

## **The Lilith Project Women's Weekly News 316**

**21 August 2010 – 27 August 2010**

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

#### **Female genital mutilation (FGM) on the rise in London**

Dr Comfort Momah, who runs a clinic in Guy's and St Thomas' Hospital says the number of cases of female genital mutilation (FGM) reported in London has risen with some of the procedures taking place in the city.

Dr Momah, who runs one of the 11 African Well Women Clinics in London, said she sees 350 women and children a year in her clinic .The majority of the cases are from African countries, including Somalia, Eritrea, Gambia, Nigeria and Sierra Leone.

She said, "In London FGM is widely spread and in my clinic we see about 350 women and children with FGM related problems every year and do reversal in about 100 cases every year.

"We do have people calling me or calling other clinics saying I know a circumciser in Leytonstone, I know a doctor who is performing it within the community, but they won't give you the information. I see a lot of teenagers now, self-referring to the clinic and getting information from the internet."

Det Con Jason Morgan, from Project Azure, a project which engages with the community, said, "It affects girls, often as young as seven-days-old, so the girl might be too young to remember exactly what happened, where it happened and who did it to them."

Salimata Knight, who was subjected to the procedure in Senegal when she was four-and-a-half said, "It makes people suffer, and suffering has no identity, no race and no culture."

The Met police said it was aware that FGM was taking place in London and had intervened in 122 cases since 2008 including 25 times this year.

Source: [BBC](#) 22 August 2010

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### **Judge blamed a pregnant woman victim for domestic violence**

Judge Jeremy Roberts, of the Old Bailey blamed Lia Thompson, a 31-year-old pregnant woman who was twice attacked by Liam Richardson, 22 from West Croydon.

Richardson fractured Thompson's eye socket in an attack in a hotel in May, three months after attacking her at her south London home.

The court heard that the first attack took place when the victim was beaten at her Brixton home in front of her 13-year-old son. Richardson dragged her to her room before tearing her dress and repeatedly hitting her, leaving her with swelling and cuts to her face.

Peter Pride, prosecuting said, he also threatened to "kill her and her son". She escaped and ran naked to a neighbour for help. But later she was not willing to cooperate with the police as she wanted their relationship to work.

The second attack took place in a hotel room in Clapham during which he repeatedly punched her in the face as he straddled her. She fled, again naked, climbing down a fire escape and sought help at reception.

The judge however, reduced a possible 30-month jail sentence to 18 months claiming that they are both responsible for the "difficult relationship" and that Richardson showed "real remorse". He said, "This was clearly a difficult relationship and I am sure that not all the rights were on one side and all the wrongs on the other side".

Deborah McIlveen, from Women's Aid, criticised the decision as "yet another miscarriage of justice for a victim of domestic violence which fails to understand its long-term and potentially fatal nature".

"Most perpetrators of domestic violence show remorse and yet they continue to use a range of abusive behaviours, including physical violence, to control their partners and ex-partners."

The victim was not even able to prepare a victim impact statement, the court heard, since she did not know about the hearing as she was in hospital due to give birth. Judge Roberts however, decided not to wait and said, "It is rather doubtful whether she would wish to add anything so I am inclined to proceed today."

"If it turns out that I am completely wrong then the matter could be revisited. Unless there is a good reason for postponing sentencing, we have to work on the basis that sentencing will be dealt with immediately after the plea."

Source: [BBC](#) 26 August 2010

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### **Man convicted of manslaughter for strangling his wife**

Ronald Tyler, 47, who strangled his wife as their 22-month-old son slept in the same room has been given an indeterminate jail sentence for manslaughter.

Tyler attacked Julie McKinley, 40, just two months after being released from jail, at their home in Finsbury, north London following an argument, after she returned from a party.

The court heard he had convictions for 44 separate offences since 1977, 14 of which were for violence or threatening and abusive conduct, and four of which involved McKinley.

The victim had made 20 other reports to the police between 1996 and 2009 of alleged violent or abusive behaviour which she did not pursue further. In November 2008 he was convicted of common assault against McKinley and given a suspended sentence.

After breaching the suspended sentence he was given a 52-week jail term in July last year but was released two months before the fatal attack. He has also admitted too that he had "slapped" three other women during three previous relationships.

Tyler was cleared of murder but found guilty of manslaughter on the grounds of provocation by a ten-two majority.

Judge Jeffrey Pegden sentencing him said, "You held the power in the relationship and the deceased frequently relented and took you back after your violent and threatening behaviour."

The judge said he posed a significant risk of "serious harm" to members of the public, in particular "any female he is in a relationship with".

Source: [BBC](#) 23 August 2010

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## VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN IN THE UK

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### **Two women murdered in their home in north Devon**

The stabbed bodies of Deborah Jones and Donna St John, both aged 35, were found in a house in Fortmead Close, Barnstaple, north Devon after fire broke out at the property.

Police believe they were killed in the kitchen of the rented property and the house was then set on fire. A 40-year-old man was also found stabbed at the house. He is under police guard in North Devon District Hospital and said to be in a serious but stable condition.

Police confirmed that one of the victims had previously complained of harassment by a man and he received a harassment warning notice. Two days before the murder the woman had reported to the police that this had been breached.

The case has been referred to the Independent Police Complaints Commission (IPCC) and the police on a statement said, "On Sunday, August 22, the matter was voluntarily referred to the IPCC by the force's Professional Standards Department.

"The IPCC have since advised that they are content for this matter to be investigated locally."

The 40-year-old man is continually being assessed by medical staff, and police say they will interview him when he is well enough.

Source: [North Devon Gazette](#) 25 August 2010  
[BBC](#) 26 August 2010

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### **Indefinite jail sentence for rapist**

John Bevan, 46, of no fixed address, but formerly from Flintshire, who admitted charges of kidnap, rape, assault and false imprisonment, has been jailed indefinitely at Caernarfon Crown Court.

His victim suffered a four-hour ordeal in which he threatened to kill her and bury her in woodland. She was eventually left bound in a disused van and she managed to escape and run barefooted to get help.

Judge Merfyn Hughes QC admired her remarkable courage. Sentencing Bevan, he said, "You do not have any real insight as to why you committed the offences."

The judge accepted the conclusions of a pre-sentence report that Bevan posed a high risk of causing serious harm to the public.

Det Insp Alun Oldfield said: "These offences are almost unparalleled in their depravity and caused a great deal of pain and anguish to his victim.

"On the evening the offences were committed, North Wales Police mobilised every possible resource including firearms officers, detectives, crime scene investigators, dog handlers, armed response vehicles, the force helicopter, search teams and response officers from all over Flintshire."

"I would like to reassure the public that these offences are not commonplace in north Wales and that we are fully prepared and equipped for investigating such offences."

Source: [BBC](#) 25 August 2010

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## **INTERNATIONAL VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN**

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### **Women in prostitution forced to take more risks, says charity**

Ruhama, a charity for women affected by prostitution in Ireland, said the demand for prostitution has not decreased during the recession but male punters are forcing those in prostitution to take bigger risks to earn money.

Sarah Benson, the charity's chief executive, said, "Women in 2009 reported horrific levels of sexual, physical and emotional abuse. The reporting of rape and sexual assault was almost universal.

"Women reported having been punched in the face, the stomach, being kicked down stairs, beaten for refusing to have sex with men, being locked in and refused food, being burned, being bitten.

"The impacts of such experiences are hugely damaging to women. Women report feelings of deep shame, feeling 'soiled', 'like damaged goods', 'like nobody', 'worthless'. Women speak of living in constant states of tension and fear as they could never know what the next buyer might want or do."

The charity, which provides counselling, accommodation, education and outreach services, saw its caseload increase by 20 per cent last year. They provided support to 196 women, of which 66 were believed to be victims of trafficking including two who were children when trafficked to Ireland, with one girl aged just 15.

According to the charity's annual report the largest number of the new cases were women from Nigeria (45%), followed by Romania (15%) and Kenya (8%).

Even though there is an increase in demand for its services, Ruhama's statutory funding was cut by around 20% last year. Diarmaid Ó Corrbuí, chairperson of the charity, said, "We want to be able to continue to support these women but we are seriously restricted by the funding available to us. We ask people out there who may wish to help to visit our website and make a contribution".

To read the full report click [here](#).  
Source: [Irishtimes](#) 24 August 2010

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## **17 attorneys general demand Craigslist "adult services" to shut down**

Seventeen attorneys general from Arkansas, Connecticut, Idaho, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Maryland, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, New Hampshire, Ohio, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, and Virginia, wrote an open letter to Craigslist, requesting that the "adult services" section of Craigslist be taken down immediately.

The letter stated that "ads for prostitution, including ads of trafficked children are rampant on it." It explained that since Craigslist "cannot, or will not" screen the adverts, the online ad service should stop accepting ads on "adult services" altogether.

The open letter mentions some examples where Craigslist "adult services" adverts went wrong. One involved two girls who claimed they were trafficked through Craigslist and wrote a letter in July 2010 asking the website to take the section down. Craigslist, however, responded to this letter demanding police reports and other evidence for the allegation. The attorneys' general open letter explains that this is an example of how Craigslist "blames the victims" and lives in an "imagined utopia" where "every adult services advertisement is harmless until proven otherwise."

In May 2009, Cook County of South Carolina filed a lawsuit against Craigslist, charging the website with "facilitating prostitution." This happened after Philip Markoff, a Boston University medical student, was arrested for allegedly murdering a woman and kidnapping and assaulting a second after finding both of them on Craigslist. Markoff, also called the "Craigslist Killer", committed suicide in jail. A week after the lawsuit the website removed the "erotic services" section and replaced it with the "adult services" section.

Also in late May 2009, a prostitution ring called Room Service Entertainment, which reportedly operated exclusively on Craigslist, was busted by the police.

Source: [Reuters](#) 26 August 2010

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### **Priest charged with raping a 14-year-old girl**

A Roman Catholic priest in Germany has been charged with raping a 14-year-old girl two decades ago.

A prosecutor said that the girl was told by the priest that she would not go to heaven if she did not have sex with him.

She told the diocese in Osnabrueck that she had had a sexual relationship marked by violence with the man for more than three years.

Osnabrueck diocese spokesman Hermann Haarmann said the case was handed to prosecutors when the priest refused to turn himself in.

It was reported that the woman came forward after publicity surrounding sex abuse in the church.

Source: [BBC](#) 24 August 2010

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## EVENTS

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### **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 3 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 event is for commissioners, strategic and operational managers and practitioners.

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

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### **Object**

#### **Funny Women Awards 2010 – Mon 20th Sept 2010, 7.30pm**

#### **Leicester Square Theatre**

OBJECT is thrilled to have been chosen as the beneficiary of the 2010 Funny Women Awards.

Funny Women is the leading showcase of British female comedians. A series of heats across the UK culminates in the final to find the year's 'best new female stand up'.

The evening is hosted by the previous winner, now a major breakthrough act, Andi Osho (Channel 4's 'Nightly' and 'Stand Up for the Week', and BBC2's 'Mock the Week').

Proceeds will be directed towards OBJECT's cutting-edge campaigns.

Click [here](#) to book tickets

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### **Sexual Violence Research Initiative (SVRI)**

#### **Research seminar – Parenting, Gender Socialisation and the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect in Low- and Middle-income Countries**

**Date:** 23 September 2010 from 16:00 - 20:00

**Venue:** The Boardroom, Trafalgar Hotel, London, UK

The harmful effects of child abuse and neglect on child development are increasingly understood as important for prevention of child sexual abuse victimisation and sexual violence perpetration. Parenting and the home setting is one of the influences on risk of abuse in childhood and the gender socialisation of boys and girls. Parenting factors have been found to buffer and mediate the effects of wider family and community factors on children's development. Parenting interventions are an important and potentially fundamental approach to the prevention of child maltreatment and promotion of safe, nurturing, non-violent home settings – both in the immediate family and in the next generation of young men. A number of parenting interventions have been shown to reduce harsh parenting, prevent or reduce child maltreatment and improve child outcomes.

To attend please RSVP to Lize Loots on [lloots@mrc.ac.za](mailto:lloots@mrc.ac.za) or call 021 938 0422

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### **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>

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## **Nia Project**

**Conference – Hearing and Listening: Enabling young people’s voice and influence in sexual exploitation services**

**18th October 2010, 9.30 – 16.30**

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

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.

**For more details and to book please contact: Jennifer Parnham on: 020 7683 1270 ext: 228 or email [jparnham@niaproject.plus.com](mailto:jparnham@niaproject.plus.com)**

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## **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](#)**

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## Scarlet Centre

### Resettlement workshops

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

- **Letting hurt go!** – Wednesday 8th September, 2:00pm to 3:30pm
- **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)

### 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.

- **Dealing with Depression (18+)** – Friday 27th August, 11:30am-1:30pm
- **Promoting self-esteem and emotional wellbeing!** – Wednesday 8th September, 2:00pm-3:30 pm
- **Assertiveness Skills (18+)** – Friday 10th September, 11:30am-1:30pm
- **Dealing With Panic Attacks (18+)** – Friday 24th September, 11:30am-1:30pm
- **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.
- **Make a Winter Hat** - Tuesday 14th September 5:30-7:30pm (Every Tuesday evening for 4 weeks)

**Call us on 020 7840 7142 to book a place.**

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## **The Scarlet Centre**

### **Women's Empowerment Day**

**- Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2010 - 12:00-4:00pm**

Christ Church, Redford Way, Belmont Road, Uxbridge, UB8 1SZ

**- Friday 17th September 2010 - 2.30pm-6.00pm**

Barking Library, Axe Street, Barking, Essex IG11 7NB

### **Good food, Raffle, Goodie bags to take home**

Please come and join us. ALL women and children are welcome

Places are limited so please book in advance.

For more information or to book please either call the Scarlet Centre on 020 7840 7142 or email on [advice\\_centre@eaveshousing.co.uk](mailto:advice_centre@eaveshousing.co.uk)

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## **Eaves**

**A seminar exploring research methodology in the women's sector –**

## **Research, policy and activism: ways forward in ending violence against women**

**Thursday 23rd September 2010, 12:00 – 16:00**

As a second tier project working to end violence against women, Eaves' Lilith Research & Development team often find themselves at the nexus of producing high quality, original research, engaging in work to change policy, and working as grassroots activists.

This seminar will explore how the relationship between research, policy and activism is reflected in research methodology in the women's voluntary sector.

To RSVP please email [nisan.kesete@eaveshousing.co.uk](mailto:nisan.kesete@eaveshousing.co.uk) or [Shannon.Harvey@eaveshousing.co.uk](mailto:Shannon.Harvey@eaveshousing.co.uk)

**We will confirm your booking via email, including venue details.**

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## **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)

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## MOSAC

### AGM and Mini Conference

Thursday 23rd September 2010, 6.00pm to 9.00pm

The Forum at Greenwich Trafalgar Road SE10 9EQ

**Guest speaker: Dr Valerie Sinason** will present on childhood sexual abuse and working with lethal attachments.

Valerie Sinason is a poet, writer, child psychotherapist and adult psychoanalyst. She is Director of the Clinic for Dissociative Studies, and consultant research psychotherapist at St George's hospital. Valerie specialises in work with abused/abusing and dissociative patients including those with a learning disability.

**Julia Webb-Harvey** will be presenting on her new book, *Hurt: What happens when you discover your child has been sexually abused?*

**Denise Hubble** Clinical Services Manager, Mosac, will present on children who are sexually abused: Can we create safety in disclosure and what are the complexities surrounding disclosures?

**Refreshments and networking make this an event not to be missed.**

To attend please email [denisehubble@mosac.org.uk](mailto:denisehubble@mosac.org.uk)

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## CONSULTATIONS AND REPORTS

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### **New guide to UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities**

A new guide to the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCPRD) has been published by the Equality and Human Rights Commission.

The Commission's guide will help disabled people to know what their rights are and how to use them. It will help people to challenge injustices and improve services for themselves and others, and will also help organisations understand what their responsibilities are.

The Convention, which was signed by the UK Government last year, sets out

disabled peoples' basic rights in one place. It covers health, education, employment, access to justice, personal security, independent living and access to information.

The UN Convention also describes what the Government has agreed to do to make these rights a reality. It has until next July to report back to the UN on its progress on this agreement. The Commission's guide also sets out how organisations can report to the UN.

Copies of the Commission's guide are available to download from its website at: [www.equalityhumanrights.com/UNCRPDguide](http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/UNCRPDguide)

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## DIRECT ACTION & CAMPAIGNS

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### **Southall Black Sisters**

#### **Appeal for victims of acid attack!!**

Donations are desperately needed to pay for the medical costs and rehabilitation of **Samar (31) and Juwariya (25)** Atique whose young lives and hopes were brutally crushed in October 2009 by two men who threw a jug of acid on their faces as the women were returning home from a day's work in a rickshaw. Their crime - Juwariya had turned down a marriage proposal from one of the men!

The immediate target for fundraising is £21,000 for microsurgery to be carried out on Samar's eyes. There is some hope that her sight may be saved although Juwariya's is irretrievable. Of this sum £11,000 has already been raised.

For more information and to donate please click [here](#).

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### **Women's National Commission**

#### **Impact of both the Emergency Budget and the Comprehensive Spending Review on individual women**

The Women's National Commission is collecting Partners' views on the impact of both the Emergency Budget and the Comprehensive Spending Review on individual women, women's organisations and services to women. To find out more information about the Emergency Budget please [click here](#).

We are seeking to use this information to inform Ministers and key Departments

to help them conduct full and meaningful Gender Equality Impact Assessments on their decisions. This does not of course mean that difficult funding decisions will not have to be made, but we hope that it will inform government of any disproportionate negative impact on women.

We are, therefore, asking you for any information, views, or research you have on the impact of both the Emergency Budget and Comprehensive Spending Review. We would also like to hear any positive ways you have to suggest, either to lessen the negative impact, or advance equality for women which the current financial climate has created.

Please send your views to the Women's National Commission at [wnc@communities.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:wnc@communities.gsi.gov.uk) by Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September

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## **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)**

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## TRAINING

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### **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.

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**Safe Choices**

## **Young Women, Gangs and Serious Youth Violence**

### **Dates for London based training –**

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2010 (10am - 4.30pm)

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2010 (10am - 4.30pm)

**Venue:** The Tomlinson Centre, Queensbridge Road, London E8 3ND

Safe Choices is a London based project working to reduce and prevent violent offending by young women. Drawing on our practices and the views and experiences of young people that we work with, we have developed a unique training programme for professionals dealing with the challenges and complexities of working with young women involved in or at risk of involvement in serious youth crime.

### **Cost of training per delegate**

Full Rate: Statutory Agencies, Commercial Sector- £200.00

Concessionary rate: Non statutory agencies - £150.00

For more information and to attend email [safechoices@niaproject.plus.com](mailto:safechoices@niaproject.plus.com)

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## **The Business!**

### **Funded by London Councils ESF**

Always wanted to be your own boss? Got a creative great idea you want to get off the ground that you think will earn you money? Need the inspiration, motivation and practical skills to take the first step? Then this programme is for you - it's the Business!

The Business! is free for women aged 20+ who are economically inactive and are interested in setting up their own creative businesses or social enterprises. Training will be tailored to suit your own individual needs and you could get support with travel and childcare.

Over 12 weeks you'll receive:

- One to one sessions with Information Advice and Guidance (IAG) Advisor
- Detailed Individual Action Plan
- 6 weeks personal development and wealth creation training
- Employment support including work experience opportunities
- Business start up support
- Business networking
- Mentoring

Women from Black and Minority Ethnic backgrounds living in London are eligible. The course is due to commence mid September 2010. To find out more and book an interview contact: Lorraine on 020 7720 7879 or email [lorraine@ukurbanvoice.com](mailto:lorraine@ukurbanvoice.com)

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## **University of Worcester**

### **Postgraduate certificate in professional development: The dynamics of domestic violence**

#### **Intensive weekends**

The course has traditionally been taught on a part-time basis on a Tuesday evening over one full year. This structure will continue for local students but we have now introduced intensive weekends over one full year to allow for accessibility for students who cannot make the weekly journey.

There will be two intensive weekends (three full days) per semester; over three semesters (one full year) and ongoing interactive contact while students are not on campus.

#### **Entry requirements:**

- A good first degree *or*
- A professional qualification in an appropriate area *or*
- Relevant practical experience.

The course offers the opportunity for those who already have a professional qualification and/or are working in the field of domestic violence to enter study at postgraduate level. It is also a good progression route from lower level domestic abuse qualifications.

For further information please contact Ruth Jones at [r.jones@worc.ac.uk](mailto:r.jones@worc.ac.uk)

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## **Oxfam Routes to Solidarity Project**

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

**The provisional dates for the training are Wednesdays 6th, 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)

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## **AVA**

### **Recovering from the Impacts of Domestic Violence – Unresolved Anger**

**Date:** 15 September 2010

**Venue:** AVA office, 1 London Bridge, London, SE1 9BG

**Price:** £90 vol / £130 stat

Anger is a natural reaction to domestic violence 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 the 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.

### **Safeguarding Against Forced Marriage and so called Honour-Based Violence, 28 September**

**Date:** 28 September 2010

**Venue:** Peterborough Women's Centre, 69-71 Broadway, Peterborough, PE1 1SY

**Price:** £90 vol / £130 stat

This course is designed to increase participants' knowledge and awareness of forced marriage and so called 'Honour Based Violence' and to offer space for reflection on current and future work approaches in order to operate within a good practice framework.

The course looks at the overlapping issues of domestic violence, patriarchy,

power and control and examines the impact of these. The course involves skill development on practice based issues such as safeguarding children and young people, safety planning and risk assessment, as well as providing an oversight of the relevant legislation, policies and procedures for staff working with women fleeing forced marriage or so called 'Honour Based Violence'.

### **Working with Domestic Violence Perpetrators within a Substance Misuse Agency**

**Date:** 6 October 2010

**Venue:** LCVS, 151 Dale Street, Liverpool, L2 2AH

**Price:** £90 vol / £130 stat

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 or to book your place on either of the above courses visit:** <http://www.avaproject.org.uk/our-training--events/open-training.aspx>

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### **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 September** – An introduction to working with unaccompanied children – [Read more](#)
- **22 September** – The Refugee Council’s Therapeutic Casework Model: Supporting clients with mental wellbeing needs – [Read more](#)
- **23 September** – Key Issues in asylum – [Read more](#)
- **24 September** – An introduction to asylum support – [Read more](#)
- **4 October** – Working with refugee children in schools – [Read more](#)
- **5 October** - Emotional wellbeing of refugee children and young people – [Read more](#)
- **6 October** – An introduction to homelessness – [Read more](#)
- **7 October** – Age assessment awareness and working with age-disputed young people – [Read more](#)
- **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](#)

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## VACANCIES AND VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

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### Eaves – Lilith Project – Research & Development Manager

**Maternity Locum – up to one year**

**Salary £36,100 to £39,621**

Eaves’ Lilith Project is a 2<sup>nd</sup> tier service working with organisations to combat all forms of violence against women by conducting research and policy development, providing training and awareness raising activities, and lobbying for legislative changes to tackle and prevent all forms of violence against women and girls.

To be considered for this role you must demonstrate:

- Extensive experience and knowledge of the violence against women agenda
- Experience of undertaking and managing large research projects
- Knowledge of central and local government legislation and policy development and how this may impact on agencies working in this field

- Substantial experience of staff management, some of which must include managing at a senior level
- The ability to take the lead in maintaining and raising Eaves' profile.

A vital area of work in the forthcoming months will be ensuring funding for the project's work in conjunction with Eaves' fundraising team.

**Closing Date: 10 September 2010**

**Interview Date: TBC**

For further information and to download the recruitment pack visit [www.eaves4women.co.uk](http://www.eaves4women.co.uk) or email [recruitment@eaveshousing.co.uk](mailto:recruitment@eaveshousing.co.uk) or call 020 7840 7124 (please state clearly the post you are applying for).

**Due to the sensitive nature of this role, this post is for a female worker only and is exempt under Section 7 (2) (d) of the Sex Discrimination Act 1975.**

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**University of Bedfordshire**

**Project Coordinator for the National Working Group for Sexually Exploited Children and Young People (NWG) – Ref: HS3348**

**Starting salary from £24,273 to £29,853 per annum**

**Fixed term until May 2011**

**Closing date: 14 September 2010**

**Interview date: 1 October 2010**

This is an exciting opportunity to work with the lead UK networking Non Government Organisation to prevent the sexual exploitation of children and young people. Based at the University of Bedfordshire you will work with NWG (a charity) members to continue the programme of practitioner seminars, resource and information sharing and web based support to raise the profile of needs of sexually exploited children and young people.

The post is funded by Comic relief until May 2011 with the expectation of continued funding. It is available on a part or full time basis and flexible working arrangements are available.

Informal enquiries may be made to Camille Warrington [Camille.warrington@beds.ac.uk](mailto:Camille.warrington@beds.ac.uk) or Professor Jenny Pearce [jenny.pearce@beds.ac.uk](mailto:jenny.pearce@beds.ac.uk)

For more information, please visit: [www.beds.ac.uk/jobs](http://www.beds.ac.uk/jobs)

Alternatively, application forms and further details may be obtained from the Human Resources Department, University of Bedfordshire, Park Square, Luton LU1 3JU. Tel 01582 743376 (24 hour answering service) or email [employment.opportunities@beds.ac.uk](mailto:employment.opportunities@beds.ac.uk) quoting reference number **HS3348** and job title.

**Please note CVs will only be accepted in addition to a fully completed application form.**

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## **Survivors' Network**

### **Female Young Person's Counsellor**

**Salary:** £21,840 – £24,980 (Pro rata)

**Closing date:** 15<sup>th</sup> September 2010

**Interviews week commencing:** 27<sup>th</sup> September 2010

Survivors' Network, a dynamic Brighton based charity supporting women who have experienced sexual abuse and violence, is recruiting a Female Young Person's Counsellor.

Working ten hours a week with clients 14-18 years old you will be experienced in the particular needs of young women and counselling survivors of sexual trauma.

**Application packs are available to download from [www.survivorsnetwork.org.uk](http://www.survivorsnetwork.org.uk) or by calling the office on 01273 203380.**

**This post is exempt from the Sex Discrimination Act 1972 and subject to a full CRB disclosure.**

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## **RISE**

### **Health Independent Domestic Violence Advisor (Health IDVA)**

**Closing Date:** 30th August 2010

**Salary:** £24,646 -£26,276 (1 year fixed term contract)

The Health IDVA will work in Rise's Independent Domestic Violence Advisor service. This service is an essential component of Brighton and Hove's coordinated response to domestic violence. The worker will be primarily based in Brighton and Hove's Accident and Emergency Unit.

## **High Risk (MARAC) Independent Domestic Violence Advisor**

**Closing Date:** 3rd September 2010

**Salary:** £22,221 - £23,708 pro rata 22.5 hours (1 year fixed term contract)

The High Risk (MARAC) IDVA will work within the remodelled crisis and support service leading the provision of specialist domestic violence support to survivors identified as being at high risk of serious harm/homicide as a result of domestic violence. She will ensure that the service provided is consistent with the local/organisational MARAC protocol, and will maintain a role in monitoring the effectiveness of its implementation.

**These posts are open to female applicants only as being female is deemed to be a genuine occupational qualification under section 7(2) (d-e) of the Sex Discrimination Act.**

**For more information and to apply, please download the application pack from the following link <http://www.riseuk.org.uk/index.asp?PageID=26>**

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### **Refuge**

#### **Floating Support Worker – Tower Hamlets**

**Fixed Term until 31 March 2011**

**Full Time:** 35 hours per week

**Salary:** £26, 334 per annum, pro rata

You will have evidence of strong casework management skills, good written and verbal communication, and an understanding of the importance of maintaining clear professional boundaries. It is essential you have direct experience of providing support to women and an understanding of current welfare rights/civil/criminal legislation relating to domestic violence.

#### **Sanctuary Worker – Greenwich**

**Full Time, Permanent Post**

**Salary:** c. £26, 000 per annum

You will have evidence of strong casework management skills, good written and verbal communication, and an understanding of the importance of maintaining clear professional boundaries. It is essential you have direct experience of providing support to women and an understanding of current welfare rights/civil/criminal legislation relating to domestic violence.

#### **Floating Support Worker – Southwark**

**Full Time, Permanent Post**

**Salary:** £26, 334 per annum, including ILW

You will have evidence of strong casework management skills, good written and verbal communication, and an understanding of the importance of maintaining clear professional boundaries. It is essential you have direct experience of providing support to women and an understanding of current welfare rights/civil/criminal legislation relating to domestic violence.

All candidates must have a commitment to the values of empowerment, support and equality, which underpin all the work undertaken by Refuge.

**Closing date: 4pm, 31st August 2010.**

**For more information and download an application pack please visit <http://refuge.org.uk/working-for-refuge/>**

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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)***

