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The Comprehensive Spending Review – what does it mean to women?

Chancellor George Osborne announced the coalition governments' comprehensive spending review this week and he was accused of the "worst attack on women in the history of the welfare state" as he slashed £7billion of help for families and children.

Ceri Goddard, chief executive of the Fawcett Society, said, "Of the half a million public sector workers facing unemployment, more than two thirds will be women. This is because 65 per cent of public sector workers are women, and more women work in the low paid, low grade and insecure work most likely to be hit. This comes on top of the 1 million women already unemployed in the UK – last month, 75 per cent more women signed on to unemployment benefit than men."

This week the Treasury also published an Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) of the spending review after it was accused of failing to assess the impact it would have on different equality groups. Click [here](#) to read the document.

The Fawcett Society had filed papers with the High Court seeking a Judicial Review for an apparent failure of the government to honour its legal duty under

the Equality Act to give "due regard" to the impact of the budget cuts on women after the June budget announcement.

Ceri Goddard, chief executive of the Fawcett Society, said, "We are pleased that our action has provided a wakeup call that the Treasury is not above the law on equalities matters, regardless of the economic situation we are in. Desperate times don't mean the law gets a day off."

Helen Hughes, Chief Executive of the Equality and Human Rights Commission also welcomed the assessment. She said, "The Commission welcomes the Treasury's decision to look at the impact on vulnerable groups alongside today's spending review proposals and their expectation that other government departments will do the same. Yes this is a legal obligation, but it's also the right thing to do to ensure that the public has confidence these difficult decisions have been taken in a fair, transparent and evidence based way".

The Equality Impact Assessment done by the Treasury admits that since women use some public services more than men, the changes to these services will have higher impact on women. However, the assessment done by the government office is criticized for not being detailed and thorough.

Goddard points, "Rolling back public services hits women particularly hard not only because they tend to use services more frequently and more intensively than men, but also because of their sizable caring responsibilities.

"Slashing at this aspect of the welfare state does more than reduce the support many women rely on, it also increases the burden they carry - many women with caring responsibilities for children and elderly relatives will find it harder to manage as the help they've thus far relied on dries up."

Mark Easton of the BBC recently asked Jill Kirby, director of the Conservative think tank Centre for Policy Studies, about the effects of the plan to permanently shrink the public sector, an industry very largely occupied by women. Her response was - "It may be better news for women not to spend money on childcare any more and to look after their own children and fit jobs into the child's day.

"Women going out to do jobs to pay for childcare generates a type of work which then requires subsidy from the state". Easton then asked, "Are you saying women should be looking after their children at home?" and she replied, "For women who would like to be under less pressure to work, who would rather be at home, yes".

The disproportionate effects of the cuts clearly would have a much more drastic effect in changing the role of women in society and equality between men and

women. Women are in effect told to stay at home and raise children instead of going out for work.

Geoff Mulgan, head of think tank the Young Foundation, said, "There's an assumption by politicians that women will be willing to bear this burden. But many will be pretty resentful that they have to go back into the home with the disappearance of large number of jobs in the public sector, all to pay for the mistakes of a rather well-paid group of men in London."

Goddard said, "The cuts are so deep and will hit women so hard that they risk more than women's financial security – they threaten hard fought progress we've made on women's equality. The Chancellor's plans undermine the status of women as equal partners with men in the world of work, home and society as a whole."

Yvette Cooper, Labour's equalities spokeswoman, said, "It is clear that once again the Government has hit women worse than men. This is the worst attack on women in the entire history of the welfare state."

Sources: **Guardian** 22 October 2010
BBC 20 October 2010
Mirror 21 October 2010
Fawcett Society
EHRC

TAKE ACTION

London Councils is one of the largest funders of the voluntary and community sector in London, providing £26.4 million in grants to hundreds of voluntary and community organisations across the capital annually.

It is the umbrella body for local authorities in the capital which raises money from individual boroughs, to be then allocated to voluntary and community sector organisations across London.

London Councils is currently reviewing its grant scheme and proposing to cut funding from different front-line services.

Take Action:

- Please respond to the official London Council consultation. Click [here](#) to access the consultation. The deadline for this consultation is **10th of November**.
 - Contact your Grants Committee members, Council Leaders and MPs with your concerns. (**Contact details of Grants Committee members, Council Leaders and MPs could found [here](#)**)
 - Write to your local media informing them of what's happening so that this campaign will achieve as much media coverage as possible. Click [here](#) to find contact details for your local media.
 - There are two dates for upcoming London Councils meetings that you might want to be aware of and attend –**25 November: Grants Committee meeting** and **14 December: Leaders' Committee** meeting. These meetings are open to the public but you have to RSVP to attend. Please email **Lisa Dominic** on lisa.dominic@londoncouncils.gov.uk to register.
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EVENTS

Women for Refugee Women

'Break the Silence' - The Riverside Studios in Hammersmith on 28 November 2010 at 3pm.

WRW will be presenting a play and an audience discussion to shine a light on the hidden experiences of women who come to the UK fleeing persecution. The play, ***How I Became an Asylum Seeker***, is written and performed by a group of women refugees, Women Asylum Seekers Together. Then the author of the play, Lydia Besong, and some of the cast will join actor Juliet Stevenson and Briget Phillipson MP for a discussion.

This is a wonderful opportunity to hear the inspiring voices and stories of some very courageous women, and to think about how we can support them in their struggle to find safety.

Tickets £10/£5/free for asylum seekers: www.riversidestudios.co.uk

Liberation – Congolese women's group

Congolese Women Speak out: 'Enough is enough, it must stop'

Congolese women are now appealing to ordinary people of conscience through the globe to come to their side and join them in bringing an end to the deadliest conflict in the world.

Chair: Maggie Bowden, General Secretary of Liberation

Speakers: Jeremy Corby, MP, Victoria Dove Dimandja and Jose Musau Kalanda

Saturday 23rd October 2010- (3 – 6 pm)

St Pancras Church Hall – Lancing Street, London NW1

The Scarlet Center

FREE Health Checks & Health Advice - Lambeth PCT

Thursday 28th October 2010 - 10.00-5.00pm

The health check and advice would be at The Scarlet Centre for women aged between 40—74, who live in the borough of Lambeth

For more information, or to book a place, call the Scarlet Centre on 020 7840 7142

Womankind

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

25th November 2010, 10am – 4pm

Cost: £50 (bursaries available)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

A strategy on violence against Black and minority ethnic women and girls – Consultation seminars

Southall Black Sisters (SBS) and the End Violence against Women (EVAW) Coalition are holding a series of free consultation seminars to develop a UK-wide strategy on violence against BME women and girls. The seminars will be hosted by the Equality and Human Rights Commission (EHRC). These seminars will be crucial in informing the Westminster Government's forthcoming strategy on violence against women, which is expected to be published in November 2010, and other policies around the UK.

Dates:

10am-1.30pm 25 October 2010 London
10am-1.30pm 27 October 2010 Manchester
10am-1.30pm 1 November 2010 Glasgow
10am-1.30pm 3 November 2010 Cardiff

It is essential to pre-book as space is limited. Please contact SBS on tel: 020 8571 9595 or email: info@southallblacksisters.co.uk to attend.

Rights of Women

What is the future of civil legal aid? Ensuring access to justice and equality for women – Seminar and debate

Date: Thursday 28 October 2010

Time: 2.45-4.30pm

Venue: BSG House, 226-236 City Road, London, EC1V 2TT

This seminar and debate will bring together leading campaigners to discuss law and policy concerning the recent developments in civil legal aid provision and the impact on women.

Changes to the administration of civil legal aid have had a devastating impact on the availability of specialised and high quality family and immigration law advice and representation.

Join us, one week after the announcement of the Comprehensive Spending Review, to debate with a panel of leading practitioners and campaigners on the impact of cuts to the civil legal aid budget and its administration on access to justice and gender equality.

This event is free of charge and open to representatives from voluntary and statutory sector organisations interested in finding out about, and campaigning on, the law and policy related to access to justice and civil legal aid.

To reserve your place, please RSVP to events@row.org.uk

Women's Aid Seminar and Annual General Meeting

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

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

Location: The Abbey Centre, Central London

This seminar will explore:

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

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

to safeguard and maintain appropriate services for survivors of domestic and sexual violence.

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

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

Capita's 6th National Prostitution Conference

Engagement, Enforcement and Effective Partnerships

Wednesday 24th November 2010 – Central London

If you are responsible for policing prostitution or supporting the people involved, this November's national Prostitution Conference is designed specifically for you.

Benefits of attending:

- Identify improvements to existing policing strategies to tackle prostitution and human trafficking for sexual exploitation
- Examine the best approaches to curbing demand for prostitution and the associated anti-social behaviour from effective partnership case studies
- Hear urban and rural police forces share their experiences of engaging sex workers and local neighbourhoods to make communities safe
- Deepen your understanding of the sentencing and treatment of sex workers in the criminal justice sector
- Discover improved ways to provide a range of sexual health, emotional wellbeing and substance misuse services to those most in need
- Identify how to improve the engagement of 'off street' sex workers to increase access to mainstream services.

For more information visit: <http://www.capitaconferences.co.uk/public-sector-conferences/police-criminal-justice/full-conference/article/tackling-prostitution-conference.html?code=MKCM>

AVA Conference

Whose movement is it anyway? Survivors' role in ending violence against women and girls

5 November 2010

The violence against women and girls movement was instigated and led by survivors, determined that others should not suffer as they did.

With the increasing focus on professionalisation of the VAWG sector, survivors have become much less visible in their own movement.

This conference aims to reverse this trend. Showcasing over a dozen inspiring examples of survivor led initiatives, we want to challenge the stigma and shame of being a victim and demonstrate the creative and innovative ways that women respond to and resist VAWG. As well as hearing from inspirational examples, delegates will also be able to:

- Gather ideas on how your service can deliver more for less
- Generate new creative ideas for service delivery
- Understand how your agency fits into the 'Big Society'
- Learn about new ways of including survivors in your work
- Network with practitioners from across the VAWG spectrum.

Venue: CBI Conference Centre, 103 New Oxford Street, London WC1A 1DU

Price: £119/£129 vol/stat when booking before the 3 September
£139/£159 vol/stat thereafter

To book your place or for more information go to the AVA website [here](#)

WRC – Annual Conference

Facing our future

As an eventful year draws to a close, the Women's Resource Centre is to hold its annual conference on **Tuesday 7th December 2010 at Cass Business School in London**. The all-day conference has scheduled speakers, panels and workshops on everything from social media to social enterprise, from how we can address equalities issues to what the future holds for the sector. We will cover all the crucial topics the sector faces and all the ways organisations can endeavour to safeguard their future.

We will be providing refreshments throughout the day and are also holding our AGM and hosting an evening drinks reception.

WRC has made every effort to keep costs manageable and we are offering a number of bursaries.

If you would like to attend, please go to our website www.wrc.org.uk and download booking forms/bursary forms from the front of the website.

You can also email info@wrc.org.uk and mark 'conference' in the subject header, or 'AGM' if you would like to attend the AGM, or call Christina Nelson on 0207 324 3030.

CONSULTATIONS AND REPORTS

Consultation – London Councils

Consulting on the future role and scope of the London Councils grants scheme

London Councils is undertaking an extensive consultation exercise to establish the best way of using its grant resources for the benefit of boroughs, voluntary groups and people living in the capital.

Under the existing system, London's boroughs take a decision each year to pool some of their funding and fund voluntary services on a regional level through the London Councils Grants Programme. The consultation is looking at whether a pan-London grants scheme is the best way for the money to be used, or whether boroughs can achieve a greater impact by spending money on their own locally determined priorities.

The consultation will run until 10 November 2010 and London Councils is urging all those working in or with an interest in the voluntary sector to take part in the online survey and make their views heard, including the London Boroughs, other key funders of the voluntary and community sector in London, other major public sector bodies working in London, and of course voluntary sector organisations (that are currently commissioned, and those that are not).

The background paper can be downloaded from:

<http://www.londoncouncils.gov.uk/London%20Councils/BackgroundDocumentFINAL.pdf>

You can find the link to the survey at:

<http://www.londoncouncils.gov.uk/grants/aboutourfunding/futureofgrants.htm>

Government Equalities Office (GEO)

Equality Act 2010: The public sector Equality Duty: Promoting equality through transparency – A consultation

This consultation seeks your views on the GEO's proposals for draft regulations for the specific duties and the list of public bodies that will be subject to the general and specific duties.

This consultation will be of interest to:

- public bodies;
- those monitoring the performance of public bodies;
- others who perform public functions; and
- organisations that are interested in how public services can eliminate discrimination, advance equality and foster good relations.

Closing date: 10th November 2010

For further information and to respond to the consultation please click [here](#).

DIRECT ACTION & CAMPAIGNS

End Violence Against Women Coalition (EVAW)

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

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

So now is the time to urge the Coalition Government not to turn back the clock on women's safety by letting local decision-makers choose whether or not VAWG is a priority, as currently envisaged by the Big Society. Harsh spending cuts are already threatening frontline services but there are also opportunities and the

Home Secretary has promised to “*[end] the culture of charities having to survive hand-to-mouth.*”

Take action NOW:

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

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

Appeal to reunite Oxana with her children!

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

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

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

MPA - Have your say on policing in London!

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

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

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

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

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

TRAINING

‘Abortion: Decisions and Dilemmas’

Tuesday, December 14 from 9:15am to 4:15pm

Venue: London (356 Holloway Road, N7 6PA).

Cost: £110.

Course aims:

- To raise awareness and understanding of teenage pregnancy and abortion so that professionals can facilitate constructive discussion of the issues and equip young people to make and act on informed choices
- To enable practitioners to provide clear information and supportive advice about abortion to young people
- To facilitate reflection of personal attitudes and values and how they impact on professional practice

Outcomes - by the end of the course participants will:

- Be able to explain the importance of addressing abortion with young people and professionals
- Have considered their own and others' view points on pregnancy and abortion and reflected on how these might influence their work with young people
- Be better able to take a client focus
- Be able to use a range of exercises to facilitate discussion of abortion with young people in group work
- Feel more confident in delivering abortion education with Sex and Relationships Education
- Have considered practical ways of supporting a young person to make an informed decision about pregnancy and feel more confident in doing so
- Understand key policies relating to young people, abortion, confidentiality and the law

- Know about abortion provision and understand abortion in relation to physical and emotional health

To register visit the following link:

<http://actevarsvp.com/event/a0LA000002HVwl>

Women and Girls Network

Counselling and Therapeutic Interventions for Working with Women Overcoming Experiences of Violence: A Multicultural and Feminist Approach

February – July 2011

Are you committed and passionate about providing the best possible services for women and children surviving violence? ***This FREE 14-day course*** has developed out of Women and Girls Network's (WGN) 12 years' experience of training women who work with survivors of violence. This programme provides a comprehensive introduction to the issues involved in working with women to aid recovery from experiences of gendered violence.

The course is accredited by the Open College Network and is a fantastic opportunity to access an in-depth and practical training course, delivered by practitioners at the forefront of the field.

The closing date for applications is Friday 19 November at 5pm. For further details and an application form, please visit

www.wrc.org.uk/accreditedtraining

The course is currently only open to staff and volunteers of organisations funded by London Councils under service specifications 43, 59, 60, 61 & 63, 62, 65, 69, 70 and 72.

For further information please email ellen@wrc.org.uk

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

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

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

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

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

Series of Lectures on Women's Liberation at Conway Hall

Women's Liberation: What, when and why

Tuesday 2nd November – 18.00-20.00

The first in a series of four evening lectures exploring the origins, goals and ultimate trajectory of the women's liberation movement. This introductory session aims to provide an overview of the movement's main aims and examine why it spontaneously arose during the late 1960s and early 1970s, asking too whether the Women's Liberation Movement was 'man-hating' as the media then claimed.

Male Violence, Subjectivity and the Personal as Political

Tuesday 9th November – 18.00-20.00

This lecture will detail the calls made by feminists for 'freedom for all women from intimidation by the threat or use of male violence.' Asking whether the Women's Liberation Movement achieved this aim or if male violence against women has instead been co-opted to become 'violence against the individual', the session will also question whether the oft-quoted expression 'the personal is political' is still relevant.

Media Representations of the Feminine

Tuesday 16th November – 18.00-20.00

The third session in this four part lecture series will document how the Women's Liberation movement demanded an end to media representations of women and girls as sexualised objects. But has equality between the sexes really changed the way femininity is depicted in advertising, film or television? Or has the myth

that a woman's greatest power and asset lies in her sexual attractiveness to man not only persisted, but been amplified in recent decades?

Neo-liberalism, Feminism and Humanism

Tuesday 23rd November – 18.00-20.00

The final lecture in this series will look at the impact of recent political and cultural shifts on the status of women in society and other possible implications of these changes on the enduring legacy of the women's liberation movement. Do the pervasive notions of 'choice' and 'individuality' which rest at the heart of the contemporary neo-liberal social order render questions of sex irrelevant to power and politics? And how far can it be said that feminism ought to be reconstituted as part of the wider Humanist project of achieving equality for all regardless of ethnicity, sexuality, class or gender?

About the tutor: Jennifer Drew

Jennifer Drew (BA Women's Studies and History) is an independent researcher on male violence against women. She is a consultant to Scottish Women Against Pornography, is an active member of the campaign group Truth About Rape and was formerly chair of Object, a campaign organisation focusing on women's rights. She has contributed articles to Rain and Thunder, a radical feminist journal of discussion and activism, The Fword, a contemporary UK Feminism on-line magazine and is a regular contributor to the Global Sisterhood Network, a research resource for feminists from around the world working together to improve women's lives.

South Place Ethical Society: Conway Hall, 25 Red Lion Square, WC1R 4RL.
www.ethicalsoc.org.uk – 020 7242 8034

Tender

One Day Training: Awareness and Good Practice when working with women experiencing violence and abuse in relationships

Date: 3rd November 2010

Venue: Central London

This training will equip participants with an understanding of the issues for women experiencing violence from men they know, the pressures on women to stay in violent relationships and the impact on children witnessing and experiencing domestic abuse.

The programme is designed to give participants an appreciation of the barriers experienced by abused women, which might prevent them from seeking and securing the help they need.

The day is aimed at staff in any agency who may be called upon to support, advise, treat, or otherwise assist a woman experiencing violence from a man she knows.

If you would like to book a place or find out more information about the training and costs, please contact Dorota Small at Tender
dorota@tender.org.uk

Rights of Women

No recourse? EEA national? Overcoming the barriers 1 Day – 27/10/10 Doncaster – women-only

Meeting the needs of women who have no recourse to public funds, or who are EEA nationals, is incredibly challenging. You have to be able to keep-to-date with one of the most frequently changing areas of law, understand the duties of local authorities and the rights that the woman herself has to pursue justice in the criminal, family or immigration systems. This one day course will give you the skills and knowledge you need to support women who have experienced domestic violence and who have an insecure immigration status with confidence.

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

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

Refreshments and lunch will be provided

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

Risk Master-class: October 28th

Examine and explore:

- the evidence base that informed the compilation of the DASH (2009) Risk Model
- agency responsibility in relation to risk identification, assessment and management

- the risk identification process and the high risk factors for serious harm and homicide
- how this relates to the risk management process
- how the model fits into the wider public protection framework
- the profile of the domestic violence perpetrator and nature of serial offending
- how the model fits into partnership working and the risk management panels including the Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conferences (MARAC) and Multi-Agency Public Protection Arrangements (MAPPA)
- lessons learned from homicide reviews using case studies.

You will receive a certificate following the training course to show you have attended accredited DASH training.

Train the Trainer: November 4th and 18th 2010

Ideally, this class should be attended by those who have already been trained in the use of DASH. On completion of the training you will feel confident and competent to deliver training to others. You will receive a certificate following the course to show you are accredited to deliver training to others and accredited trainers will receive all material specified post the training session.

Spaces are limited and those who are interested in attending are encouraged to book early, as spaces will be awarded on a first come first served basis.

To register for the trainings please contact alison.bird@tiscali.co.uk or go to www.dashriskchecklist.co.uk for more details.

VACANCIES AND VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

Rape Crisis - (Wycombe, Chiltern and South Buckinghamshire)

Rape Crisis is currently looking to attract new women to the **Management Committee**.

You will need to have: Enthusiasm and commitment, ability to stand up for what you believe in, time available for bi-monthly meetings and to get involved in our activities/areas of work, willingness to undertake training

In return we can offer you: A challenge, new experiences, meeting and working with new women. The chance to release your potential, the opportunity to put something into the community and to have an impact on women's lives locally

All expenses reimbursed

For an application pack please ring 01494 513823 or e-mail:
info.rapecrisis@virgin.net

Housing for Women

Support Worker – Trafficked Women
Salary £25,500 - £29,000

Housing for Women is a leading women's housing association providing innovative solutions to women's housing needs in the capital. We provide secure, quality accommodation and support for women and their dependants in eight London boroughs.

Housing for Women is seeking a full time worker to provide intensive support and a responsive service to vulnerable women who have been trafficked. Ideally the successful candidate will have experience of working with this client group and with statutory and non statutory agencies in this field.

The post is based in Brixton but will involve travelling throughout London.

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

The successful candidate will undertake an enhanced CRB check.

To apply: download an application pack by going to our website www.hfw.org.uk or write to: Office Manager, 6th Floor, Bluestar House, 234-244 Stockwell Road, London SW9 9SP

No agencies or phone calls please

Closing date: 12 noon Friday 12 November 2010

First Interview: Friday 19 November 2010

Second Interview: Friday 26 November 2010

The nia project

Senior Family Learning Worker

Full Time (35hrs/week) including some evenings and weekends

Salary Range £28,499 – 30,773

Fixed Term Contract until 31st May 2011

The Family Learning Project is a pan-London Project working with mothers/carers and their children (0-16 yrs) from Black, minority ethnic and refugee communities who have been affected by domestic violence. Family learning opportunities will be offered to enable mothers/carers and their children to learn together, developing new skills such as cookery, crafts and IT, whilst also developing parenting skills.

The post-holder will have experience of both leading projects as well as family support work, preferably with mothers/carers and children who have experienced violence and/or from BMER communities.

Closing Date: 10am Friday 29 October 2010

To apply for this post, please contact Rachel Evans on 0207 683 1270 Ext 211 or alternatively email to REvans@niaproject.plus.com

Standing Together

Health and Maternity Project Coordinator (DOMESTIC VIOLENCE)

Closing Date: 24 October 2010

Salary: £28,771 p.a.

Health and Maternity Project Coordinator (DOMESTIC VIOLENCE). Standing Together is recognised nationally as one of the most innovative domestic violence partnerships in the U.K. Coordination is the key to our success. This is an exciting new project funded for 5 years by the Big Lottery and will build on our work with health services. We seek to appoint a dynamic project coordinator with a proven track record in project development and management within a partnership context. In addition we are encouraging applications from individuals with knowledge of working with domestic violence survivors and BAMER communities.

Application packs will be available on www.standingtogether.org.uk or contact admin@standingtogether.org.uk

London Irish Women's Centre

Director

Closing Date: 01 November 2010

Salary: £38,575 incl ILW (plus 7.5% employers' pension after probationary period)

The London Irish Women's Centre prides itself in providing a quality holistic advice, advocacy, information, and counselling service to Irish Women. Building on experience gained at LIWC, the current Director has secured a senior post outside London. We now require an experienced and dynamic manager to take up the role of Director to lead LIWC through this important yet challenging phase of our development with the Irish community in London.

The post is currently funded to 31/7/2011 with scope for further development subject to funding successes based on our achievements to date.

This post is open to women of Irish birth or descent Section 29 (c) of the Sex Discrimination Act and Section 38.1 (d) of the Race Relations Act apply.

All staff are required to have a satisfactory enhanced CRB Disclosure which will be arranged. LIWC is an Equal Opportunities Employer

The application pack is available to download at www.liwc.co.uk

For further information contact Caroline Foulkes - caroline@liwc.co.uk / 020 7249 7318

RASASC - Rape and Sexual Abuse Support Centre (Guildford)

Female Telephone Helpline Volunteers

Training 30th October – 11th December 2010

Are you free every 2-3 weeks in the evening to volunteer for 2½ hours?

Helpline for survivors and people supporting survivors.

Training Days and Times – 2 Saturdays 10am-4pm and 6 evenings 7pm-9.30pm

- Sat 30th Oct 2010 10am-4pm

- Mon 1st Nov 2010 7pm-9.30pm
- Mon 8th Nov 2010 7pm-9.30pm
- Mon 15th Nov 2010 7pm-9.30pm
- Thu 25th Nov 2010 7pm-9.30pm
- Mon 29th Nov 2010 7pm-9.30pm
- Mon 6th Dec 2010 7pm-9.30pm
- Sat 11th Dec 2010 10am-4pm

Full training given, no experience necessary.

The Helpline offers listening support for women and men who have experienced childhood or adulthood rape and/or sexual abuse. Confidential telephone helpline, individual counselling, self-help groups, counselling for those supporting a survivor and talks.

We offer: a friendly and supportive environment, Supervision and ongoing training.

To apply and for more information 01483 452900 or admin@rasasc-guildford.org

Anti-Slavery International

Finance and Administration Assistant – Stockwell

Anti-Slavery International is seeking a well organised, conscientious individual to maintain supporter information on their database; to provide a regular flow of volunteers; and to provide a general administration service to the office.

Salary: £21,000 - £24,000

Closing date: Midnight Sunday 21st November

Interviews: Tuesday 30th November

Please click [here](#) for more details about this **full-time** post based at the organisation's offices in Stockwell.

Refuge

Advocacy Coordinator

Closing date: 1st November 2010

Independent Domestic and Sexual Violence Advocates x5

Closing date: 1st November 2010

Refuge Worker – Eastbourne

Closing date: 7th November 2010

Refuge Worker – Wealden

Closing date: 7th November 2010

Refuge Worker – Hastings

Closing date: 7th November 2010

Please find more information [here](#) by clicking on each job title.

Women's Aid

Major Donor Fundraiser – London (Solace Women's Aid)

Closing date: 8th November 2010

Salary: Up to £28,770 per annum

Hours: 35 hours per week (hours negotiable depending on experience)

Contact: Maureen or Pat on 020 7619 1350 or **email**

info@solacewomensaid.org

Solace Women's Aid is a vibrant organisation with a friendly and highly committed staff team, dedicated to providing a full range of services for women and their children, enabling them to live lives free from domestic and sexual violence.

The organisation is looking for a Major Donor Fundraiser to play a key part in attracting and securing major donor funds to contribute to supporting our range of services for vulnerable women and children living in London. The successful candidate will be able to demonstrate a solid track record in this area of fundraising.

Nia Project

Senior Family Learning Worker

Closing date: 10am Friday, 29th October 2010

Full time: 35 hours per week (including some evenings and weekends)

Salary: £28,499 - £30,773

The Family Learning Project is a pan-London Project working with mothers/carers and their children (0-16 yrs) from Black, minority ethnic and refugee communities who have been affected by domestic violence. Family learning opportunities will be offered to enable mothers/carers and their children to learn together, developing new skills such as cookery, crafts and IT, whilst also developing parenting skills.

The Family Learning Project has been successfully delivered for 2.5 years with project funding being extended until May 2011. The Senior Family Learning Worker will lead on the Family Learning Project as well as having a hands-on role in delivery.

Fixed Term Contract until 31st May 2011

For more information visit the following link <http://www.niaproject.info/>

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

