
The Lilith Project Special Edition - Women's Weekly News 322

02 October 2010 – 08 October 2010

Equality has to be at the heart of London Councils' decision

If London Councils wants to show that it's committed to promoting equality, it has to ensure its decisions around the proposed funding cuts do not disproportionately affect women and children. It should carefully consider any effects the proposed 80% cuts and the so-called 'repatriation' will have on vulnerable groups such as women and children victims of violence.

London Councils spends just 12.7% of its annual £26.4m budget on frontline violence against women and children's services. Albeit on a tiny budget, most of these funded organisations provide a cross-borough, pan-London and holistic service to vulnerable groups of society. These services however are particularly at risk, because they have now been categorised as services that should be commissioned at a local level. (To see how services are categorised click [here](#).)

Women have already been hit the hardest by the general budget cuts of central government. A gender audit structured by shadow minister Yvette

Cooper and conducted by the Commons library found that the impact would fall disproportionately on women.

According to the audit more than 70% of the revenue raised from direct tax and benefit changes is to come from women taxpayers. Of the nearly £8bn net revenue to be raised by the financial year 2014-15, nearly £6bn will be from women and just over £2bn from men.

Cooper told *The Guardian*, "Women are bearing nearly three-quarters of the Tory-Liberal plans, while men are bearing just a quarter. This is despite the fact that women's income and wealth is still considerably lower than men's."

Despite this appalling inequality The Treasury has not provided any evidence that it had conducted any assessment to see whether its proposals would have an effect on equality between women and men. This is the same with London Councils. The latter appears to have no intention of conducting an **Equality Impact Assessment** on the repatriation plans, to assess the risk of repatriation on vulnerable groups such as women and children.

Due to The Treasury's failure to conduct an Equality Impact Assessment, the Fawcett Society has filed papers with the High Court seeking a Judicial Review of the government's recent emergency budget plans. London Councils might also risk facing similar challenges.

The failure was further highlighted in a **letter** sent by Theresa May, the Home Secretary and Minister for Women and Equalities to the Chancellor, George Osborne, where she states that the government is legally required to assess the impact of spending cuts on different groups. She specifically admits that vulnerable groups such as women, ethnic minorities, disabled people and older people could be hit the hardest by the cuts.

She said, "This letter is to remind colleagues of the legal requirement to additionally consider how women, disabled people and ethnic minorities are affected... it is important that fairness is at the heart of those decisions so that all those most in need are protected.

"I also think we need to take a collective view on the cumulative impact of cuts, and whether any action should be taken to spread the impact more equitably to avoid widening inequality. If there are no processes in place to show that equality issues have been taken into account in relation to particular decisions, there is a real risk of successful legal challenge.

"Fairness is a key principle of our programme for Government, and it is important that we use this budget, and the forthcoming spending review, to demonstrate our commitment to reducing the Government deficit fairly."

In addition to fairness and equality the new government also aims to build a “**Big Society**” which it claims should be bigger and stronger than ever before where people and communities are given more power and responsibility to achieve fairness and opportunity for all. Any “big society” will have to rely very heavily on the voluntary and community sector. We urge London Councils to consider the fact that the speed and scale of the proposed cuts will be damaging the whole foundation of the idea and weaken it.

In an open letter reaffirming the Coalition Governments’ priorities for the voluntary sector Francis Maude, Minister for the Cabinet Office and Nick Hurd, Minister for Civil Society said, “Everyday your organisations do extraordinary work to improve the lives of others. You should be a key partner in our mission to deliver better services and build the Big Society. We want to...unlock the huge potential that exists in the sector to improve more lives.” (Click [here](#) to read the whole letter)

Patricia Blackford, Manager of the Scarlet Centre run by Eaves and funded by London Councils says, “With the support of funding from London Councils, we provide exactly the kind of services that research has shown women who experience violence want and need. We provide specialist, women-only services with flexible opening hours that enable them to feel more comfortable to open up about their experiences and access support and advice”.

“In our first year of existence we have supported more than **1,500** women from across London. Losing these services due to lack of funding will be devastating for all the women we are supporting, not to mention the thousands of referrals that we expect to receive over the next year.”

A Scarlet Centre service user speaks out, in her own words: “I’m a 32year-old woman and I was drug-raped. The ordeal turned my whole life upside down. It was the police who suggested the Scarlet Centre; it was the only thing the police did right.” When asked what the impact would be on her if the service was closed she said, “It would be a sorry affair if the Centre was to close; they have supported vast amounts of women. We as women need organisations like the Scarlet Centre for a good reason – to support, heal, advise, and to talk to”.

Another woman who was supported by the centre after leaving a violent relationship and made redundant from a firm she worked for for nine years says, “I was at an all-time low in my life when the centre gave me the urge to get out of bed in the mornings and focus on all the things I wanted to achieve. I had a reason to get dressed. The centre has empowered me to realise that I can take control of my problems and face them and I am not alone.

“Without [the Scarlet Centre] I would not have progressed in life the way I have. I strongly feel that the centre should remain offering the very important services it offers and add more if at all possible to myself and other women in need. “

The message was echoed by a woman who works within the NHS and who volunteers for the Scarlet Centre, working with women who have experienced trauma. She says, “The Scarlet Centre provides an invaluable and unique specialist service for women of all ages who have experienced violence.”

She added, “Combining grass-roots contact with professional support, the Scarlet Centre contributes richly to the growth of the “Big Society”. Please reconsider the proposed plans to cut funding to this vital service to some of the most vulnerable people.”

What you can do:

- Please respond to the official London Council consultation. Click [here](#) to access the consultation. The deadline is 10th of November.
- Contact your Grants Committee members, Council Leaders and MPs with your concerns. (**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 to register.

EVENTS

Womankind

Freedom to Achieve – Preventing Violence, Promoting Equality: Starting in schools

25th November 2010, 10am – 4pm

Cost: £50 (bursaries available)

Venue: The Abbey Centre, 34 Great Smith Street, Westminster, London SW1P 3BU

To mark the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women we are hosting an inspiring and practical event to discuss the role of schools to stop violence against women and girls. There will be:

- Speeches and workshops on policy and practice
- Discussion of the whole school approach
- Exchange of good ideas and plenty of resources to take away.

Confirmed keynote speaker: Tim Loughton, Parliamentary Under Secretary for Children and Families

Additional contributions: Dr Claire Maxwell, Institute of Education, University of London

To attend, please contact Moya Wilkie at Womankind Worldwide by phoning 020 7549 0368 or emailing Moya@womankind.org.uk

Reclaiming the Domestic Violence Agenda: Promoting Impactful Policy and Practice with Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic Women Survivors

An international conference for all who are responsible and committed to addressing issues faced by Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic survivors of domestic violence. This is a unique opportunity to hear world renowned activists on this issue.

Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th November 2010 Northumbria University Newcastle upon Tyne

For more information visit the following link: www.angeloucentre.org.uk email angeloucentre@btconnect.com or call on 0191 2260394

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 to book your place.

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

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

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 email: info@southallblacksisters.co.uk to attend.

Women's Resource Centre and Women and Girls Network**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

To book your FREE place on this women-only seminar, please contact Ellen Storrar at 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

Women's Aid Seminar and Annual General Meeting

Safeguarding survivors and services: Reviewing policy and funding in light of the Comprehensive Spending Review (CSR)

Date and time: 4th November 2010, 10.30am-3.30pm

Location: The Abbey Centre, Central London

This seminar will explore:

- the impact of the CSR on victims' ability to access safety and protection
- the impact of the CSR on the commissioning framework and the continued provision of dedicated specialist domestic and sexual violence services
- how we can protect and sustain our vital services.

Speakers from government departments and experts in the field will be joining us to discuss the impact of the review upon local services within the sector including on funding, policing, family justice etc. We will also look at how we can continue to safeguard and maintain appropriate services for survivors of domestic and sexual violence.

There will be an opportunity to participate in group discussions and share experiences and ideas for sustaining safe responses to domestic and sexual violence in the context of cuts in public spending.

This AGM and seminar is free to Women's Aid members. Non-members are welcome to attend for £25 per person (cost price). Lunch will be provided.

The nia project

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

18th 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

Capita's 6th National Prostitution Conference

Engagement, Enforcement and Effective Partnerships

Wednesday 24th 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

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.

- **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.

CONSULTATIONS AND REPORTS

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>

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](#).

DIRECT ACTION & CAMPAIGNS

End Violence Against Women Coalition (EVAW)

TAKE ACTION - the Coalition Government must keep its promise on Violence Against Women & Girls (VAWG)

Home Secretary Theresa May MP says VAWG is a priority for her, and the Coalition Government is publishing a 'strategic narrative' in November, followed by an action plan next Spring. The Inter-Ministerial Group on VAWG meets on 19th October.

So now is the time to urge the Coalition Government not to turn back the clock on women's safety by letting local decision-makers choose whether or not VAWG is a priority, as currently envisaged by the Big Society. Harsh spending cuts are already threatening frontline services but there are also opportunities and the Home Secretary has promised to "*[end] the culture of charities having to survive hand-to-mouth.*"

Take action NOW:

- Write to the Home Secretary and Secretaries of State for Education and Health to demand access to specialised support for **all women** no matter where they live, and for work to *prevent* violence in schools, Academies, communities and workplaces. All public bodies must play their part! Please influence the strategy by writing to Theresa May, Michael Gove and Andrew Lansley.

To find out more about the campaign visit the following website
www.endviolenceagainstwomen.org.uk

Appeal to reunite Oxana with her children!

Oxana Kalemi is a former Poppy Project service user and author of '**Mummy Come Home**' (2008) – an autobiographical account of her experiences of being trafficked into prostitution in the UK and her subsequent battle to be reunited with her children. Two years after publication, she has not seen her children for nine years and the campaign continues.

To find out more or to donate to Oxana's campaign, please email her at olimpiya@hotmail.co.uk

Please note that this campaign is not being run by Eaves.

MPA - Have your say on policing in London!

A questionnaire to help the Metropolitan Police Authority (MPA) and Metropolitan Police Service (MPS) decide London's policing priorities. Your views will also be used to inform other MPA and MPS work to help improve London's policing services.

The MPS priorities are reviewed every year - The Metropolitan Police Authority works to try and ensure that all of London has a voice and the needs of Londoners are taken into account, especially when setting the annual policing priorities for the Met. To do this the Authority consults as widely as possible and it needs your help.

The Have Your Say survey lets you give your top three priorities for policing London and to suggest what the police should do to tackle them.

To complete the survey, please complete the questionnaire online at:
<http://surveys.mpa.gov.uk/v.asp?i=22753hocwi>

Alternatively you can call 020 7202 0063 to request a paper questionnaire or to complete the questionnaire over the telephone with one of our staff - whichever suits you best.

TRAINING

Lambeth Multi Agency Domestic Violence, Forced Marriage and Female Genital Mutilation Training Programme - 2010 – 2011

Domestic violence, forced marriage and female genital mutilation (FGM) are widespread social problems that cause a huge amount of suffering. They often take place behind closed doors, within the family or intimate relationships, and are not always publicly visible. They often go under-reported and under-recorded, yet a vast range of agencies come into contact with domestic violence survivors and perpetrators on a daily basis.

Ensuring the safety of those experiencing or at risk of domestic violence, forced marriage or female mutilation, and holding perpetrators to account for their behaviour, requires joint-working across a wide range of statutory and voluntary sector agencies.

In Lambeth we recognise that domestic violence, forced marriage and female genital mutilation can only be effectively tackled by multi-agency working, and this is why we have developed a free partnership training programme.

To find out more and to attend please contact Jade Holvey on jholvey@lambeth.gov.uk or 0207 926 4877

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 online 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

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), post-trauma responses and coping mechanisms specifically focusing on drugs and 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: 3rd 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

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: Courses will be held at Doncaster CVS, 5-6 Trafford Court, DN1 1PN

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

Refreshments and lunch will be provided

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

Risk Master-class: October 28th

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 4th and 18th 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 or go to www.dashriskchecklist.co.uk for more details.

VACANCIES AND VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

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.

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

