

## **The Lilith Project Women's Weekly News 382**

**30 December 2011 – 05 January 2012**

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

#### **Leveson inquiry told of the 'sexism' of the media**

Four organisations, Eaves, End Violence Against Women, Object and Equality Now, have submitted detailed documents to the Leveson inquiry in order that it will look into the daily degrading portrayal of women in the media.

The submission highlighted key concerns and included samples of poor reporting which demonstrated the way that media portrayals are often victim blaming, perpetuate myths and stereotypes, demonise women perpetrators and do not address misogynistic, sexist and abusive comments.

These included a Telegraph article, since withdrawn, which misrepresented findings of an unpublished dissertation with a headline - "Women who dress provocatively more likely to be raped", and continued "women who drink alcohol, wear short skirts and are outgoing are more likely to be raped, claim scientists at the University of Leicester".

An article in The Sun in November trialled "invisible shaping bum boosters" by testing men's reactions when a woman bent over at work, and "eroticises a form of sexual harassment making it appear that it is what women should, and do, seek from men".

Anna van Heeswijk, campaigns manager of Object said: "Sexualised images such as 'Page 3' are banned from the workplace due to the intimidating, hostile, degrading, humiliating or offensive environment that these images can create.

"Yet, in a situation unusual to the UK, these images saturate national tabloids which are sold without age-restriction in newsagents and supermarkets and which are read and left lying around in the public domain.

"This 'sexualisation' process objectifies women and girls, and grooms boys and men into thinking it is acceptable to view and treat women and girls as sex objects. This portrayal of women is incompatible with a socially responsible press."

Last November when Charlotte Church, a singer-songwriter, actress and television presenter, gave evidence at the inquiry she described her anger at a clock on the Sun newspaper's website that counted down to her 16th birthday, marking the moment she would be able to have sex legally.

She said: "It was just terrible. I was a 16 year old girl and was uncomfortable with it."

The submissions from the women's groups make many recommendations including applying pre-watershed restrictions, such as those used on television, to newspapers and improved training and accountability of journalists.

They called for the replacement of the Press Complaints Commission, since the self-regulation system has proved "inadequate".

Source: [Guardian](#) 29 December 2011  
[Channel 4 News](#) 30 December 2011

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## **Man charged with Kirsty Treloar's murder in Hackney**

Myles Williams, 19, of Pond Farm Estate, Hackney, has been charged with the murder of 20-year-old Kirsty Treloar.

Treloar was found with stab wounds on Monday in a grey Fiat Stilo, which was abandoned about a mile from her home in Brownlow Road, Hackney. She was pronounced dead at the scene.

Williams is also accused of the attempted murder of Treloar's brother Dean, 22, and her sister Gemma, 24 who were stabbed during the attack.

Neighbors said they heard a "hysterical" scream come from the property Treloar was taken from and a cry of "Please, please, please" before the young woman was taken away.

Another said: “I thought it might be foxes fighting, which can sound quite human. Then I thought, no, it’s definitely not – it sounds like a young woman in distress. It sounded like she was a bit hysterical.”

Treloar had given birth to her first child a month ago. The baby girl was taken to hospital as a precaution.

Williams has appeared at Thames Magistrates' Court and spoke only to confirm his name, address and date of birth.

The case continues.

Source: [Mirror](#) 05 January 2012  
[BBC](#) 05 January 2012  
[Press Association](#) 04 January 2012

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### **Rapper charged with rape of two women**

Aggro Santos, 22, from Tooting, south west London who is a London-based rapper and former I am a Celebrity contestant has been charged of raping two women.

One of the attacks is said to have happened in Chichester, West Sussex, on the 7<sup>th</sup> of May 7 and that other in Yeovil, Somerset, between 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> of September last year.

Another man, Tyrelle Ritchie, 21, from Lambeth, south east London, has also been charged with one count of sexual assault in Chichester on the same date.

Both men will appear at Chichester Crown Court for a plea and case management hearing.

Source: [Press Association](#) 05 January 2012

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

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### **Man charged for attack and rape of woman in her own house**

Dwaine Bryer, 26, of Bury Hill View, Downend, is charged of rape and inflicting grievous bodily harm on a woman while her son was in the house.

Bristol Crown Court heard that Bryer got in to the woman's Bristol home through an open kitchen window in the early hours of the morning.

Edward Burgess, prosecuting, said Bryer forced the woman to lie down on her son's bed while the boy, awake at the time, was told to stay in her bedroom. The victim then tried several times to stop him, telling him and pleaded that she wanted to check her son was OK and could hear his footsteps at the door.

In a video of a police interview that was played to the jury she said: "I kept saying I wanted to go and see my son. He still did not listen. I kept saying my son is coming in, I could hear him walking along the landing. Then [my son] walked in and started crying."

She told the court that her son asked Bryer: "What are you doing to mummy? Get off her."

The woman managed to escape from the house at this point, banging on neighbours' doors shouting that she had been raped and asking for help.

The court heard that Bryer followed her outside and tried to drag her back inside by her throat and her hair, and punched and kicked her. She told the court that he said to her: "You had better get back now – your son is crying."

Bryer admits becoming violent towards the victim but denies rape and Rupert Lowe, defending has claimed that the sex was consensual.

Source: [This is Bristol](#) 05 January 2012

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### **Police officer 'targeted vulnerable women for sex'**

Jasbir Dhanda, 52, a police officer from Littleover, Derbyshire is accused of misconduct in public office; for targeting vulnerable women for sex and drugs.

Nottingham Crown Court heard that he targeted three women because they were vulnerable and because he did not believe they would report him.

Neil Moore, prosecuting said that Dhanda met one of the women after she complained to the police about an incident involving her ex-partner.

The day after she reported the incident Dhanda went to her house and touched her sexually before asking for her phone number. Afterwards, the court heard, he visited her house for sex two or three times a week.

In another case he is alleged to have told a woman in prostitution that there was a warrant for her arrest but that he would not carry it out if she got him some cocaine.

The prosecution also said Dhanda has accessed the records of one of the complainants 100 times over a two-year period.

The trial continues.

Source: [BBC](#) 04 January 2012

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## INTERNATIONAL VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

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### **UN condemns attacks against female protesters in Egypt**

Michelle Bachelet, the Executive Director of the UN Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women) has condemned the attacks on female protesters in Egypt who turned up to exercise their freedom of assembly and expression.

She said thousands of women who assembled on the streets of different cities in Egypt only wanted to assert their right to democratic participation in changing their country's future.

However, she said: "Women along with men and children have been victims of the excessive use of force against peaceful protesters.

"We call upon the political and military authorities in Egypt to guarantee women's political and civil rights, and to offer the Government support in ensuring these rights are respected and that those who violate them are held accountable"

She highlighted the crucial role Egyptian women have played in the country's democratic revolution. She said: "Women from civil society have been one of the primary engines driving the social movement for political opening, public participation in decision-making, and an approach to citizenship that embraces inclusiveness and respect for individual human rights".

She added: “We call upon the Egyptian authorities to ensure their [women’s] full protection from violence from any side, and their full freedom to play their essential role in building the new political institutions of Egypt.”

Source: [UN News Centre](#) 21 December 2011

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### **Afghan Girl, 15, tortured for resisting prostitution**

Sahar Gul, 15, who resisted her in-laws and her husband from forcing her into prostitution, was brutally tortured for six months.

She was held captive inside her husband's basement and was only rescued after her uncle called local authorities. According to reports she is been treated in India for her injuries which include ripped out fingernails and broken fingers.

Human rights activists have been shedding light at the shocking abuse that women and girls in Afghanistan are subjected to and such stories as Gul’s are not scarce. Women in the country are repeatedly abused at the hands of their own relatives.

The girl's mother-in-law, father-in-law and sister-in-law are in police custody while her husband remains at large.

President Hamid Karzai said whoever is responsible for subjecting the teen to torture will be punished.

Source: [CW39](#) 03 January 2012

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## EVENTS

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### **Asylum Aid – Research report launch**

**Date: Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2012 6pm**

**Venue: Amnesty International’s Human Rights Action Centre (EC2A 3EA)**

Based on interviews with asylum-seeking women and their legal representatives and advocates across the UK, and analysis of the legislation, case law and policy relevant to women seeking asylum, the research examines whether the UK asylum system is gender sensitive in practice.

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The report highlights the need for radical changes in the way women are treated when they seek asylum in the UK and the manner in which their asylum claim is decided. It builds on more than a decade's work by the Women's Project at Asylum Aid.

For more information or to attend please email [russellh@asylumaid.org.uk](mailto:russellh@asylumaid.org.uk)

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## DIRECT ACTIONS, CAMPAIGNS & RESOURCES

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### Eaves

#### End Detention of victims of trafficking campaign

Stop detaining trafficked people - Victims of trafficking are victims of crime, not criminals.

Every day men, women and children are trafficked into and within the UK, experiencing slavery, rape, desperation and fear. Some vulnerable victims are identified and helped by Government and charities; however, due to a flawed system, an untold number are improperly detained in prisons and detention centres.

These individuals were lied to and harmed in the UK, but instead of focusing on arresting and prosecuting the criminals who trafficked and exploited them, many who also committed other crimes in our communities across the UK, the Government continues to put victims in prisons and detention centres.

Their crimes? Over 95% of Poppy Project clients in detention or prison lost their freedom because a trafficker gave them a fake passport; others stole food to survive – crimes that only happened because they were trafficked here. We call on the Government to ensure that anyone who may be a victim of trafficking is properly identified and freed from unfair detention or incarceration.

#### Please sign and share petition

<https://submissions.epetitions.direct.gov.uk/petitions/18933>

## REPORTS & CONSULTATIONS

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### **Crown Prosecution Service - Annual VAWG Crime Report 2010-2011**

This is the fourth Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) Violence against Women and Girls (VAWG) annual report, and covers the following strands of Violence against Women and Girls for 2010-11: domestic violence; forced marriage; honour based violence; female genital mutilation; rape and sexual offences; human trafficking; prostitution; child abuse; and pornography.

**To download the full report visit the CPS website**

[www.cps.gov.uk/publications/equality/vaw](http://www.cps.gov.uk/publications/equality/vaw)

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### **Home Office – Consultation**

#### **Domestic violence disclosure scheme**

The Home Office is launching a consultation asking whether the protection of victims of domestic violence can be improved by the establishment of a national domestic violence disclosure scheme and, if so, how such a scheme could work in practice.

This consultation seeks views on whether to introduce a scheme for disclosing information about an individual's history of domestic violence to a new partner.

**The consultation closes on 13 January 2012.**

**For more information and to respond to the consultation click [here](#)**

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### **Home Office**

#### **Stalking consultation**

The government launched the stalking consultation to ask for views on how to protect victims of stalking more effectively.

The consultation incorporates a number of issues, including current legislation, the effect of police information notices, search powers, the work of existing organisations and alternative measures to tackle stalking.

The consultation seeks the views from directly affected parties, police, practitioners, other government departments and organisations with a direct interest in preventing stalking.

To respond to the consultation or to find out more follow the following link [www.homeoffice.gov.uk/publications/about-us/consultations/stalking-consultation](http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/publications/about-us/consultations/stalking-consultation)

**This consultation will close on 5 February 2012.**

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## Home Office

### Consultation of Forced Marriage

The consultation asks views from the public on whether Forced Marriage should become a specific criminal offence. It will also seek views on how protection of victims could be strengthened and making sure perpetrators are punished by criminalising the breach of Forced Marriage Protection Orders (FMPO).

**The consultation will run until 30<sup>th</sup> of March 2012.**

To find out more or to respond to the consultation follow the following link [www.homeoffice.gov.uk/media-centre/press-releases/forced-marriage](http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/media-centre/press-releases/forced-marriage)

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## TRAINING

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### WRC & WGN

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

Are you committed and passionate about providing the best possible services for women and children surviving violence?

Then this accredited training course is for you.

This course has developed out of Women and Girls Network's (WGN) 12 years' experience of training women who work with survivors of violence. This

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programme provides a comprehensive introduction to the issues involved in working with women to aid recovery from experiences of gendered violence.

This accredited course is informed by WGN's feminist philosophy and will give participants the space to explore the power relationships inherent in gendered violence and the context in which it takes place; understand the multi-faceted approaches to healing and recovery used by women across continents and through time; dispel the myths surrounding gendered violence and provide an opportunity to develop and enhance skills and approaches used to support women who have experienced violence.

The course is accredited by Open College Network London Region (OCNLR). Successful completion of the course (including course work) will result in 4 credits at level 3 (equivalent to an A Level).

**The training will take place weekly on Fridays, from 10am to 4.30pm, from February to July 2012. 90% attendance is essential in order to gain accreditation.**

**Training dates:** 3, 10 and 17 February, 2, 9 16, and 23 March, 20 and 27 April, 11 and 18 May and 1, 8 and 22 June 2012  
**Assessment dates:** 29 June and 6 July 2012

**Cost:** The course and accreditation is free to staff from organisations funded under London Councils specifications 43, 59, 60, 61 & 63, 62, 65, 69, 70 and 72. For all other organisations, the course is free, but there will be a charge for accreditation.

**Please contact IsabelM@wrc.org.uk for more details.**

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## **Social Care Institute for Excellence's**

### **Free e-learning resource on sexual and reproductive health module**

Truly innovative and fully interactive, it provides learning on essential elements of sexual and reproductive health of service users. The course is designed to be a flexible resource, easily accessible to dip in and out of, by busy professionals wishing a broad overview of some of the main issues confronting them in practice, as well as providing a base to learning through which they can both demonstrably improve practice and add to their own professional and academic achievements.

#### **The eight modules include**

“Sexual health matters for MH professionals”  
“Managing reproductive health”

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“Supporting people who experience abuse”  
“Safer relationships and safer sex”  
“Fertility and pregnancy planning”  
“Physical health, mental health and sexuality”  
“Genitourinary health”  
“Unprotected and risky sex”

**To find out more follow the following link**

[www.scie.org.uk/publications/elearning/sexualhealth/index.asp](http://www.scie.org.uk/publications/elearning/sexualhealth/index.asp)

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## **Rights of Women**

### **Breaking the cycle: using civil and criminal remedies to protect women from violence**

**29 February 2012**

**1 day course, women only**

**London**

All too often women receive only partial information as to their legal options when experiencing domestic violence. This popular course has been compiled so that you gain a full knowledge of legal remedies possible for victims of domestic violence and learn how to tailor your advice on available options for each individual woman you are supporting. You will be provided with a thorough knowledge of non-molestation and occupation orders, including enforcement options and how to apply. An evaluation of remedies available from the Protection from Harassment Act 1997 will also be given.

You will then be guided through the available criminal law remedies and will receive specific opportunities to increase your knowledge of protections available to victims in criminal law proceedings.

The course has been updated to include a legal overview of the newly piloted Domestic Violence Protection Orders (DVPOs), crucial information for anyone supporting victims of domestic violence.

Each participant will receive a copy of the Domestic Violence Injunction handbook and a copy of From Report to Court, a widely acclaimed legal guide to the criminal justice system for women who have experienced sexual violence.

### **Just married? The law on marriage, divorce and forced marriage**

**21 March 2012**

**1 day course, women only**

**London**

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This “myth-busting” one day course will enable you to support women from the UK and abroad to understand marriage, divorce and forced marriage. The morning session will enable you to identify a legal marriage, and understand the law on foreign and religious marriages, as well as explaining the legal consequences of marriage. The course will then clarify the ways in which a marriage can be ended (divorce, judicial separation and annulment) and finally give an overview of the law on financial relief further to the breakdown of a marriage.

The afternoon session will focus on forced marriage and aims to enhance your knowledge of the law and enable you to support women at risk of, or who have experienced, forced marriage. The session will explain the legal remedies that exist to protect victims of forced marriage and will give you an understanding of the procedure for getting a forced marriage protection order.

Participants will receive a copy of the Government’s Multi-Agency Practice Guidelines: Handling cases of Forced Marriage and a range of Rights Of Women legal guides including, A Guide to Divorce, a Guide to Marriage and a Guide to Financial Arrangements on Marriage Breakdown.

**Costs:**

Small voluntary sector organisation (income less than £250k) - £75

Voluntary sector organisation (income between £250 and £500k) - £100

All other organisations - £125

**Lunch and refreshments provided**

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

[training@row.org.uk](mailto:training@row.org.uk)

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

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**Tender Training Update**

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

**Dates: Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2012; Venue: Central London; Fee: £75**

This training will equip participants with an understanding of the issues for women experiencing violence from men they know. This will include exploring the pressures on women to stay in violent relationships and what might prevent them from seeking and securing the help they need.

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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.

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

**Date: Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2012; Venue: Central London; Fee: £125**

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

This very practical day will equip participants with a clear understanding of the key issues of abuse and violence in relationships. Participants will explore a range of drama exercises that can be used to engage young people.

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

### **One Day Training: Working effectively in and with Schools: a practical approach to successful partnerships with schools**

**Date: Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2012; Venue: Central London; Fee: £125**

This training programme is designed to equip participants with the skills and knowledge around:

- Making initial contact with schools – strategies and methods
- Working with key teachers; Maintaining relationships once a project is underway
- Secondary, Primary, Special, Pupil Referral Units – identifying their differing needs
- School-speak; becoming familiar with the language that schools and teachers use
- Developing and delivering teacher training

The day is aimed at staff in any organisation that may be starting to work directly in primary, secondary, special schools and pupil referral units.

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

**Dates: Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> to Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2012; Venue: Central London; Fee: £565**

This is an Open College Network Accredited course (Level 3).

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

The course is aimed at participants who have a good grounding in the subject and who are planning to deliver training on issues of domestic violence. They should have some training experience or similar transferable skills. The course will also help those who have a strategic or developmental role who want to increase their domestic violence presentation skills.

**For more information or to request a booking form, please contact Dorota Small at Tender [dorota@tender.org.uk](mailto:dorota@tender.org.uk); 0207 431 7227**

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## VACANCIES AND VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

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### **National Working Group**

#### **Specialist Team Member**

**Salary: £35k per**

**Closing Date: 25<sup>th</sup> January to**

**Interview Date: 13<sup>th</sup> February 2012**

**This role can be a job share, therefore may suit individuals who would like to explore secondment opportunities.**

The specialist team member will be a social care professional, well informed on all aspects of child sexual exploitation and child protection frameworks. The aim of the specialist team member is to advise and assist LSCB's to work towards resolving high and low-risk situations, developing appropriate risk assessments and action plans, assisting at critical stages of scoping and investigation, developing strategies and procedures and raising the profile of all elements of child sexual exploitation.

Generally, a specialist team member must have five years minimum experience of managing child protection, and have a good record of motivating change.

**For more information for an application pack email**  
[admin@nationalworkinggroup.org](mailto:admin@nationalworkinggroup.org)

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**Women@thewell**

**Project Manager**

**Salary: £28,700 - Initially one year fixed term contract (6 month probationary period)**

**Closing Date: 16<sup>th</sup> of January 2012**

Women@thewell is small innovative charity based in central London, founded to provide a uniquely holistic and multi-faceted range of services to vulnerable women caught in multiple cycles of abuse and social exclusion, equipping them with the skills, resources and support that they need, to successfully re-join society.

Services are provided for women by women on a drop-in and planned basis and focus on improving the quality of their lives through providing a supportive and stable environment to which they can come to access the help they need in order to rebuild their lives. Our work also helps to divert women away from the criminal justice system and out of unhealthy and dangerous situations.

Main purpose of the post is to: work within women@thewell's policy and procedural framework to develop and implement services that provide effective, high quality support to vulnerable women with a history of involvement in pavement culture, particularly those sexually exploited through their involvement in street based prostitution and/or the criminal justice system who have experienced trafficking.

**For application pack and to find out more please email:**  
[recruitment@watw.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@watw.org.uk) or call 020 7520 1710

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**Amina Scheme**

**One to One Support – Volunteer**

The Amina scheme is a peer support scheme for women who have experienced rape, sexual assault or sexual abuse at anytime in their history.

We are looking for women who would like one to one support from a specially trained volunteer.

Women are paired with a volunteer who has experienced sexual violence in the past themselves. Amina is not a counselling service but it has been designed to work alongside Eaves Scarlet Centre counselling and other support services that women can access.

**Volunteers meet with women once a week and can:**

- Help women talk about how they feel
- Help women work towards personal goals
- Accompany women to appointments
- Help to access support services
- Support through reporting and court proceedings.

The scheme is open to women over the age of 18, working or living in the London area. We accept referrals from agencies or women can contact us directly.

To apply to the scheme (either yourself or on behalf of a client) you can complete the referral form on our website:

<http://www.eaves4women.co.uk/index.php> and email it to:  
[amina@eaveshousing.co.uk](mailto:amina@eaveshousing.co.uk)

For more information you can contact the Amina scheme on the above email or by telephone: 0207 840 7959

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*If you have any information about new events, consultations, reports, campaigns, direct action, training, vacancies or volunteering opportunities, especially those with a London focus, that you would like us to consider for inclusion in Women's Weekly News please email us at:*

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