentioned but hard to describe. This course outlines different aspects of self-esteem and the ways it can be injured by vawg. Ways of identifying signs of low self-esteem and talking about it with victims are presented. The course will cover simple strategies to build self-esteem through recognition of achievements, separating the person from their experiences and helping them reclaim the right to a sense of enjoyment. There will be opportunities to watch examples of good practice and to experiment with empowering women to choose goals, look after their emotional and physical needs and regain their self-worth.

Delegates attending this course will receive a copy of the [Sane Responses toolkit](#).

For more information got to www.avaproject.org.uk – Our training & events / open training.

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: 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)

IMKAAN

SAFEGUARDING AGAINST FORCED MARRIAGE AND HONOUR-BASED VIOLENCE, LEVEL 2 ACCREDITATION

7 June 2011

Day 1: Understanding Forced Marriage and Honour Based Violence £105 / £130 - Imkaan full members / non-members

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.

Day 2: Risk and Case Management in Violence Against Women

8 June 2011

£105 / £130 - Imkaan full members / non-members

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.

INTRODUCTION TO WORKING IN THE BMER VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN SECTOR

29-30 June 2011

2 Day course

£60 / £95 - Imkaan full members / non-members

Provides those interested in, or new to, working or volunteering within the vaw sector with an understanding of violence and how it impacts on women and children, as well as an understanding of feminism and the historical and political context which led to the development of women's refuge and other services. The session will also focus on the history, role and achievements of Black feminism in establishing both a movement and the development of the specialist BAMER women's services.

For more information or to book a place got to
<http://www.imkaan.org.uk/contact.htm>

Rights of Women

FREE UPDATED COURSE! No recourse? EEA national? The permanent solution

Women only course

14 July – Cardiff

Meeting the needs of women from outside of the UK who are experiencing domestic violence is incredibly challenging, you have to be up-to-date in one of the most frequently changing areas of law, understand the duties of local authorities and the rights that the woman herself has to pursue justice in the criminal, family or immigration systems.

This updated, one-day course will give you the skills and knowledge you need to confidently support a woman who has 'no recourse to public funds' or who is the national of the European Economic Area country with remaining in the UK and accessing financial support.

Each participant will receive course materials and a copy of our new legal guide **Domestic violence, immigration law and "no recourse to public funds"**

NEW COURSE! Getting the basics: an introduction to family law

Women only course 15 June – London

With the government's proposal to limit access to legal aid and to remove public funding for divorce and private law children matters, this one day course, which provides the basics of family law, is vital in order to give you the knowledge to help women to understand their rights and to assist them to access these through the law.

The morning session aims to clarify the law on divorce and financial relief including the legal process, the range of orders the court can make and the legal principals applied when deciding how property and money is to be divided. As well as explaining the legal position for women who are not married or in a civil partnership, further to relationship breakdown, including their rights to property.

The afternoon session will look at financial provision for children, followed by an overview of the Children Act 1989 and the law on child contact and residence. Finally, the course will examine how women experiencing domestic violence can get protection through the law including non-molestation, occupation orders, forced marriage protection orders and restraining orders.

Each participant will receive a copy of Rights of Women's **Child Contact Handbook** and legal guides on **Divorce, Financial Relief on Marital Breakdown, Living Together and the Law, Child Support and Domestic Violence**.

UPDATED COURSE! Supporting survivors of sexual violence

Women only course 29 June – London

Understand the provisions of the Sexual Offences Act 2003 and how it applies to victims of rape and sexual assault with this fully interactive and well-established course. The course aims to make often complicated law accessible and furthermore examines the criminal justice process in detail along with crucial support available for survivors of sexual violence who choose to report to the police.

This course has been **extended and updated** to include the law and support for victims of historical sexual abuse – often a difficult area of law, and also makes use of new materials to give participants the relevant knowledge and skills to support a victim applying for criminal injuries compensation.

All participants will receive course materials and a copy of **From Report to Court**, a widely acclaimed handbook of the law and legal process in relation to

sexual violence, as well as an information sheet highlighting the law in relation to child sexual abuse.

Lunch and refreshments provided

For more info contact the training officer: 0207 251 6575

training@row.org.uk

To download a booking form click on the following

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

Domestic Violence Integrated Response Project (DVIRP)

Custom or Crime? An Insight into Forced Marriages and Honour Based Violence - Full Day Course

Date: Monday 13th June 2011

Venue: Leicester Adult Education College, Wellington Street Leicester, LE1 6HL

Cost: £60voluntary Sector £80 Statutory Sector/All other

This course is essential for anyone in a role that may bring them into contact with people who have experienced, or are at risk of experiencing, a forced marriage or an honour crime.

This course will demonstrate how and why people are forced into a marriage, and remain in the same situation. It will explore the links between forced marriages and honour crimes. Statistics detailing the prevalence of the problem in the UK will also be given. The course will also provide information on the latest policy providing an overview of the new Civil Protection Act and Forced Marriage Protection Orders. The day will also help you to develop good practice standards for your organisation.

For further enquiries or to request a booking form please email

training@dvirp.co.uk or alternatively call Sejal or Admin on 0116 2550003

Refugee Council Training new dates

We are pleased to announce new dates for the following courses being delivered at our headquarters in Brixton. If you are looking for training for up to 20 delegates we can also deliver these courses at a venue of your choice.

Scheduled dates are:

- Wednesday 22nd June - [An introduction to child protection issues in working with children from abroad](#)

- Monday 27th June – [Refugees and migrants: Entitlement to housing and other services](#)
- Tuesday 28th June - [End of process: Support for asylum seekers who have been refused asylum](#)
- Wednesday 29th June – [Age assessment awareness and working with age-disputed young people](#)
- Thursday 30th June – [Working with refugee children in schools](#)
- Friday 1st July – [The Refugee Council Therapeutic Casework model: Supporting clients with mental wellbeing needs](#)
- Monday 18th July – [Working with interpreters](#)
- Tuesday 19th July – [Emotional wellbeing of refugee children and young people](#)
- Wednesday 20th July – [Supporting women affected by sexual violence](#)

Refugee Council trainers are practitioners first and foremost; our training reflects the expertise gained through our own front-line service provision, ensuring our training is relevant, up to date and practical.

Looking for customised training? We can build courses to suit your requirements [contact us](#) to find out more. To book a place on one of these courses please complete and return a [booking form](#)

Safe Exit Training from Toynbee Hall

Achieving positive outcomes for women involved in street prostitution

Date: Next training session **Tuesday 5th July** (check website for future sessions and details of in-house training)

Cost: £130 per person (open training); £800 for group of 8-10 people (in-house)

Developed from our work with women involved in street prostitution, Safe Exit Training is a one-day training course run by Toynbee Hall. The course is suitable for any professional who deals with women involved in street prostitution and takes participants through a range of proven, practical ways to understand and help women involved in street prostitution – based on our own experience. Participants will come away from the training with:

- An understanding of the complex needs of women involved in street prostitution
- Practical advice on how to work with women who sell sex
- Models for partnership working
- Methods for putting knowledge into practice

Safe Exit Training is available as an open course or can be delivered in-house.

For more information and details of upcoming open courses, please go to www.toynbeehall.org.uk/safeexittraining.

Alternatively, email safeexittraining@toynbeehall.org.uk or call 020 7392 2982.

Tender

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

Dates: Thursday 9th June

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.

One day training: Awareness and Good Practice when working with women experiencing violence and abuse in relationships

Dates: Thursday 16th June 2011

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

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

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

For more information and to discuss your training needs please contact Susie McDonald - 020 7431 7313, susie@tender.org.uk

If you would like to book any of the above courses please email dorota@tender.org.uk to request a booking form.

VACANCIES AND VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

European Women's Lobby (EWL)

Vacancy for Temporary Policy Officer & Project Coordinator at EWL Secretariat

Deadline for applications: 13 June 2011

The EWL is seeking to recruit a temporary full-time Policy Officer and Project Coordinator to coordinate a specific project related to migrant women and to work as part of its Policy Team, assisting mostly the EWL in its work on anti-discrimination, immigration and integration of migrant women, especially but not restricted to these areas. The specific tasks, as described below, will be carried out in the EWL Secretariat in Brussels under the supervision of the EWL Secretary General, and start as soon as possible from August 2011 until 31 December 2011 (with possibilities of renewal).

Download the application pack here:

<http://www.womenlobby.org/spip.php?article1660>

Women and Girls Network

Independent Sexual Violence Advocate: West London

Salary: £30,000 inclusive

Full time, 35 per week (requires evening and weekend work)

Primarily working in the boroughs of Ealing and Hammersmith & Fulham

Closing date: 7th June 2011

Interviews will be held on 13th June 2011

The ISVAs role is to ensure that women (from the age of 14 years) who have experienced recent or historical sexual violence receive the appropriate support and services they need. You will work in multi-agency settings to provide a proactive service for women survivors of sexual violence within and outside of the criminal justice system and support women in making safe and positive choices, access health, legal and other appropriate services; risk assess and help keep clients safe.

We seek applicants who will thrive in a multi-cultural feminist environment.

Download further information and application packs from www.wgn.org.uk

Applications **MUST** be returned by post

Equality Now, London office - Internship

Equality Now is an international human rights organisation working to protect and promote the rights of women and girls around the world. We are currently accepting applications for internships beginning in September; **fluency in Russian highly desirable.**

Length: 6 weeks to 3 months

Please send a CV, a cover letter and a short writing sample to ukinfo@equalitynow.org.

For further information about the position or Equality Now please visit www.equalitynow.org, call 0207 839 5456 or email ukinfo@equalitynow.org

Asylum Support Appeals Project

Asylum Support Appeals Project is offering an exciting opportunity to get involved with our work through a **6month Intern Post** which will support our Duty Scheme at the First Tier Tribunal (Asylum Support) and involve **Administrative Support and Monitoring & Research.**

We are looking for a **commitment of 1-2 days per week** and welcome applications from well-organized and enthusiastic individuals with a commitment to social justice.

Please visit our website for details of how to apply www.asaproject.org.

Application deadline Monday, 6th June 2011 at 5pm

West London Rape Crisis Centre - Promoting total and sustainable recovery from sexual violence

Body Therapists (FEMALE) - £30 per session

West London Rape Crisis Service is looking for body therapists to provide therapeutic services to women who have experienced sexual violence. Body

therapies are offered to clients who are receiving counselling and include aromatherapy massage, Indian head massage, shiatsu and reflexology. These treatments recognise and respond to the effects of violence on the body and the need for healing and recovery on the physical level.

We are looking for therapists who are fully qualified and insured. A background in working with women who have suffered from trauma would be desirable. Induction training will be provided.

We seek body therapists who will thrive in a multi-cultural feminist environment.

Please email CV's to kate.holmes@wgn.org.uk
For more information please go to www.wgn.org.uk

Closing date 31st May 2011

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

