

## **The Lilith Project Women's Weekly News 349**

**22 April 2011 – 06 May 2011**

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

#### **Teach schoolgirls to say 'no to sex', says Tory MP**

Nadine Dorries, Conservative MP for Mid Bedfordshire, proposed a bill where all schoolgirls, 13 to 16 would be given lessons in "how to say no" as part of a new-style sex education curriculum.

She said society was "saturated in sex" and teenagers should be taught that it was as "cool" to say no to sex as to know how to put a condom on their boyfriend.

She said: "The answer to ending our constant struggle with the incredibly high rate of teenage sexual activity and underage pregnancies lies in teaching our girls and boys about the option of abstinence, the ability to 'just say no', as part of their compulsory sex education".

"Girls are taught to have safe sex, but not how to say no to a boyfriend who insists on sexual relations." She said she had sat in on sex education classes in 17 schools and had spoken to teenage girls, many of whom "do not even think they have the option of saying no to boys".

The latest data from the Office for National Statistics show teenage pregnancies are at their lowest rate since the early 1980s. The under-18 conception rate for 2009 was 38.3 conceptions per 1,000 women aged 15 to 17. This represents a fall of 5.9% compared with 40.7 conceptions per 1,000 women aged 15 to 17 in 2008.

Many in the women's sector and others working with young people and relationship issues including the Family Planning Association have been calling for changes in sex education in school. However, their stance and their proposed solutions are very much at odds with what's proposed under this bill.

The Family Planning Association said that Dorries' bill reinforced gender stereotypes and failed to address the pressures that young men also feel to meet a gender stereotype. Campaigners on the issue hold the view that young people need to be taught about "healthy relationships" - that is not just the mechanics of sex but is about boys and girls learning trust, respect, autonomy and equality in relationships.

It is about understanding and challenging where gender stereotypes for men and women come and where violence against women and attitudes that blame and denigrate women come from.

Dorries defends her bill as being about "the empowerment of young women" and yet there is much in her history that sits ill with such a claim. She has criticised David Cameron's proposal to create all-women shortlists for prospective MPs. She has campaigned to reduce the time during a pregnancy when an abortion can take place from 24 to 21 weeks. In 2009, she was also involved in a motion, discussed at the Trades Union Congress, to reduce the number of women wearing high heels at work as it resulted in pain to women in their lower limbs and so women were taking time off work.

The End violence against women campaign, who are currently running a 3 year programme to look into the prevention of violence against women, has published a letter in response.

In it they criticise the way in which Dorries' stance reinforces existing assumptions that women and girls are the only ones who hold responsibility whilst failing to recognise that they also hold less of the power.

The letter states that the view that girls should be taught to "say no to a boyfriend who insists on sexual relations" smacks of the worst kind of victim blaming for sexual violence, suggesting that young women do not say no currently.

In fact research shows that not only young women do refuse sex but more significantly that young men choose not to hear this. The letter questions; “Where are boys and men's responsibilities in all this for ensuring consent? “

Source: [Guardian](#) 04 May 2011

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### **Man jailed for sex attack he filmed**

Nariah Wagnall, a 20-year-old man from Lewisham, who subjected a woman to a horrific sexual attack he filmed on his mobile phone has been jailed for eight years.

Wagnall beat his victim with a belt before sexually assaulting and raping her. Crown Prosecution Service reviewing lawyer Linda Edema-Sillo said: “Wagnall subjected this victim to merciless beatings before forcing her into degrading sexual acts, raping her and recording part of the assault on his mobile phone.

“Whatever she said or did, she was not consenting, having been beaten by this man. This was a very sensitive case and deeply affected all of those involved in the prosecution and investigation.

“We would like to pay tribute to the courage of the victim in coming forward and hope she can take some comfort from this individual being brought to justice.”

Wagnall was sentenced at Croydon Crown Court to two years for actual bodily harm, and eight years for assault by penetration and rape, to run concurrently.

Source: [Croydon Guardian](#) 04 May 2011

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## **VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN IN THE UK**

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### **Primary school teacher admits abusing five girls**

Nigel Leat, 50, pleaded guilty to 36 sexual offences at Bristol Crown Court, for sexually abusing five girls in his classroom at a school in North Somerset. The youngest victim was aged six.

The charges included 22 counts of sexually assaulting a child under 13, eight charges of sexual assault by penetration of a child under 13, one count of attempted rape, one charge of voyeurism, one charge of causing or inciting a child under 14 to commit sexual activity.

He also faced two charges of possessing indecent images of children; 30,500 indecent photographs and 720 indecent movies were found in his possession at the time of arrest.

A spokesman from the North Somerset Council said that Leat has been sacked. He added: "This man's betrayal of trust has had a devastating impact on the victims, their families and the whole school community. Social workers and other staff from North Somerset Council have been in the school regularly to offer support to children, parents and staff."

Supt Geoff Wessell, from Avon and Somerset Police, said: "Nigel Leat was placed in a position of trust as a teacher in the North Somerset area, this trust was clearly breached when he subjected young girls in his care to repeated sexual abuse.

"For a number of years Leat believed he had got away with these crimes, crimes that will leave his victims with both emotional and mental scars."

Ann Reddrop, of the Crown Prosecution Service, also said Leat's crimes were a "gross breach of trust". She added: "This type of behaviour will not be tolerated by the justice system and offenders will be brought to justice."

Leat was remanded in custody awaiting sentencing on the 10<sup>th</sup> of June.

Source: [BBC](#) 05 May 2010

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### **Man jailed over knifepoint rape and arson**

Ross Parsons has been jailed for life for breaking into a woman's home in Bristol and raping her at knifepoint before stabbing her and setting her house on fire. He also stole her personal possessions.

The 44-year-old woman, who cannot be named, suffered terrible injuries during the prolonged attack in which she suffered more than a dozen knife wounds. She suffered stab wounds to the head and a small fragment of the knife blade was found in her skull.

She needed 10 separate operations, including work on her lungs and plastic surgery, to treat the injuries which police described as "life-changing".

Judge Neil Ford QC, of Bristol Crown Court, said the crime was a "callous cruelty" and told him he would serve a minimum term of 12 years before he could be considered for parole.

He said: "In my judgment this was a calculated act of sadism, it was psychological, systematic torturing of your victim".

At a previous hearing Parsons had pleaded guilty to charges of attempted murder, rape, arson being reckless as to whether life was endangered and aggravated burglary.

Source: [Bearsden Herald](#) 06 May 2011

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### **Man guilty of hospital rape**

Ian Joseph, 44, has been found guilty of raping a 22-year-old woman in the toilets of the John Radcliffe Hospital in Oxford.

The attack happened on the 30<sup>th</sup> of October last year when Joseph forced the woman to perform a sex act on him.

Det Con Rob Barratt said: "I would like to commend the victim in this case for the bravery she has shown in coming forward and reporting this incident, and then standing up in court and giving live evidence.

"Incidents of this nature are rare and were committed by a predatory offender who has now been taken off of the city's streets."

Joseph, who denied the charge, was unanimously found guilty by the jury at Oxford Crown Court.

He remains in custody, due to be sentenced at the same court at a later date.

Source: [BBC](#) 06 May 2011

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**INTERNATIONAL VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN**

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## **Albino girls raped to 'cure' AIDS in Tanzania**

The Same Sun (UTSS), a Canadian rights group, said hundreds of albinos have been killed for black magic purposes in Tanzania and albino girls in particular are being raped because of a belief they offer a cure for AIDS.

Peter Ash, founder and director of UTSS, said: "We believe there are hundreds and hundreds of killings in Tanzania, but only a small number are being reported to the police."

"There is belief that if you have relations with a girl with albinism, you will cure AIDS. So there are many girls with albinism who are being raped in this country because of this belief, which is a false belief."

"(It is believed) a person with albinism is a curse. They are from the devil, they are not human, they do not die, they simply disappear."

Ernest Kimaya, head of the Tanzania Albino society said the social stigma prevents many girls from reporting rape and that makes it difficult to say how many had been sexually abused.

"These things are taking place underground. Even the albino killings started quietly, before the atrocities were finally exposed in public," she said.

The Tanzanian government has been widely criticised for inaction.

Source: [Reuters](#) 05 May 2011

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## **Eleven men sentenced to life imprisonment for gang rape in Bangladesh**

Eleven men have been sentenced to life imprisonment by a court in Bangladesh for gang raping a female Hindu student during post-election violence in 2001.

In April a judicial commission concluded that following the 2001 parliamentary election more than 200 Hindu women had been raped.

According to the judicial commission, during the elections there were several attacks against religious minorities and many Hindu families were forced to flee to India.

Six of the convicted men were in court to hear their sentences, while five are still on the run.

Source: [BBC](#) 04 May 2011

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## EVENTS

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### **CAWN**

CAWN is delighted to invite you to a special meeting with Guatemalan human rights defender, Claudia Samayoa in collaboration with the Amnesty International Central America team.

**Date: Thursday 11th May, 6:30pm**

**Venue: CAWN's office (One World Action), Bradley Close, 74-77 White Lion Street, London, N1 9PF**

Claudia Samayoa is the director of *Unidad de Protección a Defensoras y Defensores de Derechos Humanos* (UDEFEQUA), Unit for the Protection of Human Rights Defenders -- Guatemala, an NGO that monitors attacks against human rights defenders in Guatemala, provides legal support, and campaigns against the impunity that exists in the country.

Claudia will be talking about UDEFEQUA's projects and the challenges in defending human rights and women's human rights in Guatemala.

**Spaces are limited, please RSVP to [campaigns@cawn.org](mailto:campaigns@cawn.org)**

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### **Anti-Slavery International**

**Ending Domestic Slavery & Human Trafficking, Saturday 14th May, International Slavery Museum**

**Date & time: Saturday 14th May 2 - 4.30pm (free refreshments and Home Alone exhibition viewing from 2pm, panel discussion at 3pm)**

**Venue: International Slavery Museum (4th floor conference theatre), Albert Dock, Liverpool, L3 4AX**

Please join our fantastic panel to find out more about how you can support the Home Alone campaign to end domestic slavery. Speakers include:

- Louise Ellman MP and member of Parliamentary Human Trafficking group
- Aidan McQuade, Director of Anti-Slavery International

- Pete Pattison, Photographer
- Marissa Begonia, Justice for Domestic Worker
- Richard Benjamin, Head of the International Slavery Museum (chair)

**This event is free but please email Sam Turner at [learning@liverpoolmuseums.org.uk](mailto:learning@liverpoolmuseums.org.uk) to book your place**

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## **WRC – GEO consultation event – ‘Strengthening women's voices in government’**

WRC will also be hosting a consultation event on **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May at the Amnesty Human Rights Action Centre in London** for the women’s sector to make recommendations on the proposals. The points made on the day will feed into a template consultation response for organisations and our own response.

**Find out more about the event and how to book a place here - [http://www.wrc.org.uk/training\\_events/geo\\_consultation\\_may\\_2011.aspx](http://www.wrc.org.uk/training_events/geo_consultation_may_2011.aspx)**

You can also feed in to the WRC response through an online survey (<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/YQNBFBW>). It is useful to know where organisations are based and all answers will be fed into the WRC response to give a more detailed picture of the opinions of the women's sector in the UK. The deadline for responses to the survey is Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May.

**For more information about the WRC consultation and event contact [charlotte@wrc.org.uk](mailto:charlotte@wrc.org.uk)**

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## **Women in Prison**

### **The Women Offender Policy Exchange Network**

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2011 10:00 – 12:00**

**Unit 19, The Ivories 6 Northampton Street London N1 2HY**

Practice Forum: Deepening Knowledge, Sharing Skills

A workshop to identify best practice model for working with women in the criminal justice system - Looking at how the women’s sector can strengthen our response by working together.

Our Practice Forum is a chance to have a focused discussion with other professionals working with women affected by the criminal justice system. The forum aims to meet regularly (every 8 weeks) to look at how together we can

improve the quality and sustainability of services for women affected by the criminal justice system and in particular early intervention for women by building links and sharing good practice amongst frontline practitioners.

**For more information or to attend email [claire@womeninprison.org.uk](mailto:claire@womeninprison.org.uk) or call 020 7359 6674**

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## **BASW - Child sexual abuse**

### **Intersections of Controversy - Race - Culture - Gender**

**Manchester: 24th June 2011**

**London: 29th June 2011**

**BASW, the college of social work members: £ 25.00**

**Students: £ 15.00 / others: £ 55.00**

Key themes:

- learning from social work practice with child sexual abuse and sexual exploitation
- understanding and assessing male & female sex offenders
- supporting and reaching out to vulnerable children & young people
- the cultural and gender context of sexual abuse
- making communities and organisations safe
- promoting pro-active campaigns for change
- retaining our value-base when working with emotionally challenging offenders

**To book for this event, please download and return the booking form at: [www.basw.co.uk/events](http://www.basw.co.uk/events) and email to [s.richards@basw.co.uk](mailto:s.richards@basw.co.uk) or fax 0121 622 4860 or post to BASW - the college of social work, 16 Kent street, Birmingham, b5 6rd**

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## **The Nia Project**

### **Building positive relationships through play**

The Nia Project would like to invite you to a **FREE** Family Learning event taking place on **16<sup>th</sup> May at a central London venue.**

A Family Learning conference sharing best practice of working with families who have experienced violence against women from Black, Asian, Minority Ethnic and Refugee communities

This conference aims to:

- Share our experiences of working with mothers and children who have experienced violence (including domestic and sexual violence against women)
- Share knowledge on how to use family learning to build positive relationships
- Celebrate examples of good practice of working with Black, Asian, Minority Ethnic and Refugee communities
- Provide a networking opportunity

This event is for: Children Centres, Youth Workers, Early Years Practitioners, Black, Asian, Minority and Refugee community groups and Violence Against Women services.

**For more information and for application form email [langell@niaproject.plus.com](mailto:langell@niaproject.plus.com)**

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## DIRECT ACTIONS, CAMPAIGNS & RESOURCES

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### ECPAT UK

**Join ECPAT UK, The Body Shop UK and actress Martine McCutcheon to mark the handover of our 600,000+ signature petition at Downing Street!**

On Thursday 12th May, ECPAT UK and The Body Shop UK are presenting our petition to No.10 Downing Street. The petition is in support of our campaign for a system of guardianship for child victims of trafficking and is the largest to be presented to this Government to date.

#### **Programme of Day –**

**09.30** - Gather in Trafalgar Square with ECPAT UK and The Body Shop staff + Martine McCutcheon to show your support against child trafficking and take part in our photo call.

**10.30** - Martine McCutcheon will lead a procession, including a branded open-top bus, down Whitehall to No.10 Downing Street, **where the petition will be handed over at 11.30.**

You are welcome to participate in all or part of the morning's events.  
Please RSVP to [a.howard@ecpat.org.uk](mailto:a.howard@ecpat.org.uk) / 0207 233 9887

The first 150 people will get a free campaign T-shirt!

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## Object

### **STOP US PORN FRANCHISE 'GIRLS GONE WILD' FROM COMING TO THE UK**

'Girls Gone Wild' is a US porn franchise, founded by convicted criminal Joe Francis, which targets young women in night clubs to strip and have sex on camera in exchange for cheap merchandise.

Mantra Films, the producer of 'Girls Gone Wild' has been sued in the USA for filming minors in scenes of a sexual nature, and the founder Joe Francis has served time in prison for child abuse and prostitution.

Alarming, 'Girls Gone Wild' is planning its first UK tour in May which will be broadcasted on Sky television.

**Download the OBJECT template letter and send it to MP's, Council Leaders, Licensing Departments, Local Police, Student Unions and other relevant bodies calling on them to stop Girls Gone Wild from exploiting and degrading women in the UK:**

<http://object.org.uk/component/content/article/3-news/124-stop-us-porn-franchise-girls-gone-wild-from-coming-to-the-uk>

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### **Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence adopted**

**On 7 April 2011**, the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe adopted a landmark new Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence.

**This Convention is the first legally binding instrument in the world creating a comprehensive legal framework to prevent violence, to protect victims and to end with the impunity of perpetrators.**

It defines and criminalises various forms of violence against women, including forced marriage, female genital mutilation, stalking, physical and psychological violence and sexual violence.

It also foresees the establishment of an international group of independent experts to monitor its implementation at national level.

**The Convention will be opened for signature in Istanbul on 11 May 2011.**

Click [here](#) to access the Convention.

Click [here](#) to access the Conventions' explanatory report.

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## **UK Women's Budget Group and the Fawcett Society**

### **The Impact on Women of the Budget April 2011**

A new report published by UK Women's Budget Group and the Fawcett Society confirms the fears of many that the impact of the March budget in the UK risks widening gender inequality.

Key findings of the report show that the current economic strategy looks set to undermine gender equality in the labour market. If current trends continue, more women than men in the UK will be unemployed, for the first time since records began.

The increase in the personal tax allowance threshold will not touch the most vulnerable, and men will gain £140 million more than women.

The businesses set to benefit most from new tax breaks and other incentives are typically owned and invested in by men while schemes to support women in business are scrapped.

Acting Chief Executive of the Fawcett Society, Anna Bird, said, "Women are acting as shock absorbers for the cuts, bearing the brunt of job losses, reduced benefits and the rollback of public services like the NHS.

"If current trends continue, we will see more women unemployed than men. For the first time, after decades of steady progress, we will be turning the clock back on women's access to the jobs market."

Read the full report [here](#).

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## **A Point of No Return campaign**

Campaign to stop the deportation of lesbian asylum seekers. Please sign the petition and ask your friends to sign the petition.

## CONSULTATIONS

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### **‘Strengthening Women’s Voices in Government’ – Consultation**

On 7 March 2011, the Government published a consultation: ‘Strengthening Women’s Voices in Government’. This sets out the Government’s proposals for a new approach for engaging and listening to women through:

- Direct engagement between ministers, women and organisations that represent women to ensure government understands the views of a wide range of women in the UK, and providing the opportunity for a genuine two way dialogue on policies that affect women.
- Bringing in expertise from the women’s sector and beyond to support the new model and support independence from government where this is critical, particularly in the international arena.
- Looking Ahead to enable [the Government] to anticipate emerging and future issues, such as the impact of the changing demography of the UK, which will be important for women.
- A new IT platform, making the most of modern communication techniques to get the informed voice of women to Government when they need to be heard.

**The consultation runs until 10 June 2011 and is an opportunity to influence proposals about Government’s new approach for engaging and listening to women in the UK.**

To access the consultation document [Click here](#)

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### **Age discrimination consultation**

On 3 March 2011, the Government published ‘Equality Act 2010: Ending age discrimination in services, public functions and associations – A consultation’.

The consultation sets out those areas where the Government believes that different treatment of people of various ages is justified; and proposes how the legislation will be drafted to take account of these.

**The consultation closes on 25 May 2011.**

To access the consultation [Click here](#)

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## TRAINING

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### Rights of Women

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

##### **Women only course 14 July – Cardiff**

Meeting the needs of women from outside of the UK who are experiencing domestic violence is incredibly challenging, you have to be up-to-date in one of the most frequently changing areas of law, understand the duties of local authorities and the rights that the woman herself has to pursue justice in the criminal, family or immigration systems.

This updated, one-day course will give you the skills and knowledge you need to confidently support a woman who has 'no recourse to public funds' or who is the national of the European Economic Area country with remaining in the UK and accessing financial support.

Each participant will receive course materials and a copy of our new legal guide **Domestic violence, immigration law and “no recourse to public funds”**

#### **NEW COURSE! Getting the basics: an introduction to family law**

##### **Women only course 15 June – London**

With the government's proposal to limit access to legal aid and to remove public funding for divorce and private law children matters, this one day course, which provides the basics of family law, is vital in order to give you the knowledge to help women to understand their rights and to assist them to access these through the law.

The morning session aims to clarify the law on divorce and financial relief including the legal process, the range of orders the court can make and the legal principals applied when deciding how property and money is to be divided. As

well as explaining the legal position for women who are not married or in a civil partnership, further to relationship breakdown, including their rights to property.

The afternoon session will look at financial provision for children, followed by an overview of the Children Act 1989 and the law on child contact and residence. Finally, the course will examine how women experiencing domestic violence can get protection through the law including non-molestation, occupation orders, forced marriage protection orders and restraining orders.

Each participant will receive a copy of Rights of Women's **Child Contact Handbook** and legal guides on **Divorce, Financial Relief on Marital Breakdown, Living Together and the Law, Child Support and Domestic Violence**.

### **UPDATED COURSE! Supporting survivors of sexual violence**

#### **Women only course 29 June – London**

Understand the provisions of the Sexual Offences Act 2003 and how it applies to victims of rape and sexual assault with this fully interactive and well-established course. The course aims to make often complicated law accessible and furthermore examines the criminal justice process in detail along with crucial support available for survivors of sexual violence who choose to report to the police.

This course has been **extended and updated** to include the law and support for victims of historical sexual abuse – often a difficult area of law, and also makes use of new materials to give participants the relevant knowledge and skills to support a victim applying for criminal injuries compensation.

All participants will receive course materials and a copy of **From Report to Court**, a widely acclaimed handbook of the law and legal process in relation to sexual violence, as well as an information sheet highlighting the law in relation to child sexual abuse.

#### **Lunch and refreshments provided**

**For more info contact the training officer: 0207 251 6575**

**training@row.org.uk**

**To download a booking form click on the following**

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

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**Domestic Violence Integrated Response Project (DVIRP)**

## **Custom or Crime? An Insight into Forced Marriages and Honour Based Violence - Full Day Course**

**Date: Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2011**

**Venue: Leicester Adult Education College, Wellington Street Leicester, LE1 6HL**

**Cost: £60voluntary Sector £80 Statutory Sector/All other**

This course is essential for anyone in a role that may bring them into contact with people who have experienced, or are at risk of experiencing, a forced marriage or an honour crime.

This course will demonstrate how and why people are forced into a marriage, and remain in the same situation. It will explore the links between forced marriages and honour crimes. Statistics detailing the prevalence of the problem in the UK will also be given. The course will also provide information on the latest policy providing an overview of the new Civil Protection Act and Forced Marriage Protection Orders. The day will also help you to develop good practice standards for your organisation.

**For further enquiries or to request a booking form please email [training@dvirp.co.uk](mailto:training@dvirp.co.uk) or alternatively call Sejal or Admin on 0116 2550003**

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## **Refugee Council Training new dates**

We are pleased to announce new dates for the following courses being delivered at our headquarters in Brixton. If you are looking for training for up to 20 delegates we can also deliver these courses at a venue of your choice.

### **Scheduled dates are:**

- Monday 16th May – [An introduction to working with unaccompanied children](#)
- Tuesday 17th May – [Cultural aspects of working with refugees and asylum seekers](#)
- Monday 23rd May – [Key issues in asylum](#)
- Tuesday 24th May – [An introduction to asylum support](#)
- Wednesday 22nd June - [An introduction to child protection issues in working with children from abroad](#)
- Monday 27th June – [Refugees and migrants: Entitlement to housing and other services](#)
- Tuesday 28th June - [End of process: Support for asylum seekers who have been refused asylum](#)
- Wednesday 29th June – [Age assessment awareness and working with age-disputed young people](#)
- Thursday 30th June – [Working with refugee children in schools](#)

- Friday 1st July – [The Refugee Council Therapeutic Casework model: Supporting clients with mental wellbeing needs](#)
- Monday 18th July – [Working with interpreters](#)
- Tuesday 19th July – [Emotional wellbeing of refugee children and young people](#)
- Wednesday 20th July – [Supporting women affected by sexual violence](#)

Refugee Council trainers are practitioners first and foremost; our training reflects the expertise gained through our own front-line service provision, ensuring our training is relevant, up to date and practical.

**Looking for customised training? We can build courses to suit your requirements [contact us](#) to find out more. To book a place on one of these courses please complete and return a [booking form](#)**

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**Iranian and Kurdish Women’s Rights Organisation – Free Training Seminar**

**Forced Marriage, “Honour Based Violence” & Female Genital Mutilation**

**Tuesday 24 May 2011 - 14:00 to 17:30**

**The Resource Centre, 356 Holloway Road, London N7 6PA**

We invite teachers, educational authorities, social workers, GPs, Nurses, police officers, housing officers and all professionals working with refugee and asylum seeking women to attend this vital training seminar.

The aim is to help you and your organisation to have a deeper understanding of ‘honour’ based violence, FGM, and forced marriage to prevent and stop violence by recognising the warning signs.

**Speakers:**

**Diana Nammi:** Director of IKWRO  
**Suzelle Dickson/Ben Rawlings:** Forced Marriage Unit

**Ann–Marie Hutchinson:** Specialist family lawyer  
 Jenny Comery: Youth Programmes Coordinator, FORWARD

**To register please contact: [ikwro.training@gmail.com](mailto:ikwro.training@gmail.com), Tel: 020 79206463**

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**Safe Exit Training from Toynbee Hall**

**Achieving positive outcomes for women involved in street prostitution**

**Date:** Next training session **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July** (check website for future sessions and details of in-house training)

**Cost:** £130 per person (open training); £800 for group of 8-10 people (in-house)

Developed from our work with women involved in street prostitution, Safe Exit Training is a one-day training course run by Toynbee Hall. The course is suitable for any professional who deals with women involved in street prostitution and takes participants through a range of proven, practical ways to understand and help women involved in street prostitution – based on our own experience.

Participants will come away from the training with:

- An understanding of the complex needs of women involved in street prostitution
- Practical advice on how to work with women who sell sex
- Models for partnership working
- Methods for putting knowledge into practice

Safe Exit Training is available as an open course or can be delivered in-house.

**For more information and details of upcoming open courses, please go to [www.toynbeehall.org.uk/safeexittraining](http://www.toynbeehall.org.uk/safeexittraining).**

**Alternatively, email [safeexittraining@toynbeehall.org.uk](mailto:safeexittraining@toynbeehall.org.uk) or call 020 7392 2982.**

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## **Tender**

### **Three Day Training: Developing and Delivering Domestic Violence Training**

**Dates: Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> to Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2011**

This course has Open College Network Accreditation (Level 3)

Course Aims:

- To improve participants' understanding of the relevant information, models and theories required to plan and deliver basic Multi Agency Awareness and Best Practice Domestic Violence Training in a range of settings.
- To gain the research and group work skills required to plan and deliver basic Multi Agency Awareness and Good Practice Domestic Violence Training

**Target Audience:** It is aimed at participants who have a good grounding in the subject and who will deliver training on issues of domestic violence. They should have some training experience or similar transferable experience. The course will

also help those who have a strategic or developmental role who want to increase their domestic violence presentation skills.

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

**Dates: Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June**

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.

**One day training: Awareness and Good Practice when working with women experiencing violence and abuse in relationships**

**Dates: Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2011**

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.

**For more information and to discuss your training needs please contact Susie McDonald - 020 7431 7313, [susie@tender.org.uk](mailto:susie@tender.org.uk)**

**If you would like to book any of the above courses please email [dorota@tender.org.uk](mailto:dorota@tender.org.uk) to request a booking form.**

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**Women and Girls Network**

**Introduction to Counselling and Supporting Refugee Women - Accredited Course**

**Date: 12 May 2011**

This free accredited course has been designed for refugee women who wish to develop understanding of principles and practice in counselling. No prior knowledge of counselling is required. Candidates who successfully complete this course will be eligible for access to the Diploma in Counselling and Supporting Refugee Women. The course will be delivered through a series of lectures, large and small group discussions and experiential exercises.

**This course is provided free of charge for all participants**, WGN has made every effort to put support mechanisms in place, to encourage your full participation in the course until successful completion.

**This course is being accredited through Open College Network London Region. At the end of the course participants will receive 4 units of credit, 3 at Level 2 and 1 at Level 3, and all have a credit value of 3 credits.**

**To apply or for more information please contact Gona Saed on [gona@wgn.org.uk](mailto:gona@wgn.org.uk) tel: 020 7610 4678. Go to <http://tiny.cc/znm8n> for an application form.**

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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:**

**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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## VACANCIES AND VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

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**Tender**

### **Volunteer Communications Assistant**

Tender is a London based charity organisation that works with young people educating to prevent violence, and promoting healthy relationships through drama. We are currently looking for a Volunteer Communications Assistant.

Main duties will include;

- To update our social networking sites
- Help to Raise Tenders online profile
- Help with the advertising of events

Main skills required;

- IT proficiency and internet skills
- An independent work ethic
- Admin skills
- Familiar with social media websites

### **Volunteer Fundraising Assistant**

Main duties will include;

- To research fundraising opportunities
- Help to write funding applications

Main skills required;

- Research skills
- IT proficiency

- Admin Skills
- An independent work ethic
- Good English writing abilities

### **Volunteer Project Assistant**

Main duties will include;

- To help with the planning of our educational programmes
- Updating our database

Main skills required;

- Admin & IT Skills
- An independent work ethic

**Please send your CV to Kelly Green via email to: [admin@tender.org.uk](mailto:admin@tender.org.uk). The closing date for applications is the 11<sup>th</sup> May 2011.**

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### **The Angelou Centre - Domestic Violence Team Leader**

**PO5- £30,854 pro rata  
18 hours per week  
Fixed term-3 years**

You will be responsible for supporting BME women and children survivors of domestic violence in the North East, managing and overseeing our projects: monitoring performance and case management; co-ordinating joint agency project groups; and ensuring all work practices are geared towards delivering impactful outcomes for BME women survivors and their children; developing domestic violence prevention activities within BME communities including awareness raising campaigns about domestic slavery, forced marriage and honour based violence.

Knowledge of domestic violence and its impact on BME women and children, experience of developing and managing projects for BME women survivors of domestic violence, excellent interpersonal and communication skills and the ability to build effective and productive working relationships with agencies, BME women and their communities are vital

**Closing date: 19th May 2011  
Interviews: 24th May 2011**

For further details and application pack please contact Rosie Lewis at

**The Angelou Centre  
2 Brighton Grove, Fenham, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE4 5NR**

Phone: 0191 2260394 Fax: 0191 2733984  
Email: [angeloucentre@btconnect.com](mailto:angeloucentre@btconnect.com)

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## Eaves

### Corporate Fundraising Volunteer

**Closing Date: Until filled**

The Corporate Fundraising Volunteer will:

- Invite people to our events by phone, by email, by hard copy invitation.
- Cold call/email companies to ask for donations in kind.
- Input on our ThankQ database.
- Perform admin duties such as sending out thank you letters, emailing information to event guests etc.
- Deal with some events management (logistics).
- Carry out research (by phone and on the internet).

Ideally applicants will have some experience and knowledge around the following areas:

- Experience of using a database.
- Experience of research by phone and on the internet
- Keen eye for detail and accuracy
- Computer skills: must be adept in use of MS Office 2000 or later, particularly Excel and Word, and some database experience: Internet and email.
- Excellent level of written English.
- Excellent phone manner.

**For an application pack or for more information go to the following link [www.eaves4women.co.uk/Volunteers.php](http://www.eaves4women.co.uk/Volunteers.php) or email [recruitment@eaveshousing.co.uk](mailto:recruitment@eaveshousing.co.uk).**

### Amina Volunteer

**Closing Date: Until filled**

**Could you spare around 2 hours a week to support a woman who's been raped or sexually abused?**

The Amina Scheme is looking for volunteers who have personal experience of rape or abuse, who feel that they could support women living with the effects of sexual violence.

Amina pairs female volunteers who have experienced sexual violence in the past with women who are recovering. Women meet once a week to talk about the effects of sexual violence, and provide support and care.

You don't need any previous experience, we provide full training, and all of your travel and expenses. We work around our volunteers, so even if you're working you're still welcome to apply. Your support can really make a difference to the lives of other women.

**For an application pack or for more information go to the following link [www.eaves4women.co.uk/Volunteers.php](http://www.eaves4women.co.uk/Volunteers.php) or email [recruitment@eaveshousing.co.uk](mailto:recruitment@eaveshousing.co.uk).**

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## **Rights of Women**

### **Office Volunteer**

We are looking for a commitment of a minimum of 2 days per week for a period of at least 3 months. The volunteer will be based at our office in London and will be a well motivated, organised and reliable woman with an understanding of and commitment to the work of Rights of Women. Computer literacy and good interpersonal skills are essential for this role, as is an ability to work as part of a small team.

### **Reasonable travel and subsistence expenses will be paid.**

This is a unique opportunity to gain experience of working within a leading women's legal organisation. There will be opportunities to learn more about the work of Rights of Women, attend training and other events and be involved in other aspects of our work. Please visit our website [www.rightsofwomen.org.uk](http://www.rightsofwomen.org.uk) to download a full role description.

### **How to apply**

Please send a covering letter addressing the key qualities set out in the role description (to be downloaded from our website) together with a CV by **Monday 09 May 2011**. Interviews will take place on **Thursday 19 May 2011** with the role commencing shortly after.

**Applications can be emailed to [info@row.org.uk](mailto:info@row.org.uk)**

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## Women's Weekly News (WWN) Reader Survey

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Dear Women's Weekly News Reader,

We kindly ask that you take a few moments of your time to complete our annual **Women's Weekly News (WWN) Reader Survey**. This should take no more than 5-10 minutes to fill in and will help to ensure the survival of WWN in the future!

We will use the information gathered from this short survey to improve our WWN service to you, as well as providing vital feedback to our funders.

Please click [here](#) or follow the following link <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/NJRJ2SW> to access the survey now.

**Closing date: 10th May 2011** – please complete it now before it's too late!

We really value your support, and thank you in advance for completing our survey.

Very best wishes,

The WWN Team

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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)***

