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VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN IN LONDON

Bill introduced in parliament following the murder of Jane Clough

Andrew Stephenson, MP for Pendle, introduced the 10-minute rule bill in the House of Commons which he claims would prevent murders like Jane Clough, a nurse from Blackpool, who was murdered by a former boyfriend, Jonathan Vass.

Vass, who was on bail accused of nine counts of raping her, repeatedly stabbed Clough, near the hospital where she worked. He pleaded guilty to her murder and was jailed for life with a minimum term of 30 years last October. The new bill could give prosecutors the right to appeal if a judge bails an offender.

Stephenson said: "I feel that the law needs to be changed to allow the prosecution a right of appeal. So in cases like this, the Crown Prosecution Service or the attorney general could have challenged Judge Newall's verdict.

"We need to rebalance the legal standing of bail verdicts. At the moment the system is unfairly weighted towards the defendant."

Clough's parents are also campaigning for the law change, her mother said: "Every day is still devastating for us. Our daughter should still be alive. A woman who is brave enough to go out there and report abuse and rapes should not be

dead because she did that, and it was the legal system that let that happen and it was unacceptable."

Source: [BBC](#) 28 June 2011

Transport for London apologises to a victim of sexual assault

Parents of a 24-year-old woman who was viciously raped on a footbridge in Leytonstone, London have accused Transport of London (TfL) of putting women at risk by refusing to install CCTV at the scene.

When the attack happened on the woman, police had initially hoped to use CCTV footage to help catch the man responsible. However it emerged that TfL, which is responsible for the security of the bridge, did not have any cameras in the area claiming it's not "cost effective".

Besides, when the family of the victim, who can't be identified for legal reasons, contacted TfL to raise the issue the organisation didn't respond until after nearly two months.

The victim's father said: "I think it's clear that TfL just don't care. We contacted the council at first because we thought they were responsible for the bridge and they took it very seriously and responded very promptly. The police too have been tremendous and relentless in their determination to catch him, but TfL have been appalling.

"It says a lot about the organisation that it was only when we wrote to every senior manager and the mayor that they replied to us."

He added: "It's been very traumatic for our daughter and our family, and she's still in counselling now. It has changed everything for her. But she's also been remarkably resilient and doesn't want it to affect her for the rest of her life. I feel very privileged to be her father".

Peter Hendy, TfL's Commissioner for Transport, apologised and admitted that the failures to respond "had added to the deep distress suffered".

A spokesman of the organisation added: "We were extremely sorry to hear about this incident and Transport Commissioner Peter Hendy has personally apologised to the family for the further distress caused by our delay in responding to them."

Two men were arrested but released without charge in relation to the rape. The investigation continues.

Source: [This is Local London](#) 29 June 2011

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN IN THE UK

New scheme to ban domestic violence suspects from homes

A new scheme tested in Greater Manchester gives power to the police to ban suspects of domestic violence from their homes for up to a month, even if the alleged victim does not wish to complain.

According to the scheme if the police can show they have 'reasonable grounds' to act, they would be able to get Domestic Violence Protection Orders from the courts, which can ban suspected abusers from specified addresses, including their own homes, for as long as four weeks.

Assistant Chief Constable Terry Sweeney said: "This will give victims vital time to consider their options in safety. If abusers breach the orders we can arrest them and they can be jailed. It provides us with a control measure and gives the victim a chance to get access to proper support and advice.

"A home-link alarm would be fitted which the victim would activate if there was any breach of the order. Everyone has a right to feel safe in their homes and have a future without fear and these new powers will help save lives by reducing harm within the home."

Andrea Chadwick, senior project worker for Women's Aid Manchester, also welcomed the order. She said: "This helps women too frightened to give evidence. It will save a lot of women from falling through the net."

Police believe that these orders would tackle the huge number of cases that go unreported because of fear of reprisal. In the last 12 months, there have been 65,915 reports of domestic violence across the region, but it's believed that the problem is actually far greater.

Source: [Manchester Evening News](#) 30 June 2011

27 men sentenced for kerb crawling in Slough

Twenty-seven men, aged between 22 and 49, have been sentenced in Slough following a police crackdown on street prostitution.

The men, from Berkshire, London, Buckinghamshire and Hampshire, were fined between £300 and £700 after admitting soliciting a person for the purpose of obtaining sexual services from them as a prostitute.

Detective Sergeant Will Halliday, of Thames Valley Police, who led the investigation, said: "It shows that police in Slough are listening to community concerns and will take positive action to reduce crime and disorder, in this case soliciting.

"We will continue to carry out both visible and undercover operations to tackle the issue of kerb-crawling and prostitution, whilst working with the community and partner agencies."

Three men pleaded not guilty to the same charges and their cases have been adjourned until a later date.

Two other from Reading and Maidenhead, failed to attend court so a warrant has been issued for their arrests.

Source: [BBC](#) 23 June 2011

INTERNATIONAL VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

MTV and VH1 ban Kanye West's video

After a hard-fought campaign by Change.org members, MTV and VH1 have banned Kanye West's newly released video, 'Monster'.

The video features West, Jay-Z, Rick Ross, and Nikki Minaj surrounded by corpses of women in lingerie, other women dangle from the ceiling by chains and West practically raping the dead bodies of two women in bed.

Despite campaign by thousands not to air the video no real changes were made to the content of the final version and West included a 'patronizing' disclaimer at the beginning of the video, telling women not to get offended.

The disclaimer said: "The following content is in no way to be interpreted as misogynistic or negative towards any groups of people. It is an art piece and it shall be taken as such."

Sharon Haywood, creator of the campaign said: "With much gratitude, we thank each and every one of you for signing our petition against the distribution of the "Monster" video.

"Although we recognize that Kanye West is not the only artist who glamorizes and sexualizes violence in the name of media attention and profits, our collective outrage has sent a no-nonsense message to the music industry as a whole.

"Our victory is not only about preventing one video from circulating on mainstream television but more importantly, it is bringing us closer to instigating a higher level of social responsibility within the music industry."

Both MTV and VH1 have stated they will not air "Monster," even with the disclaimer attached.

Source: Change.org 28 June 2011

Editor blames Lara Logan's for sexual assault

Dan Rottenberg, editor-in-chief of the Broad Street Review, an online Philadelphia arts and culture website, blamed Lara Logan, the CBS journalist who was sexually assaulted by a mob in Tahrir Square while covering the political protests in February this year.

Rottenberg said: "Earth to liberated women, when you display legs, thighs or cleavage, some liberated men will see it as a sign that you feel good about yourself and your sexuality. But most men will see it as a sign that you want to get laid. Forewarned is forearmed."

Along the article, he posted a picture of Logan on the red carpet, wearing a v-line neck dress and smiling for the cameras, with a statement under it: "What message was the TV journalist Lara Logan sending here?" inferring that her sexual assault shouldn't be surprising given her decision to wear a cleavage baring dress.

Continuing the blame of women victims of sexual violence Rottenberg adds: "Don't trust your male friends. Don't go to a man's home at night unless you're prepared to have sex with him. Don't disrobe in front of a male masseur. If you take a job as a masseuse, don't be shocked if your male customers think you're a prostitute.

“Women today are technically free to do all sorts of things that were forbidden to their grandmothers, which is all well and good. But in practice, rape and the notion of sexual conquest persist for the same reason that warfare persists: because the human animal, especially the male animal, craves drama as much as food, shelter and clothing. Conquering an unwilling sex partner is about as much drama as a man can find without shooting a gun and, of course, guns haven’t disappeared either.”

The article entitled, 'Male Sexual Abuse and Female Naivete', ends by blaming women for her attempted rape and the molestation of her daughter because she cleaned her house in a halter top and shorts.

To sign the petition calling the Publisher and Board of Directors of Broad Street Review to take Mr. Rottenberg's offensive piece off the site and remove him from his position as editor click [here](#).

Source: [Care2](#) 16 June 2011

EVENTS

London Women and Planning Forum

London Olympics: What's in it for Women? - Seminar

Date: 06 July 2011, 1.30pm - 5.30pm

Venue: Arts Lecture Theatre at Queen Mary, University of London

The London Women and Planning Forum (www.lwpcf.org.uk) wishes to explore how much and in what ways gender has been taken into account in planning 2012. Has the Olympic site been designed to address gender issues relating to ergonomics, safety, transport and accessibility? Have the competition facilities been designed to raise the profile of women's sports? Have the Olympic boroughs used the 2012 opportunity to increase the provision of women-friendly sporting venues? Will the Olympic legacy result in more women participating in exercise and sport? What are the wider implications for urban design of policies aimed at increasing women's participation in and access to sports?"

To book a place visit the following website www.qmul.ac.uk/events or email events@qmul.ac.uk.

Women's Resource Centre and Voluntary Action Westminster**FREE Funding Seminar****Date: Tuesday 19 July 2011 from 9:30am - 2.00pm****Venue: Paddington Arts, 32 Woodfield Road, London, W9 2BE**

Women's Resource Centre, in partnership with Voluntary Action Westminster, would like to invite you to attend a FREE Funding Seminar geared specifically for organisations delivering services to women.

Local commissioners and funding experts from the Women's Resource Centre will look at ways in which you can make your organisation more sustainable including social enterprise, income from individuals, commissioning and partnership working. There will also be an opportunity to meet with other groups delivering services to women and see how you may be able to support one another.

Speakers will include:

John Bolton - Interim Strategic Director for Adult Services, Westminster Council

Maura Jackson - Director, Advance Advocacy and Minerva Projects

Noelle Gilbert - Income Generation Officer, Women's Resource Centre

Helen Johnson - Policy Officer, Women's Resource Centre

To book a place contact Samantha Smallcombe at**development@wrc.org.uk**

Public Policy Exchange**Human Trafficking in the UK: Working in Partnership to Strengthen Prevention, Protection and Prosecution - Symposium****Date: 14 July 2011****Venue: Central London**

Current figures indicate that between 100,000 and 800,000 people are trafficked into the EU each year and at least 5,000 victims are held in the UK. Pledging a renewed offensive against the organised gangs behind human trafficking, the Government has opted into the EU directive to enable better protection for victims and increase the chance of successfully prosecuting the gangs that exploit them.

A new Government strategy on tackling human trafficking, due to be launched imminently is expected to place a greater focus on prevention, intercepting traffickers before they reach the UK. During a period of great change in the sector, this special symposium offers a timely opportunity for practitioners in the police service, social services, health sector and third sector to:

- Examine the next steps in prevention, tackling the supply of, and demand for, human trafficking
- Explore how to improve awareness and identification of victims
- Consider how to safeguard victims, strengthen victim support and improve prosecution rates
- Assess how to ensure the safe resettlement and repatriation of victims.

For more information or to book a place visit the following website:

<http://publicpolicyexchange.co.uk/events/BG14-PPE.php>

DIRECT ACTIONS, CAMPAIGNS & RESOURCES

Rights of Women

Women's Migration and Asylum Network

The network will exist primarily as virtual 'e-group' with occasional seminars and events being organised as and where necessary. The objectives of the Women's Migration and Asylum Network are to:

- facilitate communication between and strengthen the understanding of network members on legal and policy issues that effect migrant and asylum-seeking women;
- improve the participation of network members in the legal and policy formation process;
- positively influence law and policy that affects migrant and asylum-seeking women;
- promote gender equality and work towards the elimination of discrimination on the grounds of gender, as well as discrimination against women where it intersects with age, disability, gender identity, race, religion or belief, sexual orientation or any combination thereof; and,
- to promote the human rights of all women in the UK.

The network is open to individuals and representatives from:

- charities, not-for-profit and voluntary organisations working on migration or asylum issues and / or women's or other equality issues;
- statutory sector organisations;
- individuals involved in immigration law and policy issues (such as activists, academics and legal professionals).

The terms of reference for the group can be downloaded from here www.rightsofwomen.org.uk/current.php#womens_migration_and_asylum_network.

For more information about the network email cate@row.org.uk

Women for Women International

RUN FOR CONGO WOMEN A YEAR AFTER WE LAUNCHED!

Since last July – [Run for Congo Women UK](#) has raised an incredible **£77,454!**

100% of which has gone directly to women in Congo, enabling them to rebuild their lives and their societies.

Join us again exactly one year on, **Sunday 3rd July**, and be part of the team that **reaches the £100,000 mark** for our programmes in Congo! Watch this short [clip](#) for more information about Women for Women International's work in Congo.

To register, reply to this email with '**RUN FOR CONGO WOMEN!**'

Can't run this July? **Forward this email to friends, family and colleagues – spread the word and help us reach £100,000 for women in Congo on our first anniversary**

Thank you again for your continued support!

TRAINING

Just Whistle

Engaging vulnerable young people: what works?

Manchester: Holiday Inn Manchester Central Park - Tuesday 19th July (Morning and Afternoon sessions)

London: Holiday Inn Brent Cross – Wednesday 20th July (Morning and Afternoon sessions)

This course will enable delegates to:

- Understand why vulnerable young people are often difficult to engage
- Confront some of the stereotyping that creates barriers to effective communication
- Explore why some young people are especially difficult to engage
- Be aware of good practice, and other helpful links and resources
- Identify ways to engage with hard to reach young people
- Plan how to transfer their learning into practice

The **price per delegate is £99+VAT including refreshments** on arrival and break time.

To book your place, please click on this link:

<http://www.justwhistle.org.uk/events.php>

DASH

Domestic Abuse, Stalking and Harassment and Honour Based Violence (DASH 2009) Risk Masterclass and 'Train the Trainer' Events

September 15th Masterclass and September 22nd Train the Trainer 2011

Due to the success of the last series of Masterclasses, Laura Richards who developed the DASH on behalf of the Association of Chief Police Officers (ACPO) and in partnership with Coordinated Action Against Domestic Abuse (CAADA), will be holding further training events in central London introducing all agencies, working in public protection, to the DASH (2009) Risk Identification, Assessment and Management Model.

If you register for both the DASH Masterclass and DASH Train the Trainer sessions you will receive a 10% discount and group bookings of 3 or more people will also receive a 10% discount.

New stand alone training on Stalking and Honour Based Violence (HBV) is also available. Laura can provide bespoke in-house training, which will enable you to understand:

- the nature of offending - using examples of actual cases
- the profile of the victim

- the profile of the perpetrator
- how to respond effectively
- how to identify risk and manage it
- lessons learned from homicide reviews.

Multiple case studies will be used throughout these interactive sessions and free support and resource material will be supplied. Either a half day or full day can be booked. **For information with regards to Stalking or HBV training contact Laura directly: laura@laurarichards.co.uk.**

To register for DASH training please contact the Events Co-ordinator Alison Bird: alison.bird@tiscali.co.uk. To view DASH in more detail please go to www.dashriskchecklist.co.uk. Please find attached an outline of the DASH training.

Rights of Women

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

Women only course

Manchester 19 October 2011

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"**

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>

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:

- 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.

VACANCIES AND VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

Womankind

POLICY AND ADVOCACY MANAGER (6 MONTHS FIXED TERM)

Salary: £33,300

Closing Date: 10.00 am Friday 8th July 2011

Interview Date: Week beginning: 11th July 2011

Womankind Worldwide is seeking an exceptional Policy and Advocacy Manager who will lead key pieces of influencing work to achieve positive changes for women's rights and development worldwide. This will include research and policy; learning and communication of best practice; representation, networking and profile building work.

The ideal candidate will be skilled and experienced in influencing, policy and advocacy tools and work on women's human rights and development issues – in particular violence against women and the civil and political participation of women. They will have: substantial experience and excellent knowledge of relevant women's human rights and development theory and frameworks; an understanding of the international development and women's rights sectors; strong analytical skills; excellent written and verbal communication; be an experienced networker and public speaker and able to represent the organisation to a range of different audiences.

For an application pack, please download from our website:

**<http://www.womankind.org.uk/about/our-team/working-for-womankind/> Or
email: recruitment@womankind.org.uk quoting the following reference:
PAM**

Eaves

Services Transition Coordinator (Including Maternity Cover for the Director of Services)

Closing Date: 07 July 2011

Salary: The post is offered on an initial 6-month interim employment contract, and the post-holder will be paid a maximum of £65,000 p.a. pro rata (i.e. £32,500 for six months assuming full time).

Eaves is seeking to appoint a Services Transition Coordinator to work full or part time (minimum 4 days per week) for six months, starting as soon as possible. The post will work with the Senior Management Team to reconfigure Eaves services for the future, whilst also providing oversight maternity cover for one of the two Director of Services posts.

The Services Transition Coordinator will work closely with the Chief Executive, Director of Operations and the Board, and will be responsible for completing the following areas of work: A review of Eaves overall services for women in the light of the current economic and political climate, including consultation with internal and external stakeholders ; Significant input into, and first authoring of, the services components of the new Strategic Plan ; Reviewing current service delivery and management structures and roles, and leading on any restructuring which may arise from this ; Contribution to and responsibility for discrete outputs of Eaves Transition Fund award ; Over-arching management of the POPPY, Lilith and Scarlet projects working with each project's service managers as effective maternity cover.

As can be seen from the above, the post is predominantly strategic in nature, and it is expected that the post-holder will take a lead in these areas, whilst reporting directly to the Chief Executive, and working closely with the Director of Operations. The post-holder will be required to make written reports to the Board and make recommendations for improvement as appropriate.

To apply or for information visit: www.eaves4women.co.uk/Vacancies.php or email denise.marshall@eaveshousing.co.uk

Eaves

Advice and Support Centre - Female Resettlement Worker

Salary £25,515 – £28,770 (SP 26-30)

Fixed Term to June 2012

35 hours per week

Eaves Scarlet Centre provides a range of services for women affected by domestic violence, rape and sexual abuse. A vacancy has arisen for an experienced female Resettlement Worker. This role is not a traditional resettlement post due to the added element of the delivery of independent living skills workshops to vulnerable women.

This is a demanding but rewarding role and in order to be successful in this post you must have:

- Substantial experience of direct work with vulnerable people
- Experience of delivering workshops and giving presentations to a wide range of audiences
- A wide knowledge of resettlement processes and procedures
- Experience of providing advice and advocacy support to vulnerable women
- Knowledge of relevant legislation: housing, benefits, child protection
- Knowledge and understanding of issues facing women who have experienced different forms of sexual violence

This post will involve some evening and weekend work on a rota basis

Closing date: 12 Noon, Monday 4 July 2011.

Interview date: Monday 11 July 2011

For more information and to download the recruitment pack visit the following www.eaves4women.co.uk or email recruitment@eaveshousing.co.uk

Survivors' Network

Advocacy Outreach Worker (Female) - Part-time – 18.5 hours a week

Closing Date: 08 July 2011

Salary: £15 ph / £28, 860 pro rata

We are looking for someone with experience of working within an outreach capacity, raising awareness amongst harder to reach groups about services supporting survivors of sexual violence and abuse. The successful candidate will be based in our small, friendly, multi-disciplinary team and will work within the community as well as hold a caseload as an advocate.

Working Days: Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Interviews: 18th and 20th July 2011.

To apply or for more information visit:
[www.survivorsnetwork.org.uk/47/About Us/Vacancies.aspx](http://www.survivorsnetwork.org.uk/47/About%20Us/Vacancies.aspx) or call 01273
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Big Voice

Volunteer

Big Voice is a youth empowerment project connecting young people from under-privileged backgrounds with leading lawyers and legal policy makers. We are closely supported by the UK Supreme Court and are recruiting for a **volunteer Project Leader (5 hours/week)** to take the lead on developing the project for 2012. **There will be a particular focus on women's rights and gender equality.**

For full details on the vacancies and the project, please see our website:
<http://bigvoicelondon.wordpress.com/events-and-competitions/>

Closing Date: Friday 15th July 2011

Early Intervention and Protection Services (EIPS)

Independent Domestic Violence Advocates - three full time posts

£22,221 – 28,637 (dependent on national accreditation and experience) 37 hrs a week

The Early Intervention and Protection Services (EIPS) is a new voluntary sector organisation working in the city of Portsmouth and area's within South East Hampshire.

EIPS has four tiers to the service, Independent domestic Violence Advocates, Independent Sexual Violence Advocates, Advocacy and Support Workers and our volunteer service New Dawn.

There are three full time posts available within EIPS for Female Independent Domestic Violence Advocates, these are based within criminal justice agencies including the specialist domestic abuse court.

If you have had experience in working with people affected by domestic abuse and are interested in working for a new and exciting organisation, please email info@eips.org.uk for a copy of the Job Pack.

Closing Date: 10am July 4th 2011

Interviews: Week commencing 11th July 2011

Women Center

Women Together Therapeutic Project Worker

16 hours/week - Must be available to work Fridays

£ 24,646 pro rata

Women Centre is looking for a woman with experience of working with women seeking asylum as well as experience of holistic therapeutic approaches and project development to play key role in the delivery and development of the Women Together Project.

The Project is funded by Comic Relief and this post is funded until March 2013

To obtain a recruitment pack email rachel.cooling@womenscentre.org.uk

Closing date: Monday 11th July

Interviews: 20th or 21st July

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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