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## **The Lilith Project Women's Weekly News 336**

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

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#### **Brenda Namigadde, lesbian woman from Uganda, to be deported today**

Brenda Namigadde, a lesbian woman from Uganda is scheduled to be deported today at 9.20PM from London.

Brenda was denied asylum in the UK, having been put into a fast track system and hastily disposed of. It was sheer luck that she did not make last Friday's removal flight, as her name was muddled with someone else. She is currently at Yarl's Wood detention centre having fled to Britain in 2003.

David Bahati, the Ugandan politician and author of the notorious "Kill the Gays" legislation, taking an interest in her case, she faces 'a clear and present danger' if she's forced to return.

David Kato, a prominent LGBT activist in Uganda, was murdered Wednesday in his own home by as yet unknown person. Kato had dedicated his life to fighting for the rights of lesbians, gays, bisexual, and transgender persons (LGBT) in Uganda, facing threats and risks to his personal safety.

Despite Brenda's relationship with a woman, the Canadian Janet Hoffman with whom she lived in Uganda but has not seen since they both fled in 2003 following persecution, a judge has deemed her not to be gay.

Matthew Coats, head of immigration at the UK Border Agency said, "Ms Namigadde's case has been carefully considered by both the UK Border Agency and the courts on two separate occasions and she has been found not to have a right to remain here.

"An immigration judge found on the evidence before him that Ms Namigadde was not homosexual. She has submitted further representations and these will be reviewed by the UK Border Agency prior to any removal."

He said the government has made it clear that it is committed to stopping the removal of asylum seekers who have "genuinely had to leave particular countries because of their sexual orientation or gender identification".

He added, "When someone is found not to have a genuine claim" the person is expected to "leave voluntarily".

"She has been found not to have a right to remain here. An immigration judge found on the evidence before him that Ms Namigadde was not homosexual".

Brenda told the BBC's Network Africa programme she was "shaking" with fear at the prospect of returning to Uganda. "I'm going to be killed; I'm scared to go back to the same situation I was in. I'm not ready to repent because that is who I am. I can't live in Uganda. My life is in danger."

Last July the Home Secretary Theresa May told the press, "We have already promised to stop the removal of asylum seekers who have had to leave particular countries because their sexual orientation or gender identification puts them at proven risk of imprisonment, torture or execution."

Please Urge the Home Secretary Theresa May to keep her words, show compassion and humanitarian understanding to Brenda Namigadde and release her from detention and grant her indefinite leave to remain in the UK.

Sign the Petition [here](#).

Source: [BBC](#) 28 January 2011  
[LEZGET](#) 28 January 2011

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**London bus driver jailed for passenger rape**

Kalash Vijay, 42, from Evergreen Way, Hayes, has been jailed for eight years for raping a female passenger who had taken his night bus in west London.

Isleworth Crown Court heard, the victim who had been drinking, sat on the top deck and may have fallen asleep. CCTV showed Vijay going upstairs to the woman and bringing her downstairs.

Later, he stopped the bus and dropped the woman off on the street. He then parked the bus at the nearby bus station and returned in his car to pick up his victim, who was still where she had left her.

He took her to his house where he raped her and took her back to the bus station the following morning.

Det Con Anna Hukowski from the Metropolitan Police said, "Vijay took advantage of a young woman in a vulnerable condition".

She admired the courage of the victim saying. "She has shown incredible strength of character in reporting this incident and we have used our expertise to ensure that Vijay was identified and brought to justice".

Vijay has also been given a Sexual Offences Prevention Order, banning him from driving any public service vehicle.

He will also be placed on the sex offenders register for life.

Source: [BBC](#) 25 January 2011

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### **Conservative MP says feminists are "obnoxious bigots"**

Dominic Raab, 37, a Conservative MP has caused controversy by saying that feminists are "obnoxious bigots" and claimed that men were getting a "raw deal" as a result.

He said, "While we have some of the toughest anti-discrimination laws in the world, we are blind to some of the most flagrant discrimination against men. From the cradle to the grave, men are getting a raw deal. Men work longer hours, die earlier, but retire later than women."

"Then there is the more subtle sexism. Men caused the banking crisis. Men earn more because they are more assertive in pay negotiations."

"One commentator recently complained that, 'high-flying women are programmed to go for high-flying men. Most men aren't attracted to women who are more successful than they are'. Can you imagine the outrage if such trite

generalisations were made about women, or other minorities? Feminists are now amongst the most obnoxious bigots. He added that it might be time for men to start "burning their briefs".

His comments have provoked anger among many MPs. Shadow business Minister Nia Griffith said Raab should "get real and stop being so self-pitying". She added, "The reality is that women with very good qualifications time and time again do not get the top jobs and opportunities."

Harriet Harman, the former Minister of Women and Equalities said, "Women still earn 20 per cent less than men, domestic violence claims the lives of women every week and women bear the brunt of poverty in the developing world." She said feminism "is a just demand for equality and human rights".

Another MP Kate Green, former chair of the London Child Poverty Commission, said, "This is exactly the kind of attitude that shows the Tories are out of touch on issues of importance to people across the UK and not a family-friendly party."

Theresa May, the Home Secretary, rebuked his comments saying, "We should be trying to get away from gender warfare and the politics of difference - but I might suggest to him labelling feminists as obnoxious bigots is not the way forward to do that."

Source: [Evening Standard](#) 24 January 2011  
[SKY News](#) 27 January 2011

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## VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN IN THE UK

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### **Police officer resigns after being charged with rape of 'vulnerable' woman**

Peter Jee, 36, a police sergeant, married father-of-two, has resigned from Greater Manchester Police Force after being accused of raping a mentally-ill woman he had been sent to help.

He is accused of 'wilfully misconducting himself' by 'engaging in sexual activity with a woman whom he knew to be suffering from mental health problems and alcohol misuse while on duty'. He is also accused of raping her.

The case has been referred to police watchdog, the Independent Police Complaints Commission.

Jee was released on police bail with a series of conditions among which are -he must reside at his home address and report to Urmston Police Station twice a week.

He will appear at Manchester Minshull Street Crown Court on February 17 for a plea and directions hearing.

Source: [Manchester Evening News](#) 28 January 2011

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### **Two found guilty for trafficking and forcing a woman into prostitution**

Tomasz Sebastian Slabaszewski, 32, from Victoria Road and Jacek Stanislaw Sokolowski, 43, from Ascham Road, Grange Park have been found guilty of trafficking a woman and forcing her into prostitution

The victim, called police on the 13<sup>th</sup> of June 2009 and told them that she was being held against her will at a house in Whitworth Road, Pinehurst.

During a police raid at the house one of the traffickers, Tomasz Sebastian, was arrested on suspicion of false imprisonment. Police took the woman for medical treatment to Great Western Hospital in Swindon.

The 30-year-old victim told officers that she had only entered the UK from Poland on June 2, 2009 and since arriving at the address had been forced into prostitution and has been repeatedly sexually assaulted.

On the 14<sup>th</sup> of June, 2009, police also arrested Jacek Stanislaw Sokolowski on suspicion of trafficking for the purposes of sexual exploitation and rape.

Both men have now been found guilty by a jury at the Swindon Crown Court and are awaiting sentencing.

Detective Constable Ed Russell, the officer in charge of the case, said, "We are pleased with the verdict of the court and hope that this result is of some comfort to the victim.

"She put her trust in these two men and they abused that trust in the worst way imaginable. The 11 days that she spent in that house was an extremely frightening and distressing experience for her and I would like to take this opportunity to commend her for her bravery in alerting police and helping us to bring these two men to justice."

Source: [This is Wiltshire](#) 28 January 2011

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## INTERNATIONAL VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

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### **Sweden proposes to increase penalty for those who pay for sex**

The Swedish government is proposing to strengthen the law that criminalises those who buy sex.

The new proposal is to increase the maximum penalty for buying sex to one year in prison.

Justice Minister Beatrice Ask said it is important that people don't believe they "can solve the problem by just paying a fine."

"After reviewing the first year of the law against buying sex, we found that almost all the sanctions, in 85 percent of cases, resulted in each offender having been fined 50 days' pay."

She explained, "Like if buying sex had similarities with sex crimes like sexual assault and when there is an element of degradation in buying sex. The penalty scale is not sufficient and there is a need for a more nuanced assessment of the penalty value".

The proposal comes following a study that found that the criminalisation of buying sex and decriminalising those selling it helped to combat prostitution and trafficking.

If the proposal goes through the maximum penalty will increase on July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Source: [The Local](#) 27 January 2011  
[The Canadian Press](#) 27 January 2011

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### **Hundreds of women die each year for “honour” in Pakistan**

Saima Bibi, 22, was murdered by her relatives following a ruling by a gathering of village elders that she be put to death by electrocution for eloping with a man she had chosen to marry.

An autopsy report states the young woman had died due to severe burn injuries while her relatives had said she had committed suicide. A police officer in her

village, said “a raid was conducted to recover Saima’s body” after police received a tip-off over the phone.

According to Human Rights Commission of Pakistan (HRCP), over 600 women were killed for “honour” in 2009. This usually entails the murder of women suspected of having sexual relations outside marriage; choosing who to marry rather than accepting decisions made by families; or behaving in other ways that are seen as “immoral”.

I.A.Rehman, the secretary-general of HRCP, said, “Such killings occur when the ‘honour’ of male members of a household is perceived to have been injured”.

However, many more killings go unreported, especially when they take place in remote, rural areas.

While such killings are regarded as murder by the law, Islamic provisions allow the relatives of a victim to “forgive” the perpetrator, and choose to accept blood-money rather than seek capital punishment.

Fouzia Saeed, director of the NGO Mehergarh and a member of the government’s National Commission on the Status of Women, said, “I think unless the law provides non-compoundability, in other words no provision for forgiveness, we can never deal with what we call ‘honour’ crimes.

“This should be a crime against the state and not a person. What happens is the father [of a woman] kills and his son forgives, or the son kills and the father forgives. This happens time and again,”

Source: [IRIN](#) 27 January 2011

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### **A woman facing suicide attack threats in her prison cell**

Asia Bibi is a Christian woman, who has been sentenced to death for blaspheming against Islam is facing a threat of a suicide attack inside a jail, where she is currently held.

The "Moaviya group", a militant organisation plans to mount a suicide attack on Sheikhpura district jail, where 45-year-old is held.

She was sentenced to death last year after being convicted under the blasphemy law for insulting Prophet Mohammed. She denied the charge and said she was framed by a group of Muslim women with whom she had a row.

Salman Taseer, governor of the province of Punjab, who backed a call for Asia Bibi to be pardoned, was gunned down in Islamabad earlier this month by a

police guard who said he was angered by the governor's criticism of the blasphemy law.

According to official figures, 131 people are being held in jails across Punjab on blasphemy charges. Though no one has been executed after being convicted under the controversial law, 11 of them have been sentenced to death.

However, 35 people, including Taseer, who were accused of committing blasphemy or defending those charged with blasphemy have been killed between 1990 and 2011. They were either victims of extra-judicial killings or found dead in prison in suspicious circumstances.

Asia Bibi is the first woman to be sentenced to death for blasphemy.

Source: [WLUML](#) 13 January 2011

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## EVENTS

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### Respect

#### **National conference on young people's violence in close relationships**

**Thursday, 17th Feb 2011**

Welcome Collection Conference Centre, 183 Euston Road, London, NW1 2BE

Download map: <http://www.welcomcollectionconference.org/Location>

We are offering you a unique opportunity to join leading international experts working on young people and violence, to hear about their recent work and the implications for practice.

We're now taking bookings for this event. It's a cracking line-up, we're flying in David Mandel (David is very widely published and his chapter "Batterers and the lives of their Children" has just come out in the Praeger Series Violence Against Women Series) from the United States to share with us his experience in the domestic violence field (over 20 years). David will focus on the influence of fathers (whether present or absent) when working with young people and improving agency responses.

Additional speakers include:

- Dr Peter Misch - Consultant adolescent forensic psychiatrist sharing his work with young people around intrafamilial violence within a mental health context
- Dr Rachel Condry - Lecturer in criminology at Oxford University speaking about her recent study 'Investigating Adolescent Violence towards Parents'
- Christine Barter - NSPCC research fellow reflecting on young people's experience of exploitation and abuse in 'dating relationships'
- Prof. Jenny Pearce - Young people & public social research reviewing agency responses to young people
- Thangam Debbonaire & Chris Newman - Researchers outlining the evaluation of the Respect Young People's Toolkit
- Matt Hay, Kim Brown & Lawrence Everett - Film makers discussing the role of Kim the Movie in their work

The day will also provide an opportunity to network with national practitioners and hear from young people about their experience of this work. If you want ideas for how to develop your work locally and prove that it works then you should attend this event.

#### **Conference timetable**

[http://www.respect.uk.net/data/files/ypconf11/respect\\_conference\\_timetable\\_17\\_02\\_11.pdf](http://www.respect.uk.net/data/files/ypconf11/respect_conference_timetable_17_02_11.pdf)

**Costs** - £95 or £80 for Respect members.

There will be a further discount of £20 for Respect members that also attend the Respect AGM being held immediately afterwards. (Respect Members - Please note if you attend the AGM your organisation will be reimbursed and sent the £20 post AGM meeting).

#### **Booking information**

**For full details and a booking form click on this link**

<http://www.respect.uk.net/pages/young-peoples-services.html>

Please email [Sarah.Read@respect.uk.net](mailto:Sarah.Read@respect.uk.net) your completed booking forms.

If you require any further information please contact Sarah using the email address above or call 020 7549 0578.

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**London Metropolitan University**

**Human rights and social justice seminars – 26 January - 7 July 2011**

The Human Rights and Social Justice Research Institute at London Metropolitan University is holding a series of public seminars to debate the value of human rights standards and principles as a means of scrutinising the impact of public policy, identifying its true cost and, where necessary, proposing alternatives.

The series will also explore what it means in practice to integrate equality and human rights approaches in legal, policy and political responses to austerity. Speakers at the fifth seminar in May on 'Integrating human rights and equality in responses to austerity' include Professor Sandra Fredman, University of Oxford and Sarah Spencer CBE, Chair, Equality and Diversity Forum.

**The registration fee for each seminar is £5, payable on the door, which includes a glass of wine.**

**For more information and to book a place click [here](#).**

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## **Eaves' Scarlet Centre**

### **January - March 2011 Workshops and Events**

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.

#### **Some of the workshops are around:**

- Post Depression Support Group
- Save-a-Life First Aid training
- Confidence Building & Self-Esteem
- Fears about rent arrears
- Exiting Prostitution & Sexual Violence
- 'Recovery – Hope and Choice' Film screening and discussion
- Positive Change - A workshop looking at how to bring about positive change in your life.
- Start your own business

**For full information on the workshops and to attend please call the Scarlet Centre on 0207 840 7142 or emailing [advice\\_centre@eaveshousing.co.uk](mailto:advice_centre@eaveshousing.co.uk).**

**It is advisable to book in advance, as some workshops are very popular and there may not be space on the day if they come without booking.**

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**Eaves**

## **WORKSHOPS! - Prostitution, exit strategies and good practice in supporting women**

Eaves is running a series of workshops for borough–level statutory agencies and voluntary service providers who focus on prostitution. The aim is to equip attendees with the knowledge required to assist individuals who want to leave prostitution – including victims of trafficking – through facilitating access to appropriate services. Workshops will be run over a day and a half and attendees are expected to attend both days.

### **Why should I attend?**

- Would you like to learn more about how to utilise your existing resources in a cost effective way?
- Do you have responsibility for Community Safety and Engagement in your borough?
- Is violence against women and girls part of your remit?
- Want to understand how to develop a strategy for your borough/ organisation?
- Do you want to learn more about developing policies to help you respond to prostitution in your borough?
- Would you like to develop exit strategies for women involved in prostitution?

**If you answered yes to any of these, then this course is for you!**

### **Dates:**

February 2nd and 3rd 2011

March 9th and 10th 2011

April 13th and 14th 2011

May 11th and 12th 2011

June 14th and 15th 2011

For further information, or to book a place, please contact: **Louise Jenkins on 020 7840 7103** or [louise.jenkins@eaveshousing.co.uk](mailto:louise.jenkins@eaveshousing.co.uk)

**Cost: £150 (statutory agencies) or £110 (voluntary agencies)**

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**DIRECT ACTIONS, CAMPAIGNS & RESOURCES**

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## **European Women's Lobby – Petition**

**Sign the RealStars petition for stronger EU anti-sex-trafficking legislation!**

### **MAKE FAIR SEX REAL CAMPAIGN, "Make Fair Sex Real"**

RealStars is a new initiative founded in Sweden in 2010. RealStars is an independent non-profit organization that promotes Fair Sex (sex on equal terms) and aims at putting an end to sex trafficking in Europe.

The EU was close to reaching a breakthrough with a new Directive on Human Trafficking: the proposal for the Directive would have criminalised buying sex from trafficked persons. This is crucial because in order to end sex-trafficking the demand that fosters trafficking and makes it profitable needs to be addressed.

Unfortunately this point was removed from the proposal. This would have been the first step towards a dream of not only banning sex trafficking from Europe but also to make Fair Sex a reality for all of us.

Now you have the chance to help make this dream a reality! [Sign the petition.](#)

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## **European Women's Lobby – Petition**

**Sign the petition against the eroticisation of violence against women in music videos!**

HipHopConnection.com has leaked a video teaser for the Kanye West hit song "Monster". In just 30 seconds, viewers take in image after image of eroticized violence against women:

- Dead women, clad in lingerie, hang by chains around their necks.
- West makes sexual moves toward dead or drugged women propped up in a bed.
- A naked dead or drugged woman lays sprawled on a sofa.

If that's not enough, a behind-the-scenes clip of the video includes a semi-naked dead woman laying spread eagled on a table in front of Rick Ross as he eats a plate of raw meat. It is likely we can expect more brutal images in the full-length video.

The victims in this video are clearly women. Only women. And the men, Kanye West, Rick Ross, and Jay-Z are far from bothered by the female corpses. They seem to enjoy being surrounded by lifeless female bodies, apparent victims of a serial killing.

We call on Universal Music Group and MTV to combat violence against women by refusing to support, promote, and/or give airtime to West's "Monster" video.

Please add your name to the petition here: <http://www.thepetitionsite.com/1/pr...>

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## **Rights of Women**

### **10 Minutes to Save Legal Aid!**

As you may know, the Ministry of Justice is proposing to make a number of changes to legal aid which will have significant negative effects on women, particularly women experiencing violence including:

- Changing the legal aid scheme so the legal aid will no longer be available to deal with certain types of legal problems including private children law, financial relief, immigration law and welfare benefits law. Those with problems in these areas of law will have to pay privately for advice, seek advice from charities or other organisations or represent themselves.
- Limiting the availability of legal aid in relation to debt and housing so that it will only be available when a person's home is immediately at risk.
- Changing the rules on eligibility to make it more difficult to qualify for legal aid (including for those on welfare benefits) and to increase the level of financial contributions to legal fees that have to be made by those who are still eligible.
- Reducing the amounts paid to lawyers (this will further reduce the number of providers doing legally aided work).
- Changing how legally aided legal advice is accessed so that women would no longer be able to approach solicitors directly for advice. Instead there will be a single point of access to legally aided legal advice through a telephone line.

Rights of Women will be campaigning against the changes and is developing a template consultation response with the **Women's Resource Centre** so that women's organisations and other groups can make their views on the proposals known (this will be circulated in late January 2011). We need your help to do this.

**Please complete the relevant surveys to you; you can complete more than one.** For example, you may be a professional working on violence against women issues (such as a outreach worker or social worker) who has also has individual experience of dealing with a legal problem. Each survey should take no more than 10 minutes to complete.

- Survey for individual women <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/KVPG3X6>
- Survey for professionals who respond to violence against women issues <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/ZHWGLMD>
- Survey for legal professionals <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/VV3KD3Z>

Rights of Women will also be holding a **seminar and debate in London on Thursday 3 February 2011** to provide an opportunity for women's groups and other interested voluntary and statutory sector organisations to engage in a question and answer session on the current proposals and the potential impact of the proposed changes on women's access to justice. This event will equip participants with a better understanding of the way that the proposed changes will impact on women's access to justice, and provide a forum for discussion about how to most effectively respond to the consultation.

**Further details, including how to book, will be on the Rights of Women website shortly: <http://www.rightsofwomen.org.uk/current.php>.**

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### **Questionnaire - Exploring the category of gender within hate crime policy**

**Deadline: 12th February 2011.**

In Britain the government has created legislation and policy designed to combat different forms of hate crime. It mandates that crimes which might be motivated by prejudice should be punished more harshly and that the victim should receive a higher standard of care.

The victim categories included in current hate crime policy are race, religion, sexual orientation and disability. To date, there has been little discussion about the merits of including gender within hate crime legislation. This questionnaire seeks to find about the potential for such an approach, and the limitations.

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/2XZXM3M>

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## **TRAINING**

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**Imkaan**

**Accredited training - Understanding Forced Marriage and 'Honour' Based Violence**

**10 February 2011**

**Cost: The course cost is £95 per day**

A unique accredited 2 day training from Imkaan. The course is first of its kind. By the end of this session participants will have a better understanding of the definitions of forced marriage and 'honour'-based violence, historical and cultural roots and how this impacts on different communities.

You will also have an introductory overview on the legal framework; risk and begin to shape strategies for developing effective service responses in this area.

The accredited training course is aimed at frontline professionals working with or seeking to engage with BAMER women and children. This course will also be beneficial to policy-makers, funders, commissioners, legal advocates, health professionals, the police, Local Authorities and other statutory and voluntary organisations.

For more information and to book contact Lia Latchford on [bookings@imkaan.org.uk](mailto:bookings@imkaan.org.uk)

**Accredited training - Risk and Case Management in Violence Against Women**

**15 February 2011**

**Cost: The course cost is £95 per day**

By the end of the session you will have a more detailed understanding of existing models of risk assessment; specific risk indicators and safety planning. The session is designed to help you develop best practice around the management of risk, disclosure and safety planning.

The accredited training course is aimed at frontline professionals working with or seeking to engage with BAMER women and children. This course will also be beneficial to policy-makers, funders, commissioners, legal advocates, health professionals, the police, Local Authorities and other statutory and voluntary organisations.

For more information and to book contact Lia Latchford on [bookings@imkaan.org.uk](mailto:bookings@imkaan.org.uk)

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**Tender**

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

This training will practically examine how drama techniques can be used to engage young people in order to explore the early warning signs of abusive relationships, what abuse is and how to seek support.

The day is aimed at professionals working directly with young people. Participants do not need to have previous experience of drama or theatre to take part in the day.

This very practical day will:

- Equip participants with a clear understanding of the key issues of abuse and violence in relationships including what violence and abuse are, why victims of violence often stay in violent relationships and why violence occurs. It will particularly focus on empowering young people to read the early warning signs of a relationship that may be becoming abusive.
- Practically explore exercises that can be used to engage young people. These will include short pieces of text, group games, and exercises that draw out opinion and discussions. These are exercises that have been tried and tested in a range of youth settings including schools, youth centres and pupil referral units.
- Explore how the activities can be applied in a variety of youth settings, and effective techniques for engaging and encouraging young people to participate.
- Examine managing disclosures.
- Offer participants a set of session plans and resources that they can take away and use in their own settings.
- Trouble shoot particular barriers participants have encountered when carrying out this kind of violence prevention work.

**For any further enquiries please feel free to contact [dorota@tender.org.uk](mailto:dorota@tender.org.uk) or telephone 0207 431 7227**

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## **Women and Manual Trades**

### **DIY COURSES FOR WOMEN: FEBRUARY AND MARCH 2011**

**Course places cost just £50 per person, per day**

Women and Manual Trades is a national organisation which has been supporting women in non-traditional jobs for over 30 years.

This February and March, we'll be running a series of one-day DIY courses, teaching the basics of five different trades – Carpentry, Electrics, Plumbing, Painting & Decorating, and Tiling.

Our training is delivered by professional tradeswomen, working with small, friendly, women-only groups. Each course is designed to give an introduction to the relevant trade, allowing participants to tackle small home maintenance jobs with more confidence.

You can book online now at [www.wamt.org/store](http://www.wamt.org/store).

For more information email [info@wamt.org](mailto:info@wamt.org), or call 020 7251 9192 and speak to Amanda, Louise, or Niki.

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## **WRC & EHRC**

### **Using CEDAW in the UK**

The Women's Resource Centre (WRC) and Equality and Human Rights Commission (EHRC) are running FREE regional training on the UN Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) in February 2011 in **Birmingham, Manchester and Newcastle**.

Further information and booking forms please visit the following websites:

- **Cardiff - Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2011**  
[http://www.wrc.org.uk/training\\_events/cedaw\\_events/using\\_cedaw\\_in\\_the\\_uk\\_cardiff.aspx](http://www.wrc.org.uk/training_events/cedaw_events/using_cedaw_in_the_uk_cardiff.aspx)
- **Birmingham -Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2011**  
[http://www.wrc.org.uk/training\\_events/cedaw\\_events/using\\_cedaw\\_in\\_the\\_uk\\_birmingham.aspx](http://www.wrc.org.uk/training_events/cedaw_events/using_cedaw_in_the_uk_birmingham.aspx)
- **Manchester - Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2011**  
[http://www.wrc.org.uk/training\\_events/cedaw\\_events/using\\_cedaw\\_in\\_the\\_uk\\_manchester.aspx](http://www.wrc.org.uk/training_events/cedaw_events/using_cedaw_in_the_uk_manchester.aspx)
- **Newcastle - Friday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2011**  
[http://www.wrc.org.uk/training\\_events/cedaw\\_events/using\\_cedaw\\_in\\_the\\_uk\\_newcastle.aspx](http://www.wrc.org.uk/training_events/cedaw_events/using_cedaw_in_the_uk_newcastle.aspx)

For more information, please contact Charlotte Gage at the Women's Resource Centre on [charlotte@wrc.org.uk](mailto:charlotte@wrc.org.uk) or call 020 7324 3042.

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## **WRC training for the New Year**

Our programme of FREE sustainable funding trainings is designed to support you as women's organisations to explore different types of funding for your organisation could access.

**Upcoming trainings include:**

**[Partnerships: putting it into practice](#)**: 9 February 2011

**[Social Enterprise: understanding the basics](#)**: 15 February 2011.

Click [here](#) to see the full training calendar and email Sam at [samantha@wrc.org.uk](mailto:samantha@wrc.org.uk) for details.

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**Rights of Women**

**New & Updated Training Courses – March & April 2011**

No recourse? EEA national? The permanent solution - London 2nd March

Breaking the cycle: using civil and criminal remedies to protect women from violence - London 9<sup>th</sup> March

Protecting children from domestic violence: children and the law - London 16<sup>th</sup> March

Supporting survivors of sexual violence - Manchester 23<sup>rd</sup> March

Stop the traffic! Supporting women who have been trafficked for sexual exploitation - Birmingham 30<sup>th</sup> March

**For more info contact the training officer: 0207 251 6575**  
**[training@row.org.uk](mailto:training@row.org.uk)**

**Further course details: <http://www.rightsofwomen.org.uk/training.php>**

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**London Metropolitan University**

**MA Woman and Child Abuse – One year (Full-time) or Two years (Part-time)**

The aim of the MA programme is to provide a comprehensive grounding in theoretical frameworks, research, policy and practice approaches to woman and child abuse.

The programme aims to develop your knowledge and understanding of all forms of violence against women and child abuse, including sexual exploitation, domestic violence, sexual violence and harmful traditional practices.

**Entry Requirements:** A good Honours degree in a relevant subject and/or experience of developing/delivering policy or service provision in the field. A degree in an unrelated subject and lower qualifications may be acceptable if balanced by extensive relevant experience. All applicants are normally interviewed, but importance is also placed on the statement of application. Applicants for whom English is not their first language must demonstrate sufficient proficiency in both written and spoken English.

**To find out more please contact Maddy Coy Deputy Director / MA Coordinator on 020 7133 5024 or [m.coy@londonmet.ac.uk](mailto:m.coy@londonmet.ac.uk) or visit the website [www.cwasu.org](http://www.cwasu.org)**

### **Postgraduate Short Courses - Short Courses on Violence Against Women and Girls**

**These courses are aimed at professionals currently working in the statutory or voluntary sector who wish to:**

- Conduct internal evaluation, monitoring and small scale research projects;
- Develop and extend specialist services dealing with child and/or woman abuse;
- Undertake policy development at a local, regional or national level where they have responsibility for delivering support and advocacy services, coordinating multi-agency for and/or improving the response of the criminal justice and/or health sectors
- Deliver government and/or agency policy commitments with respect to

**Safeguarding Children, addressing domestic violence, rape, FGM, forced marriage, sexual exploitation and other forms of violence against women.**

**This course will focus on forms of sexual violence in child and adulthood including:**

- sexual abuse in childhood
- rape and sexual assault of adults
- sexual exploitation including pornography
- prostitution
- trafficking and other aspects of the sex industry
- sexual harassment

The course will be delivered over 6 days and the areas covered will be: definitions and prevalence; impacts and meanings; legislative frameworks and the criminal justice response; sexual cultures; perpetrators and approaches to prevention

## **Sexual Exploitation of Children and Young People**

**The course will extend the student's knowledge base in relation to:**

- sexual exploitation of children & young people
- definitions and prevalence of sexual exploitation
- intervention and protection
- managing perpetrators
- policy and legislation

Historical continuities in the form and nature of sexual exploitation will be examined, in a national and international context. The impact of sexual exploitation on the child or young person will be examined, and good practice in working with young people explored. Particular examples of exploitation will be analysed,

**Teaching dates for the next course in the 2011 spring semester are:**

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> February**

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February**

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March**

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March**

**Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March**

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April**

**Course Fee: £600**

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### **Latimer Creative Media**

#### **KIM – Domestic Violence Educational Resource**

KIM is part of a nation-wide campaign to educate and inform young people about the impact of domestic violence on children and families. It was developed in partnership with and performed and produced by 45 young people from across South London, many of whom have direct experience of the issues explored.

#### **Two days - Training Courses**

##### **Training the Trainer – Working with Young People and Domestic Violence**

**Target Audience: Youth workers, youth offending team workers, family support and child protection workers, school counsellors and support staff.**

This is a two day training course using interactive training methods, including experiential exercises, small group discussions, input from leading cast members from the film KIM, and the use of the KIM educational toolkit and DVD. The course aims to increase workers confidence and skills to respond appropriately to young people's queries, refer them to appropriate sources of support and advice and to use the KIM educational toolkit effectively within a group setting.

**Cost:** Two facilitators plus one cast member from KIM the movie (cast member afternoon session only) £1400 per group

Free copy of KIM toolkit worth £50 for each participant (maximum 10) including license to use in an educational setting

### **KIM Peer to Peer Youth Workshops**

**Target Audience: Young people aged 14-25.**

These sessions are unique in combining a domestic violence trained practitioner alongside the lead characters in the film (Kim and/or Lawrence). KIM workshops are delivered to young people between the ages of 14-25 with a view to raising awareness about domestic violence and its implications for children and families. Exploring key themes that emerge from the KIM film, these youth led workshops serve to challenge attitudes towards domestic violence and empower young people to have the confidence to speak out and seek support and advice on this critical social issue.

**Duration: half a day (intensive periodical weekly/monthly sessions also available)**

Maximum number of young people is 25 (please contact [info@latimercreativemedia.com](mailto:info@latimercreativemedia.com) if you require workshops with a larger group)

**Cost: Leading Cast member(s) plus domestic violence youth facilitator £500**

For tailored training packages or to find out more about the KIM Domestic Violence training detailed above email [info@latimercreativemedia.com](mailto:info@latimercreativemedia.com) or call 0800 0776990 / 07967 327515.

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**VACANCIES AND VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES**

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## **EVAW**

### **Campaigns and Communications Manager**

Part-time, 2.5 days per week (possibility of extending hours depending on fundraising) Two year contract with the possibility of an extension

**Salary range £28,668 - £36,950 depending on skills and experience (pro-rata)**

**Generous leave entitlements, flexible hours and option of working from home.**

**Download a recruitment pack from our website**

[www.endviolenceagainstwomen.org.uk](http://www.endviolenceagainstwomen.org.uk)

- Do you want to create a safer world for women and girls?
- Do you have a track record of innovative and creative campaigning?
- Do you have experience in working in a busy campaigns or press office?

For more information please contact Holly Dustin on email

[holly.dustin@amnesty.org.uk](mailto:holly.dustin@amnesty.org.uk); or Somali Cerise on

[somali.cerise@amnesty.org.uk](mailto:somali.cerise@amnesty.org.uk).

**The deadline for applications is 5pm on 18 February 2011.**

**Interviews will take place in the week starting 28 February 2011.**

**The recruitment pack which sets out how to apply can be downloaded from**

[www.endviolenceagainstwomen.org.uk](http://www.endviolenceagainstwomen.org.uk)

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## **Housing for Women**

### **Re-Unite Project Co-ordinator**

**Salary £32,000 - £33,000 - Three year contract**

Our Re-Unite project provides temporary accommodation and floating support to women leaving prison, to successfully re-unite them with their children and resettle them within the community. We are offering a varied and challenging role as Project Co-ordinator. You will have experience working with women offenders and providing support to socially excluded women and their dependants. You will also have experience in managing staff and working with statutory and voluntary agencies.

This position is restricted to women and subject to section 7(2)(e) of the Sex Discrimination Act 1975.

The successful candidate for this position will undertake an enhanced CRB check.

**Closing date for applications 12 noon Monday 31 January 2011**

To download an application pack please visit the following website <http://hfw.org.uk/> or write to Sixth Floor, Bluestar House, 234-244 Stockwell Road, London SW9 9SP

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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:*  
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