

## **The Lilith Project Women's Weekly News 353**

**28 May 2011 – 03 June 2011**

### **VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN IN LONDON**

#### **Two men face jail terms for brutal sex attacks**

Jermaine Kraftner, 27, of Poole Road, Branksome and his cousin Corrie Pinney, 35, face up to 15 years of jail term for battering, raping and falsely imprisoning two women at Pinney's flat in London.

The first victim was a 17-year-old young woman, who was lured to the flat after a date with Pinney in July 2009 where she was pinned down and raped by both men.

In April last year, the men subjected a 22-year-old woman to a degrading and humiliating five-hour ordeal, torturing and threatening her as she was made to stand on one leg in the corner of the room.

Croydon Crown Court heard that they then raped, kicked and punched her. They threatened to cut off her hair, douse her in boiling water or stab her with a Samurai sword if she disobeyed their orders.

Hanna Llewellyn-Waters, prosecuting, said: "The attacks were designed to degrade and instil terror in the women for the sense of power and sexual gratification of the two male defendants.

“Both [cases] involved sexual degradation and humiliation - and both victims sustained injuries of varying degrees.”

The pair, were found guilty of 14 charges; Kraftner was convicted of three counts of rape and one of aiding and abetting rape. Kraftner and Pinney were both convicted of two counts of false imprisonment, two counts of sexual assault and one ABH charge each. Pinney was convicted on four rape and one attempted rape counts.

They will be sentenced on August 1.

Source: [Daily Echo](#) 03 June 2011

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### **Lap dancing club implicated in prostitution raided**

Officers from the Metropolitan Police Service’s Human Exploitation and Organised Crime Command raided Whites Gentleman’s Club in London, as part of an investigation into alleged prostitution at the lap dancing club.

A 33-year-old, believed to be the club’s manager, has been arrested on suspicion of controlling prostitution for gain and on various licensing offences.

Detective Inspector Kevin Hyland of the force’s Trafficking and Prostitution Unit said: “Premises that operate in London as gentlemen’s clubs need to be sure that they comply with the strict rules that are required of them.

“The MPS will react to allegations of breaches, particularly where it is alleged that sexual services are being offered.”

The lap-dancing club is frequented by bankers, lawyers, television hosts and sportsmen.

Tower Hamlets Council has suspended the club’s licence and the case will have to go before a licensing committee hearing.

The man, believed to be the club’s manager, has been bailed until August 16.

Source: [London 24](#) 30 May 2011

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## VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN IN THE UK

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### **Taxi driver charged with rape**

Mohammed Ishaq, 38, from Accrington Lancashire is charged with attacking a 35-year-old woman passenger.

The alleged attack happened after the woman got into Ishaq's taxi after a night out with friends.

Police said that she was driven to her home address where Ishaq followed her inside before carrying out the sex attack.

The woman then contacted police and they carried out immediate forensic investigations.

Mohammed Arif, Hyndburn Taxi Association's Chairman, said: "It has been very shocking news for the association to hear that a matter like this involving a taxi driver is being heard in court.

"Obviously we don't know the full story yet, but it is very bad news to hear. We will wait to see what transpires in court."

Ishaq appeared before Blackburn magistrates earlier this week charged with oral rape. He has denied the allegation.

He remains in custody and is due to appear at Preston Crown Court on August 24<sup>th</sup>.

Source: [Lancashire Telegraph](#) 03 June 201

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### **A boy, 15, in court accused of raping girl, 7**

A 15-year-old boy, from Flint, Wales, has appeared in court charged with four counts of rape of a 7-year-old girl.

The alleged attacks happened when the boy was 14-year-old, between July last year and January of this year at a house and in a park in the Flint area.

District Judge Andrew Shaw has decided that the case should be dealt with in the magistrates' court rather than being sent to the crown court.

Alun Humphreys, prosecuting, outlined the allegations to the court and psychological reports are being prepared to address the issue of whether the boy is fit to plead.

Huw Roberts, defending solicitor said the boy is now in the care of social services and lives with foster parents.

He was bailed on condition that he continued to live with the foster parents, he doesn't try to contact the complainant and he doesn't enter the street where she lives.

He is also banned from having any contact with children under 16 unless supervised by social services.

Source: [Daily Post](#) 03 June 2011

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### **Cambridge University warns students of sex attacker**

Cambridgeshire police have warned Cambridge University students after a serial sex attacker struck nine times since August, cycling alongside young women before groping them.

Eight of the victims are students at the university and range in age from 19 to 32. Another woman who is not a student at the university was also attacked in a pattern of student victims.

Mark Wormald, a senior tutor at Pembroke College, has emailed a warning to students, fellows and staff, urging them to take extra care. He said: "The predator continues to operate in the vicinity of the college and its hostels in the west and south of the city.

"You are requested to remain vigilant when walking in and around the city, particularly after nightfall."

Police have issued an e-fit image of the attacker who is described as tall – between 5ft 10in and 6ft – white, aged 20 to 30, of medium build and physically strong.

Detective Sergeant Phil Priestly said: "He appears to have good local knowledge and is travelling to and from the offence locations on a bike."

"We have increased patrols in the areas where offences have been committed and would urge women to take sensible precautions of not walking at night and early in the morning alone."

Source: [Guardian](#) 01 June 2011

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## INTERNATIONAL VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

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### **Women's rights activist died after an attack in Iran**

Haleh Sahabi, a women's rights activist, who was serving a two-year prison sentence, but was allowed out temporarily to attend the funeral of her father, died during scuffles with security forces at her father's funeral.

Sahabi was leading the procession at the ceremony by holding a picture of her father, Ezatollah Sahab, a veteran Iranian dissident who was jailed before and after the 1979 Islamic revolution and spent a total of 15 years in prison.

Sahabi died from a heart attack after allegedly being attacked by an agent and falling down. Authorities however said she was already suffering from "high blood pressure and blood sugar".

Her funeral was held within hours of her death by authorities fearing popular protest. She was reportedly buried late at night in contrast to Islamic customs. Her relatives said her body was "confiscated" and her family were deprived of performing normal religious rituals.

The British Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO), the US state department and human rights organisations are urging Iran to carefully investigate the case.

An FCO spokesperson said: "We call for an immediate and transparent investigation into her death and call on the Iranian authorities to allow her family and friends to mourn her father and her deaths without interference."

An official spokesperson of the Government said: "We are particularly disturbed by reports that her death followed heavy-handed action by the Iranian security forces at the funeral and by reports that the Iranian authorities rushed her burial that night with a limited traditional funeral".

Source: [WLUML](#) 02 June 2011

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## **“The Obedient Wife Club” launched in Malaysia**

A group of Malaysian women, launching the “The Obedient Wife Club”, say they could fight infidelity, divorce, domestic violence and other problems by appealing to wives to be more obedient to their husbands.

The club aims to teach women how to please their husbands better in order to prevent them from straying or misbehaving.

Maznah Taufik said: "We just want to ask all the wives to be obedient wives so that there will be fewer problems in our society.

"Obedient wife means they are trying to entertain their husbands, not only taking care of their food and clothes. They have to obey their husbands. That's the way Islam also asks".

Taufik said men are also responsible in teaching their wives to be obedient. "Some wives, they just want to get married for leisure but they don't know the responsibility.

"To entertain their husbands is compulsory. If she doesn't do this, the husband will look for another woman... and the house will break down."

Taufik is also involved in another project, the Ikhwan Polygamy Club, which was launched in 2009 to promote polygamy. Muslim men in Malaysia can take up to four wives.

Source: [Yahoo News](#) 03 June 2011

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## **EVENTS**

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### **WWAFE & OBJECT**

### **THE POLITICS OF SEXUALISATION - WOMEN, GIRLS & ACTIVISM**

**Date:** 15 June 2011

**Time:** 6pm to 8pm

**Place:** **House of Lords**, Parliament Square - Westminster nearest Tube Station

The Politics of Sexualisation - Women, Girls & Activism is a must for all concerned about the implications lying in the process of sexualisation and its dissemination as a 'way of life' through the media, particularly but not only the internet. What does it mean for women, girls, men, boys and society as a whole? What action can be taken? What are the positive outcomes of collective action? Are those who speak out and who take action responding constructively to a real matter of concern, or is it all a proverbial 'storm in a teacup'? Should we take a stand by joining the activists? Or should we stand back to allow 'choice' to rule how women and girls are portrayed, and what is disseminated through the media and on the internet?

Panellists: Dr Helen Pringle, Dr Abigail Bray, Dr Julia Long, Ms Liz Little  
**For more information and to attend please email [clair@object.org.uk](mailto:clair@object.org.uk)**

**For security reasons, we MUST provide a list of attendees. Places are limited, so RSVP as soon as you are able.**

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## **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](mailto:events@row.org.uk) or by fax on 0207 490 5377.**

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## **London South Bank University**

### **A Conducive Context? Misogyny, inequality, violence**

**Date: Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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>**

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

**Monday June 27<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:amwaters@hotmail.com) to book a place.

For further information on this vital campaign, visit [www.liberationorg.co.uk](http://www.liberationorg.co.uk) or contact: Jose Musau Kalanda on [itmuststop@hotmail.com](mailto:itmuststop@hotmail.com)

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## **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 21<sup>st</sup> 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](http://www.communitycareconferences.co.uk/cse) or call 020 8652 3887

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## **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](http://www.basw.co.uk/events) and email to [s.richards@basw.co.uk](mailto: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

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## DIRECT ACTIONS, CAMPAIGNS & RESOURCES

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### **Mosac - The National Lottery Good Causes Award**

We are happy to inform you that Mosac has been shortlisted for the National Lottery Good Causes Award.

If we are successful, we will be shortlisted for the final round of voting which could win us some funding to continue supporting the good work we do.

**VOTING IS OPEN NOW** – [www.lotterygoodcauses.org.uk/awards](http://www.lotterygoodcauses.org.uk/awards) OR CALL 0844 836 9739. **Voting is open till 20<sup>th</sup> of June**

**Voting information:** We are under the heading: Best Voluntary/Charity Project and then as [Mosac - The Family Safety Project](#)

We really appreciate your support.

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### **Support OBJECT - Take part in the 2011 Adidas Women's 5K Challenge Sunday 11th September 2011**

We are looking for supporters to join Team OBJECT and take part in the Adidas Women's 5K Challenge on 11 Sept 2011 - the hugely popular women-only 5 kilometre, run (or walk) around London's Hyde Park. Last year OBJECT supporters taking part in this event raised more than £1,250.

**This year our target is £3,500 - to buy places in the London Marathon 2012!** Please email [run@object.org.uk](mailto:run@object.org.uk) for more info.

If you are unable to take part in an event but want to support the team you can donate to support team OBJECT 2011 here:  
<http://www.bmycharity.com/TeamOBJECT2011>

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## 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](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](mailto:womensengagement@geo.gsi.gov.uk) and cc: [policy@wrc.org.uk](mailto: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 10<sup>th</sup> June**, for further information please visit:

[http://www.equalities.gov.uk/what\\_we\\_do/womens\\_engagement.aspx](http://www.equalities.gov.uk/what_we_do/womens_engagement.aspx)

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## **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.

Alarmingly, '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>

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## **CONSULTATIONS**

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**'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](#)

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## TRAINING

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### 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](http://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](#).**

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**IMKAAAN**

**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>

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## **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](mailto:training@row.org.uk)

**To download a booking form click on the following**

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

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### **Domestic Violence Integrated Response Project (DVIRP)**

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

**Date: Monday 13<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:training@dvirp.co.uk) or alternatively call Sejal or Admin on 0116 2550003**

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### **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](#)**

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### **Safe Exit Training from Toynbee Hall**

#### **Achieving positive outcomes for women involved in street prostitution**

**Date:** Next training session **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.toynbeehall.org.uk/safeexittraining).**

**Alternatively, email [safeexittraining@toynbeehall.org.uk](mailto:safeexittraining@toynbeehall.org.uk) or call 020 7392 2982.**

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## **Tender**

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

**Dates: Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:susie@tender.org.uk)

If you would like to book any of the above courses please email [dorota@tender.org.uk](mailto:dorota@tender.org.uk) to request a booking form.

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## VACANCIES AND VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

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### Standing Together

#### Housing Project Coordinator (DOMESTIC VIOLENCE)

**NJC Scale SO1 Point 30: £28,771 p.a.**

Standing Together coordinates the ground breaking multi agency response to domestic violence. Our work is recognised nationally and we continue to influence local and national policy and practice by initiating and driving innovative projects.

Our key mission is to work in partnership with agencies in order to provide safer options for survivors and their children, ensuring that their perspectives are at the centre of service planning and delivery. In addition we aim to improve the way that agencies respond to perpetrators, in particular in holding them to account for their abuse.

Currently we seek to appoint a dynamic Housing Project Coordinator with a proven track record in project development and management within a partnership context.

**For more information and an application pack please contact [admin@standingtogether.org.uk](mailto:admin@standingtogether.org.uk)**

**CLOSING DATE FOR COMPLETED APPLICATIONS: 12 noon on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2011**

**Interview: 7<sup>th</sup> July 2011**

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### The nia project - Summer Holiday Playscheme

#### Holiday Play Worker (Hackney)

**Salary Range: £8.50 per hour**

**Hours: 9:00am – 5:30pm Mon-Fri, 25 July – 19 August 2011**

The Children and Young Peoples Service is looking for an enthusiastic holiday play worker to help run our summer holiday playscheme for children aged 5-16 years affected by violence against women (including domestic and sexual violence).

Information for above post:

A relevant level two qualification in childcare or equivalent would be desirable i.e. Play Work or Youth Work. However, we will also accept applicants with a minimum of two years experience working with children and young people.

Female applicants only - Applicants must hold a current enhanced CRB

**To apply you can download an application pack from our website:**

[www.niaproject.info](http://www.niaproject.info)

**Closing Date: 1pm, Monday 20 June 2011**

**Interviews will be held on: Tuesday 28 June 2011**

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## **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>

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## **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: 7<sup>th</sup> June 2011**  
**Interviews will be held on 13<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.wgn.org.uk)**

Applications **MUST** be returned by post

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### **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](http://www.asaproject.org).

**Application deadline Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> June 2011 at 5pm**

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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:***

***[Weekly\\_News@eaveshousing.co.uk](mailto:Weekly_News@eaveshousing.co.uk)***

