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VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN IN LONDON

Many still blame rape victims says survey

An online survey, titled, "Wake Up To Rape", which polled 1,061 people from London aged 18 to 50, comprising 712 women and 349 men revealed that more than half of those questioned, said there were circumstances when a rape victim should accept responsibility for the attack.

The survey was done by London Metropolitan Police and the Havens to mark the 10th anniversary of the Haven services for rape victims.

Of the women who believed some victims should take responsibility, 71% thought a person should accept responsibility when getting into bed with someone, compared with 57% of men.

One-third of those questioned blamed victims who had dressed provocatively or gone back to the attacker's house for a drink.

Elizabeth Harrison from Haven said, "Clearly, women are in a position where they need to take responsibility for themselves - but whatever you wear and whatever you do does not give somebody else the right to rape you.

"It's important people take the time to actually look at what they are doing and make sure the person they are with is actually wanting to go ahead with what they are proposing."

The survey also revealed that more than one in 10 people were unsure whether they would report being raped to the police, and 2% said they would definitely not do so. The main reasons given were being too embarrassed or ashamed (55%), wanting to forget it had happened (41%) and not wanting to go to court (38%).

Kate Allen, director of Amnesty International UK said the new findings were "alarming but sadly not surprising. It is depressing that, nearly half a decade later, people are still quick to blame the victim of rape rather than placing the responsibility where it actually belongs - squarely on the shoulders of the perpetrator."

"The government has announced that it will develop an 'integrated strategy' to tackle violence against women and these findings are another reminder of how urgent this is and how proper training, support and resourcing will be vital in making it a reality."

A Home Office spokeswoman said, "The government is determined to ensure that every victim has immediate access to the services and support they need so that more victims have the confidence to come forward and report these crimes and we can bring the perpetrators to justice."

Source: [BBC](#) 15 February 2011
To read the summary of the survey click [here](#).

Man jailed for raping a woman in Fulham

Babashola Ogunnaike, 38, a security guard from west London, has been jailed by the Isleworth Crown Court for six years for the violent rape of a 19-year-old woman in Fulham.

The victim was on her way home in the early hours of October 17 last year and was waiting at a bus stop in Fulham Broadway when Ogunnaike approached her and tried to start a conversation.

He then followed her into a bus, sat next to her and continued to talk to her. At one point he took her mobile phone out of her hand and entered his telephone number into it.

When the woman got off the bus Ogunnaike followed her before grabbing her and punching her on the face. She fell onto the road and he continued to punch her in the face before throttling her and raping her.

He then ran off and the victim made her way home and called her boyfriend, who phoned police.

Detective Inspector James Harman, from Fulham Sapphire Team, said, "The victim was understandably left traumatised by this experience but was fully supported by our specially trained officers.

"By working closely with her we were quickly able to track down the person responsible and gather excellent evidence to place before the court, resulting in Ogunnaike pleading guilty.

"I would encourage anyone who has been a victim of rape or sexual assault to come forward and speak to police; you will be treated in the strictest confidence and with sensitivity while we carry out a thorough investigation."

Source: [This is Local London](#) 21 February 2011

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN IN THE UK

Liberal Democrat candidate charged with prostitution offences stood down

Gordon Leslie, a Liberal Democrat Scottish Parliament candidate for Aberdeen Donside, has stood down after being charged with offences related to prostitution.

He was charged with five alleged contraventions of the Prostitution (Public Places) (Scotland) Act 2007 and will appear at Aberdeen Sheriff Court on the 3rd of March.

Councillor Leslie, 64, also stepped down from his positions as convener of the city council's children's services committee and as the vice-convener of its social work committee after being reported to the procurator fiscal.

John Stewart, the Party's leader of Aberdeen City Council, said, "I understand that Councillor Leslie last night attended Grampian Police headquarters. Having spoken with Councillor Leslie, we have agreed that he stand down as vice-convener of the social care and wellbeing committee and associated roles."

A spokeswoman for the Scottish Liberal Democrats also said, "He withdrew from being a candidate with immediate effect this morning."

A police spokesman from Grampian Police said, "Grampian Police can confirm that a 64-year-old man has been reported to the procurator fiscal regarding five contraventions of the Prostitution (Public Places) (Scotland) Act 2007".

Source: [BBC](#) 22 February 2011
[The Press and Journal](#) 23 February 2011

Man jailed for sexually assaulting five-year-old girl

Stephen Reynolds, 53, of Lechlade Glos, was jailed for six years for sexually assaulting a five-year-old girl just yards from her mum.

Reynolds attacked the girl in a 99p shop as she sat on the floor, reading a book. He enticed her away from CCTV cameras before assaulting her.

The girl's mother found her distressed wandering in the store alone and said she had been touched by a strange man.

The mother told Swindon crown court, "She had nightmares about the man who touched her."

Timothy Hills, prosecuting, told Swindon Crown Court, "The victim knew her way around and while her mother went off to look for some paper plates and biscuits for a forthcoming party she and her brother sat quietly in the aisle.

"The defendant had come into the store within a minute of the victim and her family. He approached the victim when she was sitting in the aisle and bent down appearing to pick something up.

"He entered into a conversation with the victim and led her into a corner of the shop.

"She said: 'He touched me under my knickers. He was tickling. I didn't like it. It made me cry.' "

Recorder David Bartlett, sentencing Reynolds said, "You showed astonishing bravado in going up to a five-year-old child who you didn't know and taking her away from her brother and assaulting her in such a public place.

"The agony that her mother must have felt when she was aware her daughter was away from her brother and she didn't know where she was.

"You said you deserve to be in prison for the hurt and emotional pain you have caused the victim and her family. You have that right."

Reynolds was jailed for four-and-a-half years for assault and given an additional 18 months for breaking a life-time sexual offences prevention order.

He will remain on licence for 12 years.

Source: [Small World](#) 24 February 2011

INTERNATIONAL VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

Ending violence against women must be top priority for U.N. Women

In a report launched by Oxfam and VSO UK at the annual meeting of the Commission on the Status of Women in New York City, women's rights advocates say ending violence against women must be a top priority for U.N. Women.

A day ahead of the official launch of U.N. Women, representatives of Oxfam and VSO UK unveiled the findings of the new survey, "Blueprint for U.N. Women". The survey outlining the views and efforts of some 100 civil society organisations working in over 75 countries on human rights, gender equality and social justice show that the U.N. and governments are largely failing women in the developing world.

In 2011, more than 70 percent of people living below the poverty line are women, 60 percent of people living with HIV in sub-Saharan Africa are women and girls, one in five girls will experience rape or severe sexual assault in her lifetime, and over three million girls annually are at risk of Female Genital Mutilation (FGM).

The survey also revealed a perception among 30 percent of respondents that U.N. agencies lack knowledge of the daily realities of women on the ground and are not visible to the groups striving for the same goals.

Farah Karimi, executive director of Oxfam Novib, based at The Hague said, "The message hundreds of activists are telling U.N. Women is loud and clear - reach out to women and help empower them to change their lives. Without aligning its work with the needs and priorities of women at country level, especially in rural areas, it's unlikely the agency will achieve its mission".

"U.N. Women needs to stand out from the traditional ways of operating to have impact on the ground by leaving the U.N.'s comfort zone of doing business as usual."

Karimi added, "Global policy is no longer enough. U.N. Women cannot rely on the U.N.'s old tactic of talking and producing papers - it must act, and it must act now."

Experts also fear that practical logistics and tangible funding are far from adequate. VSO Chief Executive Officer Marg Mayne said, "U.N. Women needs to act on the report, but it also requires funding at levels not previously seen in order to deliver".

Kathy Peach, head of external affairs for VSO UK, said, "I'm personally very anxious about whether U.N. women is going to raise the money it needs – it's currently got a shortfall of 300 million dollars on the initial target set by member states."

"We are even concerned that the initial target of 500 million isn't realistic to achieve the ambition of U.N. women and won't be sufficient to make the change that is absolutely needed to tackle the entrenched discrimination and inequality that women face, or address the issue of gender violence that our research highlights."

U.N. Women was officially launched on Thursday 24th of February. U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon, said, "With the birth of U.N. Women, we welcome a powerful new agent for progress on gender equality and women's empowerment".

"The challenges are great, but I believe that with the new energy, the new momentum and the new authority that U.N. Women brings, these challenges will be met. True gender equality should be our shared legacy in the 21st Century."

Source: [IPAS](#) 24 February 2011

Thousands of Nigerian women trafficked into prostitution in Italy

Be Free, an organisation in Rome that helps victims of human trafficking, said that thousands of Nigerian women are trafficked into Italy and forced into prostitution.

Most of these women come from Niger delta region in Southwest Nigeria. They are usually lured by the idea of a better life in Europe, but end up in prostitution.

Monica, 19, is one of these women. She left Benin City, in South west Nigeria, almost five years ago after she was told she was going to work in a department store.

A man bought her a ticket to Amsterdam but customs found out that her documents were false and she was taken to the refugee centre at the airport. From the airport she was transported to another refugee centre in the south of Holland.

Monica says, "I met a Nigerian woman who wanted to escape from the centre. I escaped with her but lost her out of sight. Another Nigerian woman on the station saw my desperation and said she would take care of me."

The woman took her to the city of Florence in Italy, where she was forced into street prostitution. Monica who was then underage says, "I don't have big breasts so I put socks in my bra to look older."

Francesca Esposito from BeFree, says, "It's hard to tell how many girls are forced into prostitution in Italy. But we are talking with these girls. They are from all kinds of backgrounds. Most of them are Nigerian, like Monica, but there are also a lot of girls from Eastern Europe, like Romania."

Some of the women however don't come by airplane like Monica. After a long journey through the Sahara desert, they end up in Libyan brothels before they could reach Italy.

In 2009, the Italian government signed a treaty with the Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi to try to block immigration from northern Africa. Since then the immigration has almost come to a halt.

Esposito says that this means that many women, Nigerian and others are blocked in the Libyan capital Tripoli. "We don't know under what circumstances they live in these refugee centres, because we can't enter Libya.

"Many of them are victims of human trafficking or political refugees, who now can't reach Italy and ask for asylum. So according to us this treaty has definitely worsened the situation for these people."

Source: [Radio Netherlands Worldwide](#) 25 February 2011

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY EVENTS

Her Centre

International Women's Day - 100th Anniversary 8 March 2011

10.00 – 15.00 - Charlton House/Library, Charlton Village, SE7 8RE

You are invited to Her Centre's free special event for the 100th Anniversary of International Women's Day. The theme for this year's celebrations is "**Women's Wellbeing—Body & Mind**".

The event includes Massage, Arts Therapy, Reiki, Reflexology, Workshops on Self Confidence, Mindfulness, Healthy Living Information Stalls, & much more Entertainment.

Limited spaces available for workshops so please RSVP to Dorothy & Rinaani on 0208 858 0748 or dorothy@hercentre.org or rinaani.musutua@hercentre.org

One World Action welcomes UNWomen

9th March, 6:30-8pm Committee Room 10, Houses of Parliament

To mark the 100th anniversary International Women's Day, One World Action and Young Fabian Women will be hosting a meeting to discuss the challenges, opportunities and priorities for the new agency with a panel of experts, including: Baroness Glenys Kinnock, Emily Sikazwe, Director of Women for Change, Zambia, Kathy Peach, Head of External Affairs at VSO UK, and Rushanara Ali, MP.

For more information and If you would like to attend, please contact: mwmp@oneworldaction.org

International Women's Day - Champagne Breakfast, City of London

11th March Guildhall, City of London

This champagne breakfast will raise money for Refuge, a charity that assists women and child victims of domestic violence.

For more information or to sponsor a table contact safercity@cityoflondon.gov.uk or for an individual seat at the event contact Belinda.Harding@city-of-london.pnn.police.uk

International Women's Fair
12th March, all day Spitalfields Traders Market

Celebrate International Women's Day with a wonderful collection of creative women including artists exhibiting paintings and photography, handmade crafts, books, fashion designers, music, poetry, participatory workshops, fabulous food and great entertainment.

For more information go to www.alternativearts.co.uk

Southbank Women of the World (WOW)

Festival 11th-13th March Southbank Centre, Belvedere Road, London, SE1 8XX

Launching this year, Women of the World, WOW is a joyous celebration of the formidable strength and inventiveness of women. This festival will present, recognise and celebrate women, and act as a conversation space for issues of all kinds.

For full listings of events and how to book go to:

www.southbankcentre.co.uk/find/festivals-series/wow-%E2%80%93-women-of-the-world-0

One Law for All

Women's Rights, Sharia Law and Secularism

International Conference on Women's Rights, Sharia Law and Secularism on 12 March at the University of London Union from 10.00-19.00

The one-day conference marking International Women's Day will discuss religion's impact on women's rights; religion and secularism and religion and the law. Speakers include Philosopher A.C. Grayling, Honorary Speaker of the Belgian Senate Anne-Marie Lizin; National Secular Society Vice President Elizabeth O'Casey; and women's rights campaigner Yasmin Rehman.

There will also be a showing of Ghazi Rabihavi's play, Stoning, which Harold Pinter has described as 'a very strong and powerful piece of work, beautifully constructed.'

You can find out more about the conference and booking a space via our website: <http://www.onelawforall.org.uk/12-march-2010-international-conference->

[on-women%e2%80%99s-rights-sharia-law-and-secularism-london/](#). You may register on the day at the door but it would help us if you could pre-register.

MILLION WOMEN RISE UNCUT 2011 - Saturday 5 March 2011

Because Male Violence Continues, So Too Does Million Women Rise. This year we will also be celebrating 100 years International Women's Day - JOIN US!

Meeting -12pm Meet Hyde Park (Speakers Corner End Nearest Tube: Marble Arch)

Rally and Celebration - 3.30 – 5.30pm Rally and Celebration in Trafalgar Square (Nearest Tubes: Piccadilly Circus, Leicester Square, and Charing Cross)

Food and Networking -5pm - 1am Food and Networking Party at The 52 Gower Street [WC1E6EB](#), please note this is a wheelchair accessible venue

Suggested Donation

£5 low waged

£12 high waged

Or what you can afford

This is an All Women Event Only

If your organisation would like to book a stall for the rally at Trafalgar Square, please contact [0207 3243039](tel:02073243039) or email Skye@wrc.org.uk

INNER SPACE CELEBRATES INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

Life in a Handbag - Saturday 5 March - 1.30pm – 4pm

Wallace Space, Duke's Road, London WC1H 9PN (nearest tube stations, Kings Cross & Euston)

Free event!

A handbag is a woman's best friend, a woman's own private little sanctuary; a mystery to everyone but herself! As bits and pieces of a woman's personality and life come together in her handbag. Explore self-development using the 'handbag' metaphor. An event for women by women.

Attend 4 SESSIONS (20 min each) from the following:

short talks . . .

- Fit Everything, Mary Poppins Style! - creating a diverse life portfolio
- The Mobile Phone - talking is good, too much talking may not be
- What your Handbag says about You? - organised or a disorganised free spirit?

meditations . . .

- De-clutter your Bag - get rid of things that don't work for you
- The Make-Up - sparkle with confidence
- Put your Handbag Down - give your back a break
- Refill your Purse - recharge for abundance

reflective exercises . . .

- Pack Smart - essentials you just can't live without
- Handbag Wars - stop being a drama queen
- The Umbrella - ready for a rainy day, for every eventuality
- Forward Planner - what's next

Registration essential - email event@innerspace.org.uk

Once you have registered, you will receive an e-form to choose your 4 sessions.

HOUSING FOR WOMEN

Re-Place Project for Trafficked Women

FUNDRAISING CONCERT

On International Women's Day, 8 March, the London Oriana Choir, is doing an exciting concert of music by women composers including a great variety of styles, some contemporary, some ancient and some in between. The daughter of one composer, Elizabeth Lutyens, is one of our long standing tenants.

Most excitingly the retiring collection is going to be for Housing for Women, for our trafficked women project. So if you can't come to the concert, you can always donate the price of a ticket instead. Our website www.hfw.org.uk will lead you to VirginMoneyGiving or you can give a cheque to Housing for Women.

Please support them if you can at www.hfw.org.uk and follow the link to VirginMoneyGiving.

EVENTS

Human Rights Watch

Film Festival - London, 23 March - 1 April, 2011

Returning to London from 23 March to 1 April, the 15th edition of the Human Rights Watch Film Festival brings to UK audiences a powerful line-up of 16 documentaries and 5 dramas — many attended by filmmakers and film subjects.

For more information and for the festival programme visit the following link:
<http://www.hrw.org/en/iff>

Southall Black Sisters

Invite you to a panel discussion of the launch of the publication - '***Cohesion, Faith and Gender***'

6.30- 8.30pm Wednesday 16 March 2011
Committee Room 3, House of Lords, London, SW1A 0PW

The report is based on a pilot study conducted by Southall Black Sisters (SBS) with support from Oxfam (GB.) It examines the impact of the government's 'cohesion' and 'faith – based' approach on vulnerable black and minority women in Ealing. The panel of speakers will discuss the findings of the report against the background of the previous and present government's flagship policies on 'Cohesion' and the 'Big Society' and their implications for equality and racial and gender justice.

Keynote Speakers:

Lord Bhikhu Parekh
Lord Herman Ouseley
Faiza Shaheen (New Economics Foundation)
Pragna Patel and Dr Udit Sen (Southall Black Sisters)
Sue Smith (Oxfam GB)
Chaired by Samira Ahmed (Channel 4 newsreader and presenter)

Please note that the meeting will start promptly at 6pm so arrive at least 30 minutes early to allow for security checks. **As there is limited space, booking is essential.**

To book a place email info@southallblacksisters.co.uk

CAWN - 20th anniversary celebration

Thursday 31st March, 6:30-8:30pm Human Rights Action Centre, 17-25 New Inn Yard, London, EC2A 3EA

Join us in celebrating this occasion at an evening of talks and discussion with our guest speakers from Honduras, which will be followed by a drinks reception.

To reserve your place at this special event please contact info@cawn.org.

Women reaching Women

Conference 2011 12th April, 11am-4pm The Commonwealth Club, 25 Northumberland Avenue, London WC2N 5AP

The conference will showcase the work the WI, Oxfam and The Everyone Foundation have been doing over the past three years. Speakers will include Ruth Bond, Chair of NFWI, Barbara Stocking, Chief Executive of Oxfam GB, members of the current government and the Honduran women's rights activists from our partner organisation CEM-H. The conference will also be an opportunity to share key lessons from the project on how to engage the wider public on these issues in a way that inspires, informs and empowers. For further information go to: www.thewi.org.uk/standard.aspx?id=12134

To confirm your attendance at the conference email: s.mason@nfwl.org.uk

Refugee Council Conference

'Working together to protect refugees'

23rd March, London

The morning session of the conference (11.00 – 13.00) will focus on the work of five refugee organisations from around the UK who have developed and delivered inspiring projects for the benefit of refugees and asylum seekers in their local communities. Participants include RAMFEL, NILE African Development

Organisation, Manchester Refugee Support Network, Churches Together Network and the Gateway protection programme.

This will be followed by a panel discussion.

We will then break for a networking lunch.

In the afternoon (14.00 - 15.30) we will hear from our Keynote Speaker Roland Schilling, UNHCR Representative in London. This will be followed by a question and answer session to discuss challenges facing our sector and how we can work more effectively together to protect refugees and asylum seekers. The panel will comprise Donna Covey, Chief Executive, Refugee Council, Roland Schilling, UNHCR Representative in London and Mike Kaye, Advocacy Manager, Still Human Still Here.

To find out more and to register click [here](#)

GLA

Spotlight Event on Domestic Violence and Rough Sleeping

Friday 18 March 2011, 13.00 – 16.00 in City Hall's Committee Room 5

We would like to invite you to a Spotlight Event on Domestic Violence and Rough Sleeping. This free event focuses on best practice and partnership working. It is hosted by the Greater London Authority (GLA) in partnership with Homeless Link and the East London Housing Partnership and will take place on:

The Mayor is driving forward initiatives which make London a safer city for all. In this context he has prioritised reducing violence against women. He is also committed to ending rough sleeping in the capital by the end of 2012. This event will explore the crossover between these agendas.

This event will bring together professionals from across London to share and improve practice, to influence change in the services for women and girls who have experienced violence and abuse and are rough sleeping, and to consider effective prevention strategies.

Please RSVP to this invitation by contacting Laura Smith at laura.smith@london.gov.uk or 020 7983 4884.

The Scarlet Centre

Domestic Violence Support Group - Starting in March/April 2011

Every Tuesday from 11am - 12.30pm

The group is designed to help you feel more positive about yourself
Challenge self-blame
Explore different ideas around violence and abuse

Sexual Violence Support Group - Starting this March/April 2011

Every Tuesday from 11am - 12:30pm.

This group is designed for women overcoming experiences of sexual violence and abuse.

To book an assessment, please ask at the centre reception –

**Eaves Scarlet Centre
Unit 3.12
Canterbury Court
1-3 Brixton Road
SW9 6DE
0207 8407 142**

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:

March 9th and 10th 2011

April 13th and 14th 2011

May 11th and 12th 2011

June 14th and 15th 2011

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

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

DIRECT ACTIONS, CAMPAIGNS & RESOURCES

Gender and Development Network

Violence Against Women and Girls – Your Questions and Our Answers – an advocacy toolkit to raise the public profile of violence against women on an international scale. It makes the facts about violence against women more accessible and is a valuable resource in increasing awareness of the actions that have been taken to tackle this issue and the struggle to end all types of violence against women.

Click [here](#) to download the booklet.

Stop Human Trafficking

The Government has not signed up to new rules which aim at preventing human trafficking in the EU. These new guidelines would work towards making sure EU countries work together to prevent trafficking, ensuring successful prosecution and making sure victims of trafficking are properly looked after.

We can't afford to miss out on this chance to make the fight against trafficking more effective. **The Government can't be allowed to lose its nerve on this.**

We've teamed up with Anti-Slavery International, the Independent on Sunday and ECPAT UK to convince the Coalition not to opt out of the new rules.

If thousands of us sign a petition to David Cameron and Nick Clegg, we can persuade them to make the right decision and **ensure the coalition does not wriggle out of signing up to these new rules.**

[Sign the petition](#) now!

Action on Elder Abuse

Action on Elder Abuse are glad to announce we will be doing a **Radio 4 Appeal** on Sunday 10 April 2011 at 07.55am and repeated at 21.26pm on the same day. The broadcast will also go out again on Thursday 14 April 2011 at 15.27pm. Please tune in and support us on Radio 4 – 92.4 FM- 94.6FM – LW 198 - Website: www.bbc.co.uk/radio4/appeal

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day 15 June 2011, this event will be in its 6th Year and we want to make it an important date in everyone's diaries, please join with us in doing an event on the day and helping raise awareness on Elder Abuse. For more information email worldelderabuseday@elderabuse.org.uk or call 0208 835 9280

Action on Elder Abuse has launched a series of exciting challenge events, including skydiving, trekking and running. If you've ever wanted to trek the Inca Trail, freefall from 10,000 feet or sledge across Lapland with huskies (to name but a few), visit www.elderabuse.org.uk for more information.

Perpetuity Research

Perpetuity Research are undertaking a scoping exercise on behalf of the **Metropolitan Police** and their partners to inform the development of the **Healthy Relationships Training (HEART) programme.**

As part of HEART we are compiling a directory of services able to provide support to vulnerable young people. Our particular focus is on **Lewisham, Newham and Waltham Forest**, but we are also interested in services elsewhere in London able to provide services to young people in these areas.

We are now in the process of compiling this directory of services that can be used to signpost young people to relevant services. We are gathering information for the directory via an online survey and we would be grateful if someone could complete this on behalf of your service. There is no cost attached to being part of the directory but it will help to publicise the invaluable work you do.

Log onto <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/heart-directory> to take part.

For more information please feel free to contact Jon Adamson (j.adamson@perpetuitygroup.com) or Amy Burrell (a.burrell@perpetuitygroup.com)

Application launched to prevent child grooming

A new mobile phone application has been launched to uncover people grooming children over internet chat rooms.

Four out of five teenagers now have a mobile phone which they use to access chat rooms and social networking sites, but how do we know if those they are chatting to are who they say they are?

For further information click [here](#)

TRAINING

Women and Girls Network

Women and Girls Network is providing an **Introduction to Counselling and Supporting Refugee Women training course**

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.

To download the flyer and for an application form please click on this link <http://tiny.cc/znm8n>

Please return **two hard copies** of your application form **by 4th March 2011** to:

Gona Saed
Refugee Women's Project Development Worker

Women and Girls Network
P.O.Box 13095
London W14 0FE

For enquires/further information please email Gona on gona@wgn.org.uk

Rights of Women

New & Updated Training Courses – March & April 2011

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

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

Protecting children from domestic violence: children and the law - London 16th March

For more info contact the training officer: 0207 251 6575
training@row.org.uk

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

VACANCIES AND VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

WOMEN AND GIRLS NETWORK

Rape crisis sessional counsellors (female)

You must be BACP or UKCP accredited (or eligible) and have experience of providing a range of counselling interventions for women who have experienced sexual violence. We are particularly looking for therapists from the BAMER community with additional languages. We are also recruiting for an experienced young women's specialist counsellor with a background in creative therapies.

Closing date for applications is 21ST March 2011
Interviews will take place on 24th and 25th March 2011.

Gendered violence specialist sessional counsellors (female)

You must be BACP or UKCP accredited with at least three years' post-qualifying

experience working with survivors of violence. You will be competent in a range of interventions working with trauma.

Closing date for applications is 21ST March 2011
Interviews will take place on 24th and 25th March 2011.

1 x Group-worker (female)

Gendered Violence Specialist £150 per day

You must be BACP or UKCP accredited with at least three years' post-qualifying experience working with survivors of violence. You will be confident in delivering themed groups and therapeutic groupwork with survivors of violence. You will have a recognised groupwork qualification or equivalent experience.

Closing date for applications is 21ST March 2011
Interviews will take place on 24th and 25th March 2011.

Honorary counsellors (female)

We are offering a unique development opportunity to counsellors in this specialist field who are completing the final year of their counselling diploma. You will receive regular supervision and CPD.

Closing date: 4th April 2011
Interviews to be advised.

Administration Manager (Female)
up to £30,000

An expert in administration, ICT systems you will provide executive support services to our Senior Management Team and manage the delivery of reception, administration, facilities and ICT services to WGN's main centre and satellite locations. To support you in delivering these services will be a full time Receptionist/Administrator and a team of exceptional volunteers.

Closing date for all applications is Monday 14th March 2011.
Interviews will take place on Monday 21st March 2011

Reception-Administrator (Female)
up to £21,000

You will provide a warm, calm and supportive welcome for all visitors and callers to the Rape Crisis Centre. Working with the Centre Manager you will provide a range of reception, administrative and facilities support services enabling WGN to deliver high quality services.

Closing date for all applications is Monday 14th March 2011.
Interviews will take place on Monday 21st March 2011

**Download application packs from www.wgn.org.uk join us page
Applications MUST be returned by post.**

If you have any difficulties downloading the pack, please email:
gurpreet@wgn.org.uk

WGN is an equal opportunities employer. These positions are open to women only, exempt under S7 (2) (e) of the Sex Discrimination Act 1975. Registered Charity Number 1014300.

GAPS

Director: Gender Action for Peace and Security (GAPS-UK)

£31,260 p.a London

Closing date: Wednesday 2nd March 2011

Interviews will take place on 10th March 2011

Gender Action for Peace and Security (GAPS) is an expert working group of peace and development NGOs, academics and grassroots peace builders. Through collective research, advocacy and campaigning, GAPS promotes, facilitates and monitors the meaningful inclusion of gender perspectives in all aspects of UK policy and practice on peace and security. A key function of GAPS is to bring together the organizations in the UK working in this area and to present a coordinated approach to external partners such the UK government. We work to bridge the gap between the realities of women at the local level in conflict and post-conflict regions and UK decision makers and practitioners working on peace and security, particularly UN SCR 1325 (2000) and the UK National Action Plan on women, peace and security.

Current GAPS members are: ActionAid, Amnesty International UK; CARE International UK; International Alert; IANSA Women's Network; NIWEP; Oxfam; Soroptimist International; UNIFEM UK; UNA-UK; Widows for Peace through Democracy; Womankind Worldwide; Women for Women International UK; UK WILPF.

The job entails strategic development and coordination of GAPS members in their joint GAPS activities and initiatives. GAPS Director works closely with the GAPS Management Committee and Advisory Board to influence policy and practice around gender and women, peace and security and to continue developing GAPS into a financially sustainable entity. GAPS Director conducts outreach with UK Government, Parliamentarians, and policy-makers to monitor

the UK's international commitments to women, peace and security. In October 2010, GAPS launched its first campaign to mark the 10th Anniversary of UNSCR 1325; the post will coordinate GAPS members to drive forward its women, peace and security campaign and advocacy activities.

The position requires a person with the skills and sensitivity to work with a diverse coalition and partners to coordinate activities, to manage a small team and to lead on fundraising.

To apply or for more information please email Laura.Hotchkiss@gaps-uk.org

OBJECT – Board of Directors

OBJECT is an award winning pressure group, challenging the normalising of the porn and sex industries. We change laws, are routinely featured in leading media and contribute to engaging feminist activism!

We are currently looking for individuals interested in joining our Board of Directors.

Voting for candidates will take place at our AGM, 2nd April.

If you think you might be interested, or know someone who might be, please visit us here to find out how you can submit your nomination:

www.object.org.uk/Directors

You can also find out more about OBJECT and our work here: www.object.org.uk

DEADLINE for nominations: 2nd MARCH

The nia project

Support Worker

Closing Date: 28 February 2011

Salary: £25,301pa

The nia project provides a wide range of services for women and children who have experienced sexual violence and other forms of gender violence. The organisation is currently recruiting for a Support Worker within our Housing Services Team.

We require an experienced and committed person to provide relief cover in one of our refuges. The successful applicant will be based in Hackney for 5 weeks from the 7th evening shifts on a rota basis.

To apply please send your CV and a covering letter detailing whether enhanced CRB is held to REvans@niaproject.plus.com

***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***

