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VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN IN LONDON

Job centres banned from advertising sex industry vacancies

Government-run job centres are no longer permitted to advertise vacancies in the sex industry, including positions as escorts, lap-dancers, web-cam strippers and topless bar staff.

Chris Grayling, the coalition government Minister for Employment, said, "It's absolutely wrong that the Government advertises jobs that could support the exploitation of people.

"We've taken immediate action today to stop certain adult entertainment vacancies from being advertised through Jobcentre Plus. We shouldn't put vulnerable people in an environment where they're exposed to these types of jobs and could feel under pressure to work in the sex industry."

The ban follows a consultation that revealed that the public is overwhelmingly opposed to such vacancies being displayed in government-run job centres.

The consultation also highlighted how people, particularly women, in the sex industry could be vulnerable to harassment and discrimination. Jobseekers and

women's rights campaigners have continuously expressed outrage that job centres were advertising such positions and have long campaigned against this policy.

Government figures show that in 2008 job centres advertised more than 350 posts in the 'adult entertainment' industry including vacancies for lap dancing, 'adult' chat line operators, naked cleaners, escorts and topless bar staff.

Grayling says the ban is aimed at protecting jobseekers from feeling they have to consider work they may not feel comfortable with.

Source: [Press Association](#) 03 August 2010
[The Telegraph](#) 02 August 2010

Call to tackle prostitution at the London Olympics

Ann John, leader of Brent Council, has called for politicians and police across the capital to work together to tackle the problem of prostitution during the 2012 London Olympics.

She warned the problem could escalate significantly when the Olympic Games come to Wembley Arena. "I have gone to meetings with other Olympic boroughs about prostitution and the sex trade, and there is a lot of work going on around that area.

"There needs to be speed of action and there needs to be a London-wide response to this."

Mentioning a review she lead while in opposition into the number of brothels and the extent of street prostitution in Brent, Ann John admitted that she had not appreciated the impact and scale of the problem before undertaking the study.

She also called on others to take it more seriously than it has been in the past. "Perhaps we should be rethinking our attitude towards it. It's not legal so why are we tolerating it?"

"I have asked for it to be a policing priority, I have asked other services to make sure we get support to exiting prostitutes."

In her review she called on all newspapers to ban adverts for 'adult' or 'personal' services, but she said that this advice has not been adopted. "I am a bit disappointed nothing has happened about that."

Ann John also noted that in just one week she counted more than 100 adverts offering 'adult services' in the two local newspapers still carrying them, including

some which mentioned the ethnicity of the women on offer, something which is not permitted.

Chief Superintendent Matt Gardner, borough commander for Brent, expressed his support to the council and said prostitution in the borough is “a concern” he was keen to tackle.

Source: [Harrow Times](#) 03 August 2010

African Women’s Decade 2010-2020 launched in London

2010 to 2020 has been adopted as the African Women’s Decade by the African Union, and on the 31st of July women from around the world met in London to celebrate and launch the decade.

The main focus of the event was to mark the start of the African Women’s Decade and raise awareness about it here in the UK, as well as commemorate, and celebrate the achievement and survival of African women. The campaign was initiated by the Women and Gender Development Directorate of the African Union.

The event was organised by the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom. Marie-Claire Faray-Kele from WILPF said, “The African Union is actually putting African women at the centre of everything that is going to be done in Africa because if they declare this decade is for African women then that means they have to walk the walk”.

Marie-Claire Faray-Kele says that WILPF wanted to use the opportunity to highlight an important piece of African Union legislation, the Protocol to the African Charter on Human and Peoples’ Rights on the Rights of Women, also known as the Maputo Protocol, which came into force in 2005.

The Protocol, which has been signed by most African countries and ratified by around half, requires states to eliminate sexual violence, discrimination and other harmful practices against women, including female genital mutilation. It also sets out the rights of women to control their own reproductive health and inherit property.

It was emphasised that African countries have a lot of positive gender policies on paper that are not implemented. Deaths caused by pregnancy in Africa have been greater in number than all deaths from AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria combined. Nigeria, Ethiopia and the Democratic Republic of Congo are among the six countries that are responsible for fifty per cent of all these deaths globally.

One in sixteen women and girls die giving birth in Africa. 14 per cent of these women die as the result of unsafe abortions, and 60 per cent are under the age of 25. This has been described as the gender scandal of our time, and a gross violation of women's human rights.

The launch event, hosted by the Centre for Gender Studies at the School of Oriental and African Studies, University in London, was concluded with the release of white balloons and an African dance performance.

Source: [UK WILPF](#)

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN IN THE UK

Shortage of trained doctors hampering rape convictions

The British Medical Association has said that too many police forces do not have properly trained medics to care for rape victims and avoid mistakes while gathering vital evidence.

The association's Welsh secretary Dr Richard Lewis said, "We are letting down women who deserve a proper service from the police when they have been raped."

Lewis said that this situation was partly responsible for the low level of convictions in rape cases. At present, any doctor is able to work as a police medical examiner without specialist qualifications.

Chief constable Dave Whatton, from the Association of Chief Police Officers said that despite the problems there was still "good work already being carried out."

Whatton said that ACPO was waiting for the government response to the Baroness Stern review, and that there are "real opportunities" to make the system better.

The coalition government is expected to respond to the Stern review recommendations soon.

Source: [BBC](#) 31 July 2010
[Mirror](#) 02 August 2010

Eighteen months for TV executive who killed wife

Jonathan Wicks, 48, of Stourton, south Warwickshire, a TV executive who killed his wife because she burnt his roast beef dinner, has been sentenced to just 18 months in jail.

Wicks, who has worked on several hit shows, killed Sarah Wicks with a single blow during a trivial argument following a dinner party, before fleeing in his car. She died in May last year after suffering a ruptured artery in her neck.

Wicks was found guilty of manslaughter by a jury at Warwick Crown Court following a four-day trial in May.

Judge Griffith-Jones in sentencing Wicks said, "To hit a woman and see her go to the ground, then leave the scene, is a very unattractive thing to do. Whether he couldn't face what he had done or he lost his temper, it's still unattractive."

"You are a man of hitherto good character who has led a respectable and successful life. That success encompassed what I believe to be a loving and harmonious domestic life that was brought to a tragic end during a tiff between you and your much-loved wife, which resulted in a blow from you which in many other instances would have caused bruising, but in this instance caused her death."

"It is an important feature of this case that the argument arose very quickly and in your own home. This is not a case of the sort of yobbish violence in public which is so often a feature of one-blow manslaughter cases."

Wicks had denied manslaughter, claiming to have acted in self-defence after his wife threw plates at him. He has already served 110 days in custody, and will be free just after Christmas.

Source: [Express](#) 04 August 2010
[Press Association](#) 04 August 2010

Two men in court over murder of 15-year-old in Goa

Samson D'Souza, 28 and Placido Carvalho, 36, have appeared in court in Goa, India for the rape and murder of 15-year-old Scarlett Keeling, who was found dead on a beach.

Scarlett from Bideford, Devon, was on a family holiday when she died, and post-mortem examinations revealed that she was intoxicated with drugs and alcohol at

the time of her death. A report from a pathologist concluded she had been held underwater for 10 to 15 minutes.

Scarlett's mother, Fiona MacKeown, 44, had campaigned for a full investigation into her daughter's death after police initially suggested that it was the result of an accident. She said she became convinced her daughter had been murdered when she found her underwear discarded on a path near where her body was found in the surf.

Fiona told the court, "People told me that people gave her drugs. These responsible adult men were giving drugs to a minor."

The policeman who first investigated Scarlett's death has been fired, and the doctor who carried out the first post-mortem examination has been suspended.

D'Souza and Carvalho, who were released on bail, are accused of culpable homicide, grievous sexual assault and destroying evidence.

The case was adjourned until a date is fixed for sentencing at Exeter Crown Court.

Source: [Guardian](#) 02 August 2010
[My News](#) 03 August 2010

INTERNATIONAL VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

Video shows police dragging women and children along the ground

A video showing French police dragging pregnant women and children along the ground has sparked outrage.

The footage shows police officers from the elite CRS riot squad, fully armed and wearing body armour, manhandling a screaming woman with a baby on her back, young children screaming and a graphic image of a pregnant woman lying on her back on the road.

No female police officers were involved, and there was no medical assistance available on the scene. A spokesperson for Droit au Logement (Right to Housing)

said most of the protesters were legal migrants from the Ivory Coast, and had been in France for more than a decade.

“They were subjected to disgusting police brutality. When mothers and babies are being attacked in this way, immigrants do not stand a chance.”

A spokesman for Seine-Saint-Denis police denied any wrongdoing saying, “No police brutality took place during the break-up of an illegal demonstration.”

Source: [Telegraph](#) 02 August 2010

Egyptian woman appears on TV to reveal rape ordeal

An Egyptian woman has been applauded for taking the unusual step of appearing on television to give an interview about the rape she suffered at the hands of two police officers.

BBC's Magdi Abdelhadi explained that even though the identity of the woman was not revealed, this was a very daring thing for a woman to do in such a conservative society.

The woman, who was shown on camera dressed head-to-toe in black said, “I took a big risk for my reputation to say what I reluctantly have to say, to protect any girl or woman who may go through what I had to, and to protect any woman who may trust a police van.

“I tell them now, if you see a police car, you will have to be very cautious. I took this risk to convey a true picture to the officials. They must understand what the policemen are doing to the people. Until now I can neither understand nor fully grasp that these people were policemen.”

The woman said that the attack happened on a deserted rural road in the Nile Delta, north of Cairo.

A police investigation has been opened, and members of Egyptian human rights organisations are trying to get more information about the case.

Aida Seif El-Dawla, from the El-Nadim Centre for Victims of Violence in Cairo, said “The problem in this and similar cases is how to find this delicate balance between exposing the crime and at the same time maintaining the dignity of the victim, who is sometimes doubly traumatised by the sensationalisation of the story”.

Source: [BBC](#) 05 August 2010

EVENTS

Eaves - Free Seminar on the New Equality Act

What does the *New Equality Act* mean to the women's sector?

Monday September 13th 2010 - 14:00 – 17:30

The Equality Act received Royal Assent on 8 April 2010 and is due to come into force starting October 2010. Over the last four decades we have used a combination of laws on issues of equality and discrimination. The new Act is intended to streamline all of this into a single act; to provide a new cross-cutting legislative framework to protect the rights of individuals and advance equality of opportunity for all.

The intention is to deliver a simple and more accessible framework of equality law by updating and simplifying previous legislations which in effect protects individuals from unfair treatment and help organisations to comply with the law, thus promoting a fair and more equal society.

Speakers:

- **Karon Monaghan QC** – Matrix Chambers (*Karon is a barrister practicing principally in the fields of equality and discrimination law, human rights, public law and EU law*)
- **Flora Williams** Law Center Federation (*Equality and Diversity Manager*)
- **Third Speaker to be confirmed.**

Refreshments will be provided!

To RSVP please email Nisan Kesete on nisan.kesete@eaveshousing.co.uk

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

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

Eat Yourself Well Workshop!

Thursday 12th August at 11am

- Nutrition workshop for parents
- Healthy eating ideas for parents and children
- Tips for fussy eaters
- Good habits for eating.

Certificate of attendance provided, along with a light lunch and free gift. As always, **travel expenses are reimbursed!**

This workshop is open to all women age 16+.

New Developments in Drug Use (18+)

Friday 13th August, 11:30am - 1:30pm

A workshop looking at some of the new drugs that have been recently developed and introduced – including legal highs. The workshop will also explore new developments in the understanding of other drugs such as Ketamine.

Please call the centre on 0207 8407 142 to book women onto these workshops.

All participants receive a light lunch, a free gift, a certificate and travel expenses reimbursed.

Resettlement Workshops

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

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

How to say 'No' – Wednesday 13th October, 2:00pm to 3:30pm

Unlock your potential – Wednesday 10th November, 2:00pm to 3:30pm

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

****SAVE THE DATE** – Thursday 23rd September 2010 (12:00 – 16:00)**

**A seminar exploring research methodology in the women's sector –
Research, policy and activism: ways forward in ending violence against women**

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

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

Speakers to be confirmed.

London Feminist Network

Feminism in London 2010, a one day conference

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

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

9:30am-5pm, Saturday 23 October

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

£3-£20 depending on income

Speakers include

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

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

Email: info@feminisminlondon.org.uk

Tender for Rape Crisis provision for North London

Islington Council invites suitable expressions of interest from suppliers to deliver Rape Crisis provision for North London. In conjunction with the publication of the Mayor's 'The Way Forward' Strategy, the Mayor of London's office has allocated funding to seven Local Authorities, defined as the North quadrant in London. This funding has been made available to enable the development and delivery of specialist Rape Crisis provision across the North of London; a service providing support, counselling and advice to victims of rape and sexual assault, both recent and historic.

The funding from the Mayor is initially for 18 months, with the options for continuation subject to satisfactory evaluation after the first twelve months, and funding availability from the boroughs involved. The boroughs included in the North quadrant are Islington, Westminster, Camden, Haringey, Kensington & Chelsea, Enfield and Barnet.

The deadline for expressions of interest is: 12 noon on Thursday 26 August 2010.

Submission of Pre-Qualification Questionnaires by 12 noon on Friday 27

August 2010.

Late applications will not be accepted.

For further information contact: Ms Charlie Kime on charlotte.kime@islington.gov.uk or call 020 7527 3133

MOSAC

AGM and Mini Conference

Thursday 23rd September 2010, 6.00pm to 9.00pm

The Forum at Greenwich Trafalgar Road SE10 9EQ

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

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

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

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

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

To attend please email denisehubble@mosac.org.uk

CONSULTATIONS AND REPORTS

WRC launches 'Power and Prejudice' report

WRC has launched a new report '**Power and Prejudice – combating gender inequality through women's organisations**', which identifies the barriers facing women's organisations in creating change at a local level. The report examines what tools can be used to support local engagement and offers clear, practical solutions to both public bodies and women's organisations to improve engagement and services for women locally.

For more information and a copy of the report [go here](#)

NEP equality impact assessment guide now available!

Equality Action – an equality impact assessment guide for the voluntary and community sector is now available from the National Equality Partnership (NEP).

This practical and innovative guide offers a set of tools, techniques, case studies and best practice resources for second tier voluntary and community sector organisations.

The guide aims to help develop effective equality audits and equality impact assessments (EIAs). Hard copies are now available from NEP and the pdf can be downloaded [here](#).

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

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

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

The Convention, which was signed by the UK Government last year, sets out disabled peoples' basic rights in one place. It covers health, education, employment, access to justice, personal security, independent living and access to information.

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

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

Supporting Families Affected by Substance Use and Domestic Violence: Research report

Dr Sarah Galvani, University of Bedfordshire (2010)

This report is the culmination of work undertaken with two groups of people: (a) young people accessing services for their parents' substance use and (b) adult family members who run support groups for those affected by a family member's substance use (Family Members Support Providers). The work was funded by Comic Relief and led by the University of Bedfordshire in partnership with Adfam and the Stella Project.

[The full report is available here.](#)

The Greater London Authority's Gender Equality and Race Equality schemes are now out for consultation

You can read all the documents and find out more on the consultation section of the GLA website. You'll be able to complete an online questionnaire or download one to fill in later.

The consultation deadline for both schemes is 11 August 2010.

To request hard copies of the schemes, the Easy Read version(s) accessible formats and/or the questionnaire(s), please email:

formats.scheme@london.gov.uk

You can also telephone the Public Liaison Unit on 020 7983 4100 or write to us at: Equality Schemes, Post Point 19A, Freepost LON15799, City Hall, The Queen's Walk, London SE1 2ER.

DIRECT ACTION & CAMPAIGNS

ECPAT UK / The Body Shop UK

Campaign petition to Stop Trafficking of Children and Young People

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

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

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

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

http://www.ecpat.org.uk/body_shop_campaign.html

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

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

Rights of Women

No impunity for rape – no anonymity for defendants

Thank you for supporting our campaign against the coalition government's proposals to give those who are investigated and prosecuted for rape anonymity.

After a lot of hard work we have been successful as Crispin Blunt MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Justice, has stated that the Government is now only considering "non-legislative options" on this issue. This means that the government is no longer proposing to bring forward legislation giving suspects anonymity in the autumn. In a written answer to a question asked by Caroline Flint MP, Crispin Blunt MP said: "As I made clear at the all day debate on this subject on 8 July (*Official Report*: columns 533-602), the Government will consider over the summer recess how best to go about strengthening anonymity up to the point of charge and will bring proposals to Parliament in the autumn. The Government is only considering non-legislative options on this matter and, as I said in the House on 20 July (*Official Report*, columns 160 & 161), we are trying to find the best non-statutory solution."

However, the government has said that it will publish an assessment of the existing research and statistics on 'false reports' in September, so while we can celebrate our victory, we need to remain alert to the fact that this is an issue that could resurface. **Consequently, we are still asking organisations to endorse our position statement and individuals to contact their MP and ask them to sign Fiona Mactaggart MP's Early Day Motion** (you can see who has already signed it by checking here: <http://edmi.parliament.uk/EDMi/EDMDetails.aspx?EDMID=41020>). We are hoping to have over a hundred signatories to our position statement before the research is published in September.

To endorse the position statement please contact Catherine Briddick on Cate@row.org.uk

Sponsor Robina Qureshi!

Robina Qureshi is going to be sleeping rough for one night in Glasgow on October 6th 2010. **Her goal is to raise 24,000 pounds for Positive Action in Housing's Hardship Fund which gives out money for food and shelter to destitute individuals and families** from Iraq, Sudan, Somalia and China as well as other countries from where they are fleeing persecution. If you would like to sponsor her or read more about the cause, visit her justgiving page at: <http://www.justgiving.com/Robina-Qureshi>.

The Global Campaign to Stop Killing and Stoning Women (SKSW Campaign) and Women Living Under Muslim Laws (WLUML)

Sign our petition

SKSW and WLUML are seriously concerned about the reported arrest of the wife and brother-in-law of human rights lawyer, Mohammad Mostafaei. Arrested on 24 July 2010, they are being held in the infamous Evin Prison in Tehran. Mostafaei's wife, Fereshteh Halimi, called her parents to confirm her arrest and detention. Her brother, Farhad Halimi, is also believed to be detained there. There are strong indications that their arrest is intended to pressure Mohammad Mostafaei to turn himself in.

Mohammad Mostafaei is a leading human rights lawyer who defended Sakineh Mohammadi Ashtiani, who was sentenced to death by stoning, and a number of other detainees in Iran.

For more information and to take action visit the following link
<http://www.gopetition.com/petition/38025.html>

Rape Crisis Scotland – ‘Not Ever’ campaign

Rape Crisis Scotland has launched a comprehensive new advertising campaign aimed at ending ‘victim-blaming’ in rape cases.

The campaign launch follows recent research published in Scotland which found that 23% of the Scottish public think a woman can be at least partly responsible if she is drunk at the time of an attack, while 17% believe a woman bears some responsibility if she wears revealing clothing.

“The advert has been designed to shake out ingrained prejudices many Scots have towards women who have been raped, in a bid to stop perpetuating the myths surrounding rape” said Sandy Brindley, Rape Crisis Scotland’s National Co-ordinator.

Click [here](#) to view the advert, which will run until the end of August.

TRAINING

Positive Action in Housing

Working with refugees, asylum seekers, migrants & EU nationals

Date: Wednesday 11 August 2010, 9.30 am – 4.30 pm

Venue: Positive Action in Housing, 98 West George Street, Glasgow, G2 1PJ

Details: This one day course examines the rights of migrants under UK and European law. You will be briefed on all the fundamental issues such as barriers faced by different groups and their respective entitlement to services. As a participant, you will be given up-to-date knowledge on the housing, employment and welfare entitlements of refugees, asylum seekers, migrants and EU nationals.

By the end of the day you will:

- Understand the barriers faced by refugees, asylum seekers, migrants and EU nationals

- Have an awareness of the relevant legislation that impacts on individuals from these communities
- Have a knowledge of their housing, employment and welfare entitlements
- Be equipped to effectively review and update your organisation's policy and practice.

Cost: Non-members: £220

Community/voluntary organisations: £150

Members: £125

Mental health awareness: best practice strategies

Date: Tuesday, 24 August 2010 (9.30 am – 4.30 pm)

Venue: Positive Action in Housing, 98 West George Street, Glasgow, G2 1PJ

Details: This course will give you an understanding of the signs and symptoms of the most common forms of mental illness. You will explore the range of factors in people's lives that can have a negative impact on their mental health. You will also explore the additional pressures which can affect people from refugee and new migrant communities. You will be able to identify appropriate support for those with mental health problems.

By the end of the day you will:

- Understand and recognise the signs/symptoms of the most common forms of mental health problems
- Have a better awareness of the issues affecting people with mental health problems
- Learn about the adjustments that can be made to overcome the barriers or difficulties that can affect people's day to day lives.
- Be equipped to effectively review and update your organisation's policy and practice.

Cost: Non-members: £220

Community/voluntary organisations: £150

Members: £125

To book your place on either of the above courses, please contact Suki Sangha, Training Officer, Positive Action in Housing Ltd, 98 West George Street, Glasgow, G2 1PJ, Tel: 0141 353 2220, email suki@paih.org

AVA

Adolescent Domestic Violence

Date: 3 September 2010

Venue: Esmée Fairbairn Foundation, Kings Place, 90 York Way, London, N1 9AG

Price: £90 vol / £130 stat

This course will expand on previous knowledge about domestic violence and will focus particularly on the experience of teenagers as victims and as perpetrators, with the inclusion of the following key issues:

- teenage pregnancy
- gender
- child to parent abuse
- barriers to accessing services
- sexual violence within a gang culture
- sexualisation of young people.

The course will discuss how to speak about violence in teenagers' own intimate relationships, how to give advice and how to risk assess and safety plan. The course will comprise interactive activities, group discussions and the use of films to illustrate key topics.

Recovering from the Impacts of Domestic Violence – Unresolved Anger

Date: 15 September 2010

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

Price: £90 vol / £130 stat

Anger is a natural reaction to domestic violence but anger is a particularly problematic emotion in our society, especially for a woman. Many learn that 'nice' women don't raise their voices – they are supposed to just cry or cope. A woman might also learn to hide anger because her abuser 'would give her something to be really angry about' or because she is determined not to 'sink to his level'. Women become prevented from the natural expression of their feelings – but may suffer from suppressing or over-controlling their emotions. Having these left-over feelings can come out in various ways: women might feel like they have lost any feeling, like zombies; they might snap when they don't mean to or they might get depressed or sick (turning the anger on themselves). This course is based on principles that all feelings are healthy, that beliefs influence how we express feelings and that we can complete 'unfinished business' or unresolved anger in a safe way, using techniques adapted from experiential therapies.

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

Domestic Violence Integrated Response Project (DVIRP)

Training Programme Autumn 2010

Course 1 – Violence and Abuse: How it affects our mental health Full Day course

Date: 25th August 2010

Venue: Ramada Jarvis Hotel Leicester

Cost: £80 Voluntary Sector / £110.00 Statutory Sector/All Other

Offer: Book three places and receive a 10% discount

This course is essential for anybody who works in the domestic violence or mental health fields. It would also benefit staff from statutory organisations who come into contact with people with dual issues.

The aim will be to highlight how domestic violence affects mental health, and provide best practice tools to respond. The course will look at psychological abuse and post traumatic stress. It will enable participants to deal more effectively with service users and work closely with partner agencies.

Course 2 – Domestic Violence Tier 2: Risk Assessment, Practice, Law and the IDVA/MARAC Process Full Day course

Date: 20th September 2010

Venue: Ramada Jarvis Hotel Leicester

Cost: £80 Voluntary Sector / £ 110.00 Statutory Sector/All Other

Offer: Book three places and receive a 10% discount

This course is essential for anybody who works in the domestic violence field or in a safeguarding role. It would also benefit staff from statutory organisations that come into contact with people who have experienced or are experiencing issues of domestic violence.

The course will look at common risk indicators within a domestic violence situation and in support. We will work through a CADDA risk assessment form, which is an assessment tool used across agencies locally. The course will also look at current legislation including a reference to the functions of the Specialist Domestic Violence Courts, the role of an Independent Domestic Violence Advocate (IDVA) and the links to the Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference

(MARAC) process. It will enable participants to identify and deal more effectively with victims and survivors of domestic violence, especially those who may be at high risk of harm, and as well as helping participants to work closely with partner agencies to provide a coordinated multi agency response. Special guest DI Pete Williams, MARAC chair, will also be delivering a short presentation on the extent to which the MARAC has been instrumental in the information sharing process within a multi agency context to ensure that victims of domestic violence continue to receive holistic and coordinated support to reduce or eliminate the risks of harm.

To book a place or to request a booking form for these courses please contact admin on 0116 2550003, or alternatively email admin@dvirp.co.uk

Refugee Council

Supporting women affected by sexual violence – One day course

Thursday 21st October – The Refugee Council in Brixton, London

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

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

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

To attend and for more information email training@refugeecouncil.org.uk or call 020 7346 6733

Other training events scheduled in London include:

- **21 September** – An introduction to working with unaccompanied children – [Read more](#)
- **22 September** – The Refugee Council's Therapeutic Casework Model: Supporting clients with mental wellbeing needs – [Read more](#)
- **23 September** – Key Issues in asylum – [Read more](#)
- **24 September** – An introduction to asylum support – [Read more](#)
- **4 October** – Working with refugee children in schools – [Read more](#)

- **5 October** - Emotional wellbeing of refugee children and young people – [Read more](#)
 - **6 October** – An introduction to homelessness – [Read more](#)
 - **7 October** – Age assessment awareness and working with age-disputed young people – [Read more](#)
 - **21 October** – Supporting women affected by sexual violence – [Read more](#)
 - **1 November** – End of Process: Support for asylum seekers who have been refused asylum – [Read more](#)
 - **2 November** – An introduction to child protection issues when working with children from abroad – [Read more](#)
 - **4 November** – Refugees and migrants: Entitlement to housing and other services – [Read more](#)
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Just Whistle

Safe and Sound – 4th National Conference

Tackling child sexual exploitation: The way forward

21 September 2010 – Nottingham Conference Centre

Hear leading speakers from Europe and the UK talk about the key strategic issues of the day in the fight against child sexual exploitation, including:

- The UK Government's plans for changes to the child protection system
- The Dutch model for protecting children against CSE
- Tackling sexual exploitation in highly diverse communities
- The role of television and digital media in raising public awareness of CSE

Cost: £175.00 + VAT per delegate

Registered Charities are entitled to a 10% discount

To register or to find out more contact events@justwhistle.org.uk

Understanding Modern Gov (UMG)

UMG is a supplier of Policy Skills training courses through the Buying Solutions Learning and Development and eLearning Solutions framework agreement. We are dedicated to designing and delivering training programmes within the public sector.

Improve your understanding of the inner workings, processes and unique culture of the UK public sector with our forthcoming programme of specialist courses:

- [Understanding Coalition Government](#) – Wednesday 15 September, Central London
- [Understanding Public Sector Tendering & Procurement](#) – Wednesday 22 September, Central London
- [Understanding the NHS](#) – Tuesday 28 September, Central London
- [Understanding Social Enterprise](#) – Thursday 30 September, Central London
- [Understanding NHS Commissioning](#) – Tuesday 5 October, Central London
- [Understanding Local Government](#) – Thursday 18 November, Central London.

Click on each of the highlighted course titles above to see the full programme.

[Book online](#) or call Kate Heaton on 0161 211 3030 or email: kate.heaton@modern.gov.com

Oxford Ethical Training Centre

Thursday 12th August 2010

Working with people in trauma and distress (mental health)

The course covers:

- Working well with people experiencing stress syndromes including PTSD, and/or depression and anxiety
- Therapies, what works, services and how to access them
- Service user voices.

Trainers: Conroy Harris, former manager Mind, now Dads' worker Blackbird Leys.

Eden Habtemichael, women's services at Refugee Resource.
Ashling Sans, OETC.

Wednesday 25th August 2010

Working well with people from outside the UK (BME)

The course covers:

- Immigration statuses, EU nationals, Accession countries (A8), No Recourse to Public Funds, work permits, cultural differences and similarities, communication, and additional barriers to accessing support
- Service user experiences.

Trainers: Ruthanna Barnett, Immigration lawyer, Turpin Miller Solicitors.
Ashling Sans, formerly of Asylum Welcome.
JB Kayigamba, journalist, formerly of Reuters in Rwanda.

Certificates of attendance are provided, as is lunch!!

To book, please [click here](#) or email info@oxfordethical.com

For more info, please go to www.oxfordethical.com

Costs: £90/£110 vol/stat. Individuals negotiable

SKiLD in partnership with the NEP

Equality impact assessments 16 August (Reading)

Are you or your organisation looking to develop or deliver new projects? Do you support groups to develop new projects? Have you considered how you will assess the impact your project may have on groups and the possibility of discriminatory practices?

This course will provide you with an update on expected legislative developments as well as revisiting existing statutory requirements, explain the methodology, purpose and benefits of EQIAs, explain to you when EQIAs need to be carried out, and provide you with the tools and understanding to help you undertake an EQIA with voluntary and community groups you are supporting.

Human rights and equalities 7th September (London)

Do you work with groups that work specifically with individuals, or with people from diverse backgrounds and experiences? Does your role involve working with groups and enabling them to improve the lives of the people they support?

By attending this course you will understand how Public Sector Duties can be used to enable individuals and groups that you work with to take positive action in challenging inequality and prejudice, understand how human rights relate to equality and diversity, and also understand the core principles, standards and features of human rights and how rights 'work'.

For more information or to book on these courses visit: www.skild.org.uk

Safe Choices Training

Young Women, Gangs and Serious Youth Violence

London based training: **Wednesday 25th August, 10:00 – 4:30 pm**

Full Rate: Statutory Agencies, Commercial Sector – £200.00 per delegate

Concessionary rate: Non-statutory agencies – £150.00 per delegate

For more information and to register contact Laura Bettinson:

safechoices@niaproject.plus.com

VACANCIES AND VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

London Civic Forum – Coordinator

Fixed-term contract – March 2011

£31,148 - £35,053 inc ILW p.a.

Closing Date: 9 August 2010

LCF is looking to urgently fill a Coordinator position in the London Empowerment Partnership team until the end of March 2011. The post will be responsible predominantly for delivering the Targeted Support Programme which focuses on providing strategic support to local authorities and their partners to improve engagement and increase capacity to reach out to communities.

To apply email lorraineroberts@londoncivicforum.org.uk or call 020 8709 9770

Make Justice Work

Head of Operations – up to £35K depending on experience

Make Justice Work is a new media campaign launched by Roma Hooper to highlight the cost and ineffectiveness of short term prison sentences and improve public confidence in community sentences.

For more information contact Roma Hooper:
romahooper@makejusticework.org.uk

Tyneside Women's Health

Community Development Worker – Female

£24,646 to £26,276

Closing Date: 12 August 2010

Tyneside Women's Health exists to support women to improve and maintain their mental health and wellbeing in order to enable women to achieve their personal potential. Your role will be to provide a range of community mental health interventions and to collaborate with partner organisations to achieve culturally appropriate mental health provision and increased access to mental health support for women from black and minority ethnic communities. You will either come from a black and minority ethnic community or will demonstrate your excellent understanding of the issues faced by women with mental health issues from black and minority ethnic communities.

To apply please email enquiries@tynesidewomenshealth.org.uk call 0191 477 7898 or write to Tyneside Women's Health, Swinburne House, Swinburne Street, Gateshead, NE8 1AX.

Rape Crisis (England and Wales)

National Development Manager

Freelance contract based on 4 days a week for 126 weeks across 33 months (2.75 years) starting on 1st October 2010.

Total contract fee of £129,864, paid in monthly instalments on receipt of invoice and work report

Closing Date: 13 August 2010

The ideal candidate will have excellent communication skills and extensive knowledge and experience of community and organisational development. They will have a feminist understanding of sexual violence and experience of work with women. Enthusiasm, strong organisational skills and the ability to self-manage are essential.

Interviews during the week commencing 23rd August 2010.

To apply please e-mail: pandp@rapecrisis.org.uk

Women's Environmental Network

Fundraising Volunteer

Closing Date: 20 August 2010

The Women's Environmental Network (WEN) is seeking a fundraising volunteer to help with trust, corporate and major donor fundraising. This is an excellent opportunity for someone looking to gain good all-round skills, and support the work of a great organisation. Hours are flexible but will hopefully be at least one day per week.

You will join a team of three part-time staff in our East London office, just off Brick Lane. You will support WEN staff in their fundraising efforts by preparing letters, drafting applications, researching funding opportunities and assisting with fundraising events.

To apply please send a CV and cover letter to fundraising@wen.org.uk

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

