

## SVAAN Monthly Update – August/September 2010



Welcome to the Sexual Violence Action and Awareness Network (SVAAN) email update. The update is full of information for organisations who work in the sexual violence sector. If you have events or information you would like to be included please email [nisan.kesete@eaveshousing.co.uk](mailto:nisan.kesete@eaveshousing.co.uk). Feel free to quote or circulate information from the update, but please credit the Lilith Project if you do so.

### London Councils Grants Scheme review – Possible impacts

In recent months many women's organisations across the country have reported facing financial challenges as budget cuts begin to make an impact. Organisations in the women's sector funded by London Councils have also been informed that their funding may be discontinued from March 31st 2011, despite the fact that many of them had signed funding agreements for much longer periods.

London councils is currently reviewing its Grant Scheme with a proposal that more of it's funding would be 'repatriated' to Local Authorities. However, there are no guarantees that the 'repatriated' funding would go to organisations working on violence against women and girls and this could effectively materialise as a cut in funding to the women's sector.

Many organisations in the sector have been expressing their concern about these developments stressing the need for pan-London based funding. These services transcend borough boundaries enabling joint delivery across multiple boroughs in a cost effective and seamless manner. This has been fundamental in allowing some of London's most vulnerable to access services where and when they need them.

Some of the key points London Council should take into account when and if it plans to 'repatriate' funds to Local Authorities are:

- **Conduct an Equalities Impact Assessment** in accordance to the current Equality Laws before making any final decision
- **Have a transparent system** and provide a sound rationale for all decisions relating to any cuts or changes in the way that services are funded
- **Maintain funds for services which are regional in nature** – decision as to which services are regional, pan-London or local should be made after a thorough and transparent consultation
- Money 'repatriated' to Local Authorities should be **ring-fenced** so that it is spent on the women's sector to deliver same services on a local basis
- London Councils should make sure that **no specialist services are lost in their decision making process**
- **Not to end current commissions in March 2011 if cuts are imminent**, but instead give plenty of time (ideally until the end of the current commissioning) to give organisations facing cuts time to make contingency plans.

### What you can do:

- **Please respond to the official consultation.** Click [here](#) to access the consultation. (We recommend submitting responses by Friday 8 October so that your response can be considered at the next London Councils' Grants Executive meeting on 19 October). Grants Committee Chair Steve Bullock said, "We urge as many voluntary groups as possible, whether or not they receive funding under the existing scheme, to put forward their views so that any decision made has full and comprehensive input on the implications for the voluntary sector."
- **Contact your Grants Committee members, Council Leaders and MPs** with your concerns. Please use the points raised in this document to write your letter if you wish. We have not included a template letter as from previous experience we know that template letters are not as effective as truly personalised letters. Letters which all look the same have in the past been perceived and counted as one. **(Contact details of Grants Committee members, Council Leaders and MPs could found [here](#))**
- **Write to your local media** informing them of what's happening so that this campaign will achieve as much media coverage as possible. Click [here](#) to find contact details for your local media.
- **There are three dates for upcoming London Councils meetings** that you might want to be aware of and attend – **19 October: Grants Executive Committee meeting, 8 November: Grants Committee meeting** and **14 December: Leaders' Committee meeting**. These meetings are open to the public but you have to RSVP to attend. **Please email Lisa Dominic on [lisa.dominic@londoncouncils.gov.uk](mailto:lisa.dominic@londoncouncils.gov.uk) to register.**

## Campaigns

### ECPAT UK / The Body Shop UK

#### Campaign petition to Stop Trafficking of Children and Young People

ECPAT and The Body Shop have launched a global petition as part of their three-year campaign to stop child trafficking. As part of the UK campaign, ECPAT UK is calling on the Government to provide greater care and protection for child victims of trafficking.

ECPAT UK is asking people to sign the petition online or in any of The Body Shop stores across the UK. The petition specifically calls on the Government to develop a system of guardianship for children who have been trafficked. A system of guardianship would mean that every child victim of trafficking would have:

- Someone with parental responsibility to care for and support them and take decisions based on their best interests
- Someone to ensure they receive the educational, medical, practical and legal support they need to help rebuild their lives.

You can sign the petition online and read more about the campaign here:

[http://www.ecpat.org.uk/body\\_shop\\_campaign.html](http://www.ecpat.org.uk/body_shop_campaign.html)

Please publicise the petition amongst your contacts and networks to encourage as many people as possible to sign it.

For further information, please contact Andrew Howard, ECPAT UK Campaigns Officer, on 020 7233 9887 or at [a.howard@ecpat.org.uk](mailto:a.howard@ecpat.org.uk)

## Consultations, Reports and Research

### Consultation – London Councils

#### Consulting on the future role and scope of the London Councils grants scheme

London Councils is undertaking an extensive consultation exercise to establish the best way of using its grant resources for the benefit of boroughs, voluntary groups and people living in the capital.

Under the existing system, London's boroughs take a decision each year to pool some of their funding and fund voluntary services on a regional level through the London Councils Grants Programme. The consultation is looking at whether a pan-London grants scheme is the best way for the money to be used, or whether boroughs can achieve a greater impact by spending money on their own locally determined priorities.

The consultation will run until 10 November 2010 and London Councils is urging all those working in or with an interest in the voluntary sector to take part in the online survey and make their views heard, including the London Boroughs, other key funders of the voluntary and community sector in London, other major public sector bodies working in London, and of course voluntary sector organisations (that are currently commissioned, and those that are not).

The background paper can be downloaded from:

<http://www.londoncouncils.gov.uk/London%20Councils/BackgroundDocumentFINAL.pdf>

You can find the link to the survey at:

<http://www.londoncouncils.gov.uk/grants/aboutourfunding/futureofgrants.htm>

#### CPS human trafficking consultation - have your say

The Crown Prosecution Service has drafted a Public Policy Statement which informs organisations how it handles cases involving victims of Human Trafficking crimes, and it would like contributions to its consultation on the issue.

**The consultation is open until 31st October and you can respond [here](#).**

### Government Equalities Office (GEO)

#### Equality Act 2010: The public sector Equality Duty: Promoting equality through transparency – A consultation

This consultation seeks your views on the GEO's proposals for draft regulations for the specific duties and the list of public bodies that will be subject to the general and specific duties.

This consultation will be of interest to:

- public bodies;
- those monitoring the performance of public bodies;
- others who perform public functions; and
- organisations that are interested in how public services can eliminate discrimination, advance equality and foster good relations.

Closing date: 10th November 2010

For further information and to respond to the consultation please click [here](#).

### **New Book: Race, Gender and the Criminal Process Series No: III**

Edited by Ruth Chigwada-Bailey an independent criminologist who taught at Birkbeck College, University of London for many years. She has been running Race, Gender and Criminal Justice Conferences since 1991. She is well known in the United Kingdom and abroad as a commentator and writer on issues affecting Black women, notably in relation to criminal justice.

Contributors and topics:

- Joanna Trickey on the Gender Duty and Women Offenders
- Vickey Micheal-Dick on the Resettlement Needs of Women Ex-Offenders
- Derya Yildirim on the Needs of Black and Minority Women Experiencing Domestic Violence
- Dr. Dele Olajide on the Impact of Mental Illness on Children with Special Reference to Black People
- Martyn Glynn on Black-on-Black Violence
- Helen Atkins on Trafficking: African Slavery in 21st Century Britain
- Janice Joseph on Female Genital Mutilation: An International Perspective
- Ruth Chigwada-Bailey on Black Women's Experiences of the Criminal Justice System.

For more information and to order click [here](#)

### **Child and Woman Abuse Study Unit (CWASU)**

#### **New Report: A Missing Link? An Exploratory Study of the Connections Between Non-Consensual Sex and Teenage Pregnancy**

Teenage pregnancy has been a policy priority traversing health, education and crime agendas at national and local levels for a decade. In 1999 a twin track strategy for England and Wales was introduced that aimed to halve teenage conception rates among under 18s by 2010, whilst simultaneously reducing social exclusion among teenage parents (SEU, 1999).

Although the 1999 strategy identifies sexual abuse as a risk factor for teenage conception, this link is not evident in annual reports and evaluations of the strategy. Moreover, whether or not teenage pregnancies are a result of non-consensual sex has yet to be specifically addressed in the substantial UK evidence base on risk factors, conducive contexts, interventions and outcomes.

That said, international research findings demonstrate connections between sexual abuse, coercion and intimate partner violence and teenage conception rates. This report presents findings from the first contemporary UK study to focus on this association.

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

## Conferences, Training, Meetings and Events

### CAWN

#### **Intersecting Violences: A Review of Feminist Debates and Theoretical Approaches on Violence Against Women and Poverty in Latin America.**

**Date:** Thursday October 21st 2010 from 2pm – 5pm (followed by a drinks reception)

**Venue:** Congress Centre, 23-28 Great Russell Street, London WC1B 3LS (nearest tube Tottenham Court Road)

**Chair:** **Baroness Miller**, Vice-Chair of the All Party Parliamentary Group on Central America

#### **Speakers:**

**Yakin Ertürk**, former UN Special Rapporteur on VAW, its causes and consequences

**Patricia Muñoz Cabrera**, author of the research report and Chair of the Women in Development Europe (WIDE) network

**Discussant:** **Maxine Molyneux**, Director of the Institute for the Study of the Americas, University of London

For further information and to book a place email [info@cawn.org](mailto:info@cawn.org)

### **Southall Black Sisters (SBS) and the End Violence against Women (EVAW)**

#### **A strategy on violence against black and minority ethnic women and girls - Consultation seminars**

Southall Black Sisters (SBS) and the End Violence against Women (EVAW) Coalition are holding a series of free consultation seminars to develop a UK-wide strategy on violence against (BME) women and girls. The seminars will be hosted by the Equality and Human Rights Commission (EHRC). These seminars will be crucial in informing the Westminster Government's forthcoming strategy on violence against women, which is expected to be published in November 2010, and other policies around the UK.

#### **Dates:**

10am-1.30pm 13 October 2010 Birmingham

10am-1.30pm 25 October 2010 London

10am-1.30pm 27 October 2010 Manchester

10am-1.30pm 1 November 2010 Glasgow

10am-1.30pm 3 November 2010 Cardiff

It is essential to pre-book as space is limited. Please contact SBS on Tel 020 8571 9595 or [info@southallblacksisters.co.uk](mailto:info@southallblacksisters.co.uk) to attend.

### HEAR & LEP

#### **Ensuring Equality in a Changing London – 21st October**

HEAR, London's human rights and equalities network, and the London Empowerment Partnership is holding a free event called "Ensuring Equalities in a Changing London" on the 21st October 10am-1pm. Refreshments and lunch will be provided.

Come and join us in a lively and interactive debate on the changing landscape of London's equality sector.

Speakers include, amongst others, Vivienne Hayes, CEO for the Women's Resource Centre & Chair of the HEAR network, and Elizabeth Henry, CEO for Race on the Agenda.

**Please email [Claire@londoncivicforum.org.uk](mailto:Claire@londoncivicforum.org.uk) to book your place.**

## **Women's Resource Centre**

### **Empowering and Creative Techniques to Enhance Therapeutic Engagement**

**Date:** Thursday 21 October

**Time:** 9:30 - 13:30

**Venue:** TBC

This seminar, delivered by Women and Girls Network (WGN), is for workers in the violence against women sector and it will introduce participants to a range of empowering, creative and therapeutic techniques that are available to them as workers, to enhance therapeutic engagement.

The seminar will be facilitated by WGN and will also serve as an introduction to the Accredited Training Course run by WGN as part of the Sharing Our Strengths Project (applications for 2011 open in late September): [www.wrc.org.uk/accreditedtraining](http://www.wrc.org.uk/accreditedtraining)

To book your FREE place on this women-only seminar, please contact Ellen Storrar at [ellen@wrc.org.uk](mailto:ellen@wrc.org.uk)

## **Rights of Women**

### **What is the future of civil legal aid? Ensuring access to justice and equality for women – Seminar and debate**

**Date:** Thursday 28 October 2010

**Time:** 2.45-4.30pm

**Venue:** BSG House, 226-236 City Road, London, EC1V 2TT

This seminar and debate will bring together leading campaigners to discuss law and policy concerning the recent developments in civil legal aid provision and the impact on women.

Changes to the administration of civil legal aid have had a devastating impact on the availability of specialised and high quality family and immigration law advice and representation.

Join us, one week after the announcement of the Comprehensive Spending Review, to debate with a panel of leading practitioners and campaigners on the impact of cuts to the civil legal aid budget and its administration on access to justice and gender equality.

This event is free of charge and open to representatives from voluntary and statutory sector organisations interested in finding out about, and campaigning on, the law and policy related to access to justice and civil legal aid.

**To reserve your place, please RSVP to [events@row.org.uk](mailto:events@row.org.uk)**

## **Clean Break**

### **Charged – Six new plays about women, crime and justice**

#### **Soho Theatre from 10<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> November 2010**

Premiering plays by six of Britain's best female playwrights, Clean Break takes over the entire Soho Theatre building with a season of exhilarating new plays about women, crime and justice. The six plays are presented over two performances in two cycles of three plays each.

- Plays written by EV Crowe, Sam Holcroft, Rebecca Lenkiewicz, Chloë Moss, Winsome Pinnock, Rebecca Prichard
- Creative Director: Clare Lizzimore; directed by Clare Lizzimore, Lucy Morrison and Caroline Steinbeis
- Design: Soutra Gilmour; lighting: Johanna Town; sound: Emma Laxton

The production is accompanied by a series of events including panel discussions and student performances. During the run, Clean Break also presents a Koestler Award-winning play at Southbank Centre as part of *Prose and Cons* (13<sup>th</sup> November).

For more information please visit [www.cleanbreak.org.uk](http://www.cleanbreak.org.uk)

### **Series of Lectures on Women's Liberation at Conway Hall**

#### **Women's Liberation: What, when and why**

**Tuesday 2nd November – 18.00-20.00**

The first in a series of four evening lectures exploring the origins, goals and ultimate trajectory of the women's liberation movement. This introductory session aims to provide an overview of the movement's main aims and examine why it spontaneously arose during the late 1960s and early 1970s, asking too whether the Women's Liberation Movement was 'man-hating' as the media then claimed.

#### **Male Violence, Subjectivity and the Personal as Political**

**Tuesday 9th November – 18.00-20.00**

This lecture will detail the calls made by feminists for 'freedom for all women from intimidation by the threat or use of male violence.' Asking whether the Women's Liberation Movement achieved this aim or if male violence against women has instead been co-opted to become 'violence against the individual', the session will also question whether the oft-quoted expression 'the personal is political' is still relevant.

#### **Media Representations of the Feminine**

**Tuesday 16th November – 18.00-20.00**

The third session in this four part lecture series will document how the Women's Liberation movement demanded an end to media representations of women and girls as sexualised objects. But has equality between the sexes really changed the way femininity is depicted in advertising, film or television? Or has the myth that a woman's greatest power and asset lies in her sexual attractiveness to man not only persisted, but been amplified in recent decades?

#### **Neo-liberalism, Feminism and Humanism**

**Tuesday 23rd November – 18.00-20.00**

The final lecture in this series will look at the impact of recent political and cultural shifts on the status of women in society and other possible implications of these changes on the enduring legacy of the women's liberation movement. Do the pervasive notions of 'choice' and 'individuality' which rest at the heart of the contemporary neo-liberal social order render questions of sex irrelevant to power and politics? And how far can it be said that feminism ought to be reconstituted as part of the wider Humanist project of achieving equality for all regardless of ethnicity, sexuality, class or gender?

### **About the tutor: Jennifer Drew**

Jennifer Drew (BA Women's Studies and History) is an independent researcher on male violence against women. She is a consultant to Scottish Women Against Pornography, is an active member of the campaign group Truth About Rape and was formerly chair of Object, a campaign organisation focusing on women's rights. She has contributed articles to Rain and Thunder, a radical feminist journal of discussion and activism, The Fword, a contemporary UK Feminism on-line magazine and is a regular contributor to the Global Sisterhood Network, a research resource for feminists from around the world working together to improve women's lives.

**South Place Ethical Society: Conway Hall, 25 Red Lion Square, WC1R 4RL.  
www.ethicalsoc.org.uk – 020 7242 8034**

### **The nia project**

#### **Hearing and listening: Enabling young people's voice and influence in sexual exploitation services**

**18<sup>th</sup> October 2010, 9.30 – 16.30**

**The Tomlinson Centre, Queensbridge Road, Hackney**

How do we give voice to sexually exploited young people?

How can we ensure young people influence the development and delivery of sexual exploitation support and prevention services?

For the last three years the nia project has been undertaking prevention and participation work around issues of the sexual exploitation of young people. We would now like to share our experiences and other examples of good practice.

This conference aims to:

- Understand how the voices of sexually exploited young people can be heard
- Explore how young people can influence the development and delivery of services that support sexually exploited children and young people.
- Benefits of attending:
  - To celebrate examples of good practice in participatory work
  - To share practical tools for use in delivering participatory work
  - To hear from young people about how they understand sexual exploitation, how they want services to run and how they can be involved
  - To explore ways that services can reach all young people, including BAMER young people and young men, and involve them in service delivery
  - To hear what young people want from professionals and services in supporting their risk of exposure to sexual exploitation.

This event is for commissioners, strategic and operational managers and practitioners.

**For further information please contact Jennifer Parnham on: 020 7683 1270  
ext: 228 or email: [jparnham@niaproject.plus.com](mailto:jparnham@niaproject.plus.com)**

## Capita's 6th National Prostitution Conference

### Engagement, Enforcement and Effective Partnerships

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2010 – Central London**

If you are responsible for policing prostitution or supporting the people involved, this November's national Prostitution Conference is designed specifically for you.

Benefits of attending:

- Identify improvements to existing policing strategies to tackle prostitution and human trafficking for sexual exploitation
- Examine the best approaches to curbing demand for prostitution and the associated anti-social behaviour from effective partnership case studies
- Hear urban and rural police forces share their experiences of engaging sex workers and local neighbourhoods to make communities safe
- Deepen your understanding of the sentencing and treatment of sex workers in the criminal justice sector
- Discover improved ways to provide a range of sexual health, emotional wellbeing and substance misuse services to those most in need
- Identify how to improve the engagement of 'off street' sex workers to increase access to mainstream services.

**For more information visit: <http://www.capitaconferences.co.uk/public-sector-conferences/police-criminal-justice/full-conference/article/tackling-prostitution-conference.html?code=MKCM>**

## AVA Conference

### Whose movement is it anyway? Survivors' role in ending violence against women and girls

**5 November 2010**

The violence against women and girls movement was instigated and led by survivors, determined that others should not suffer as they did.

With the increasing focus on professionalisation of the VAWG sector, survivors have become much less visible in their own movement.

This conference aims to reverse this trend. Showcasing over a dozen inspiring examples of survivor led initiatives, we want to challenge the stigma and shame of being a victim and demonstrate the creative and innovative ways that women respond to and resist VAWG. As well as hearing from inspirational examples, delegates will also be able to:

- Gather ideas on how your service can deliver more for less
- Generate new creative ideas for service delivery
- Understand how your agency fits into the 'Big Society'
- Learn about new ways of including survivors in your work
- Network with practitioners from across the VAWG spectrum.

**Venue:** CBI Conference Centre, 103 New Oxford Street, London WC1A 1DU

**Price:** £119/£129 vol/stat when booking before the 3 September  
£139/£159 vol/stat thereafter

To book your place or for more information go to the AVA website [here](#)

## Eaves' Scarlet Centre

### 1. Resettlement workshops

The Scarlet Centre's Resettlement Team is holding a series of new workshops for service users:

- **How to say 'No'** – Wednesday 13th October, 2:00pm to 3:30pm
- **Unlock your potential** – Wednesday 10th November, 2:00pm to 3:30pm

To find out more and make a booking contact the Resettlement team on 020 7793 9521 or e-mail on [resettlement@eaveshousing.co.uk](mailto:resettlement@eaveshousing.co.uk)

### 2. New support workshops

The Scarlet Centre runs courses and events every week. All courses are free and open to women who live and work in London. These courses are not for training staff but for supporting women.

- **The Early Years (18+)** – Friday 8th October, 11:30am-1:30pm
- **How to say 'NO'** – Wednesday 13th October, 2:00pm-3:30pm
- **What is it like in a refuge?** – Friday 15th October, 1:00pm-3:00pm
- **Self Esteem & Confidence Building (18+)** – Friday 22nd October, 11:30am-1:30pm
- **Unlock your potential!!!** – Wednesday 10th November, 2:00pm-3:30pm.

Call us on 020 7840 7142 to book a place.

## London Feminist Network

### Feminism in London 2010, a one day conference

Feminism in London aims to bring together the many feminist and women's groups working in London to share ideas and learning, network and inspire each other.

The event is open to women and pro-feminist men.

#### 9:30am-5pm, Saturday 23 October

Friends Meeting House  
173-177 Euston Road,  
London, NW1 2BJ

**£3-£20 depending on income**

#### Speakers include

Helena Kennedy, Natasha Walter, Ceri Goddard, Nadjie Al-Ali, Wendy Savage, Naana Otoo-Oyortey, Rebecca Mott, Leila Alikarami, Ann Rossiter, Finn Mackay, Heidi Mirza, Cynthia Cockburn, Rahila Gupta, Virginia Heath, Vera Baird, Jill Radford.

Find out more and register at: <http://www.feminisminlondon.org.uk/>

Email: [info@feminisminlondon.org.uk](mailto:info@feminisminlondon.org.uk)

## Stella Project

### Training Courses

### **Sexual Violence, Drugs and Alcohol, 9/10 December, London**

This two-day experiential course will look at all forms of sexual violence (child sexual abuse, sexual assault, rape) and post-trauma responses and coping mechanisms specifically focusing on drugs, alcohol (legal, prescription as well as illegal drug use).

### **Safeguarding Children - Living with Parental Substance Misuse and Domestic Violence, 17 January, London**

This course looks at the overlapping issues of domestic violence and substance use and examines the impact of these on families, with a particular focus on safeguarding children.

### **Working with Domestic Violence Perpetrators within a Substance Misuse Agency, 25 January, London**

This course looks at identifying domestic violence perpetrators, giving safe messages and making appropriate referrals upon identification. It will also explore theoretical perspectives around domestic violence, the links to substance misuse and the perpetrator's choice to use violence.

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

### **Tender**

#### **One Day Training: Awareness and Good Practice when working with women experiencing violence and abuse in relationships**

**Date:** 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2010

**Venue:** Central London

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.

If you would like to book a place or find out more information about the training and costs, please contact Dorota Small at Tender [dorota@tender.org.uk](mailto:dorota@tender.org.uk)

### **Rights of Women**

#### **No recourse? EEA national? Overcoming the barriers 1 Day – 27/10/10 Doncaster – women-only**

Meeting the needs of women who have no recourse to public funds, or who are EEA nationals, is incredibly challenging. You have to be able to keep-to-date with 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 one day course will give you the skills and knowledge you need to support women who have experienced domestic violence and who have an insecure immigration status with confidence.

**Venue:** Doncaster CVS, 5-6 Trafford Court, DN1 1PN

Costs, more info & booking visit: [www.rightsofwomen.org.uk/training.php](http://www.rightsofwomen.org.uk/training.php) or contact [training@row.org.uk](mailto:training@row.org.uk), or just give us a call 0207 251 6575

**Refreshments and lunch will be provided**

### **Positive Action in Housing (PAiH)**

### **Domestic Abuse, Stalking and Harassment and Honour Based Violence (DASH 2009)**

#### **Risk Master-class: October 28<sup>th</sup>**

Examine and explore:

- the evidence base that informed the compilation of the DASH (2009) Risk Model
- agency responsibility in relation to risk identification, assessment and management
- the risk identification process and the high risk factors for serious harm and homicide
- how this relates to the risk management process
- how the model fits into the wider public protection framework
- the profile of the domestic violence perpetrator and nature of serial offending
- how the model fits into partnership working and the risk management panels including the Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conferences (MARAC) and Multi-Agency Public Protection Arrangements (MAPPA)
- lessons learned from homicide reviews using case studies.

You will receive a certificate following the training course to show you have attended accredited DASH training.

#### **Train the Trainer: November 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> 2010**

Ideally, this class should be attended by those who have already been trained in the use of DASH. On completion of the training you will feel confident and competent to deliver training to others. You will receive a certificate following the course to show you are accredited to deliver training to others and accredited trainers will receive all material specified post the training session.

Spaces are limited and those who are interested in attending are encouraged to book early, as spaces will be awarded on a first come first served basis.

To register for the trainings please contact [alison.bird@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:alison.bird@tiscali.co.uk) or go to [www.dashriskchecklist.co.uk](http://www.dashriskchecklist.co.uk) for more details.

### **Oxfam Routes to Solidarity Project**

#### **Voice of Solidarity Free Training (Sheffield)**

**The provisional dates for the training are Wednesdays 13th & 20th October 2010, 10.00 – 16.00**

The training aims to strengthen the BME women's voice in the North through a set of three day sessions designed to help women from BME women's organisations to enhance their skills, experience and knowledge, enabling them to become more

effective in their roles, engage with decision makers and develop a strengthened policy voice.

Participants are expected to attend all three sessions. Refreshments and lunch will be provided. Child care costs will be reimbursed.

For any further information, or to request a place on the course, please email [routestosolidarity@oxfam.org.uk](mailto:routestosolidarity@oxfam.org.uk)

## **Refugee Council**

### **Supporting women affected by sexual violence – One day course**

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October – The Refugee Council in Brixton, London**

This course is informed by the stories related by female clients of the Refugee Council Specialist Team during the three year Comic Relief-funded Vulnerable Women's Project, designed to support refugee and asylum seeking women survivors of rape or sexual violence.

During this one day course participants will explore the impact of gender based violence in a systemic context, looking at the potential consequences it may have on the lives of asylum seeking women according to their varied experiences in the country of origin and the host country.

Cost (per delegate): £175 (standard rate) / £109 (reduced rate for registered charities)

To attend and for more information email [training@refugeecouncil.org.uk](mailto:training@refugeecouncil.org.uk) or call 020 7346 6733

#### **Other training events scheduled in London include:**

- 21 October – Supporting women affected by sexual violence – [Read more](#)
- 1 November – End of Process: Support for asylum seekers who have been refused asylum – [Read more](#)
- 2 November – An introduction to child protection issues when working with children from abroad – [Read more](#)
- 4 November – Refugees and migrants: Entitlement to housing and other services – [Read more](#)

## **Rights of Women**

### **Discount Training this October in London**

#### **Refreshments and lunch will be provided**

**Venue: NCVO, London (King's Cross)**

#### **Enforcement: making domestic violence injunctions work ½ day (am) – 13/10/10 – Women Only**

This half-day course will enable you to improve the support you give to survivors of domestic violence whose abusers disobey court orders. You will be given a comprehensive update on recent changes to the law which will enhance your understanding of both the civil and criminal remedies available to victims, as well as providing you with an overview of the enforcement of non-molestation, occupation and restraining orders.

(FREE to Refugee Community Organisations)

Small voluntary sector org (income less than £500,000): was £70 NOW £29

Larger voluntary sector org (income more than £500,000): was £100 NOW £49

Statutory sector/all others: was £130 NOW £69

### **Forced Marriage: gaining protection through the law**

**½ day (am) – 20/10/10 – Women Only**

Forced marriage is an abuse of human rights and a form of violence against women. This half-day course will enhance your knowledge of the law and enable to support women and girls at risk of, or who have experienced, forced marriage. The course explains the legal remedies that exist to protect victims of forced marriage and will give you an understanding of the procedure for getting a forced marriage protection order. We will investigate the new role of local authorities as relevant third parties and examine the impact of the Forced Marriage (Civil Protection) Act 2007 one year on.

(FREE to Refugee Community Organisations)

Small voluntary sector org (income less than £500,000): was £70 NOW £29

Larger voluntary sector org (income more than £500,000): was £100 NOW £49

Statutory sector/all others: was £130 NOW £69

### **Protection from persecution? Asylum law and process**

**1 day – 21/10/10 – Women Only**

Asylum-seeking women are some of the most marginalised and vulnerable women in our society. Caught up in a system that appears incomprehensible, they remain invisible to many service providers. This one day course, co-trained with Asylum Aid, is a practical and insightful introduction to the law that determines who is entitled to protection in the UK and how decisions are made and challenged. This unique and innovative course focuses specifically on the needs of asylum-seeking women who are, or have experienced, gender-based violence.

(FREE to Refugee Community Organisations)

Small voluntary sector org (income less than £500,000): was £100 NOW £59

Larger voluntary sector org (income more than £500,000): was £130 NOW £79

Statutory sector/all others: was £160 NOW £99

**More info & booking visit: [www.rightsofwomen.org.uk/training.php](http://www.rightsofwomen.org.uk/training.php) or contact [training@row.org.uk](mailto:training@row.org.uk), or just give us a call 0207 251 6575**

## **Vacancies and Volunteering**

### **Victim Support**

#### **Internal Communications and Events Executive**

**Closing Date: 8th October 2010**

**Starting Salary: £31.1K - £34.6 K pa**

**Full time: Monday to Friday 37.5 hours per week**

You will help the Internal Communications and Events Manager to develop and deliver the internal communication systems nationally. You will also help to plan and deliver national events and support the creation and delivery of local events. Your internal communications work will help ensure that all staff and volunteers are well informed

and 'on message' which will mean clearly communicating our core values and objectives.

Please click [here](#) for full details about the role including the application pack.

## **Women's Aid**

### **Outreach Worker (Problematic Substance Use) - London**

The NIA Project provides a wide range of services for women and children who have experienced domestic violence and other forms of gender violence. As part of the London Council's funding of the Emma Project there is a vacancy to deliver training and capacity building between domestic violence and substance use agencies pan London.

**Closing date: Thursday, 7th October 2010 at 5pm**

**Salary: £26, 928 pro rata per annum (including London weighting)**

**Work Pattern: Part-time, 14hrs/week (including some evenings and weekends)**

**Term: Presently funded until 31st March 2011 with possible extension**

For the application form through the NIA Project website and further details please click [here](#)

## **Women and Girls Network**

**Closing Date: 12th October 2010 for all three applications**

### **Rape Crisis Senior Counsellor (Female) - Circa £36K pro rata (3 days per week)**

You must be BACP or UKCP accredited and have experience of providing a range of counselling interventions for women who have experienced sexual violence. You will ensure high quality counselling services by providing clinical leadership, clinical supervision, co-ordination and direction; uphold WGN's commitment to anti-discriminatory practice; and develop best practice by analysing monitoring data. You must hold a recognised qualification in clinical supervision.

### **Rape Crisis Sessional Counsellor (Female) - Gendered Violence Specialist £150 per day**

You must be BACP or UKCP accredited with at least three years' post-qualifying experience working with survivors of violence. You will be competent in a range of interventions working with trauma.

### **Group Worker (Female) - Gendered Violence Specialist £150 per day**

You must be BACP or UKCP accredited with at least three years' post-qualifying experience working with survivors of violence. You will be confident in delivering themed groups and therapeutic group-work with survivors of violence. You will have a recognised group-work qualification or equivalent experience.

**Interviews will take place on 28th and 29th October 2010.**

**Applications must be sent by Post – Please allow an extra day as we have a PO Box address. This is a Re-Advert: Previous Applicants need not apply.**

Please click [here](#) in order to access further details for each post including the application forms.

## Eaves

### **Temporary Female Advice & Support Centre Worker (substance misuse)**

**3 months with the possibility of extension**

**Salary: £28,770 - £32,532**

We are seeking to appoint a Centre Worker to support women with drug and alcohol issues as a consequence of violence and abuse.

You will be responsible for:

- Providing specialist advice on substance misuse
- Developing and running tailored workshops to empower women.
- Operating a drop-in and telephone advice service.

**Closing Date: 8 October 2010**

**Interviews: During the week commencing 11 October 2010**

### **Exiting Prostitution Administrator (Female)**

**Salary £25,501 pro rata – Part-time, 21 hours per week**

**Fixed Term Post until April 2011**

This post will be crucial in helping to co-ordinate and support research project staff.

You will need:

- Experience of carrying out a range of administrative duties including booking rooms and minute taking
- Excellent IT skills
- Good numerical and basic finance skills
- A good understanding of research processes
- Good communication skills.

**Closing date: 8 October 2010**

**Interview date: To be advised**

This post is funded by the National Lottery, through the Big Lottery Fund

### **Female Family Reunification Worker**

**Fixed Term for 3 years – 35 hours per week**

**Salary £30,352 – 31,936**

The Poppy Project provides expert support and advocacy to women who have been trafficked to the UK for the purpose of sexual exploitation and/or domestic slavery. A new opportunity has arisen to join the Poppy Team.

We are seeking a woman who is able to provide a range of pre and post natal support to trafficked women through advocacy, information, and the provision of support to new mothers and vulnerable women. In addition, you will help to prepare victims of trafficking for family reunification and support them through the transitional process.

Good literacy and spoken communications skills and the ability to manage own workload will be essential.

A social work qualification, recognised by the GSCC, with post qualification experience would be desirable.

**Closing Date: 8 October 2010**

**Interview Date: During the week commencing 11 October 2010**

For more details on this vacancies click [here](#).

