

E-update: 28 March 2008

To All Muslim Women Network Attending and e-Network Members

In The News....

1. "Opportunities on the agenda in MP meeting" 27 March 2008

"A WATERLOO businesswoman met with Tory MP Theresa May to discuss women's opportunities in business this week."

http://icseftonandwestlancs.icnetwork.co.uk/crosbyherald/news/tm_headline=opportunities-on-the-agenda-in-mp-meeting&method=full&objectid=20677588&siteid=60252-name_page.html

2. "Rape should top the agenda" 27 March 2008

"The Fawcett Society keeps the pressure on government and demands the Home Office takes tougher action on rape."

<http://www.newstatesman.com/200803270060>

3. "Research: More women teachers than ever, but still disadvantaged" 27 March 2008

"Pay conditions and promotion prospects for female teachers are still worse than those of their male counterparts despite the fact that more women are now teaching, a study reported by the Guardian has found."

http://www.atl.org.uk/atl_en/news/education/Default.asp?article=%7BD2B27CA2-B1DD-4405-95D6-EE7A2C892883%7D&month=&year=&category=%7BFD0D4B94-31B5-4E04-AECB-BF2196C70931%7D

4. "A crisis for women" 26 March 2008

"The emergency aid for Rape Crisis centres is welcome but it is not nearly enough. Funding for this essential service needs to be sustained over the long term."

http://commentisfree.guardian.co.uk/cath_elliott/2008/03/a_crisis_for_women.html

5. "An undeclared war on women" 24 March 2008

"Alarming levels of violence against women continue to undermine real progress towards gender equality."

<http://www.newstatesman.com/200803240001>

6. “Long-awaited emergency intervention” 20 March 2008

“Baroness Joyce Gould discusses the impact the long-awaited emergency intervention funding will have upon Rape Crisis Centres and women's awareness in general.”

<http://www.newstatesman.com/200803200007>

7. “The Rape Crisis crisis” 18 March 2008

“Nine Rape Crisis Centres have closed in the last five years, 69% describe themselves as unsustainable. This is a crisis and the movement needs money before it crumbles.”

<http://www.newstatesman.com/200803180005>

8. “Equality move could hit white men” 16 March 2008

“Ministers are preparing an equality law that would allow bosses to give priority for jobs and promotion to women and black applicants.”

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2008/mar/16/race.gender>

9. “Rape myths past and present” 10 March 2008

“Popular prejudices estimate about half rape victims are lying, but research shows just 3% of rape allegations are false - yet another myth about sexual violence.”

<http://www.newstatesman.com/200803100008>

Consultations and Publications

Final Report of the FP6 Research project- Coordination Action on Human Rights Violations: the case of international violence

The CAHRV consortium counting 22 research institutions and over 60 individual experts across 14 European countries, researched different violence situations, where victims are women, children, the elderly, and men. Interpersonal violence can represent a threat to democracy and social cohesion, and this research shows that private violations are a major cause of health problems; they block achievement in education and at work, restrict social networks and severely limit the option of self-confidence required for social and political participation.

Furthermore by comparing national representative studies across Europe, CAHRV confirms that violence against women remains a major problem affecting the lives of one quarter to one third of all women in European countries.

If you have any questions related to this publication, please do not hesitate to contact Alessia Bursi (Tel: +32.2.296.59.32 and email: alessia.bursi@ec.europa.eu).

Please visit the link below for the Final Report of the FP6 Research project- Coordination Action on Human Rights Violations: the case of international violence.

http://www.cahrv.uni-osnabrueck.de/reddot/CAHRV_final_report_-_complete_version_for_WEB.pdf

Events

Karma Nirvana's National Conference Launch Of The Honour Network And Help-Line, Web-Site, Posters & Literature

In partnership with Iranian & Kurdish Women's Rights Organisation
Supported by CPS, FMU & ACPO
Event sponsored by Mo Chaudry Entrepreneur and star of the channel 4 "secret millionaire"

This conference / launch is unique in as much as male and female survivors themselves will be for the first time taking a platform to share their experiences and say why this network is important to them and to other potential victims of forced marriages & honour based violence. On this day you will be the first to take away posters, leaflets, literature specially related to the network and the opportunity to hear more.

Date: Friday 11th April 2008 10am – 3pm

Location: Kings Hall, Civic Centre, Glebe Street, Stoke-on-Trent ST4 1RN, UK

Key Note Speakers include:

- Vernon Coaker MP, Under-Secretary for police and security
- Nazir Afzal, OBE, Director Crown Prosecution Service, London West Sector
- FM/Honour killing lead for CPS,
- Commander Steve Allen ACPO FM/HBV lead,
- Wayne Ives Government Forced Marriage Unit
- Survivors will for the first time be taking a platform to share their real life experiences
- Jasvinder Sanghera How to sign-post to the network, What it is about, why etc
- Mo Chaudry: "The Asian Male view and what we should do to counteract these practices"?

Please contact Anna Hardy for a registration form, to be completed and returned by 7 April 2008.

Email: annahardy@btconnect.com Tel: 01332 347315

Contribution per delegate:

- Statutory organisations £150
- Voluntary organisations £75

All monies raised via contributions go directly for the upkeep of the network and helpline.

Job adverts

1. UK Women's Fund-Championing and investing in women

The first UK Women's Fund launches early summer 2008, following research demonstrating chronic under-funding of the UK women's sector. The Fund will champion and raise the profile of issues critical to women and girls, and will channel new funds into the sector.

- Executive Director

£70,000 pro rata 4 days per week London

As first Executive Director, you will drive and manage all aspects of the Fund's development, raising awareness of the need for increased funding for women's causes and establishing it as a credible player in the grant-making field. Growing the fund will be a top priority, as will strategic and business planning, communications, managing grant-making and overseeing operations.

Further information from Marie Calvo at marie.calvo@prospect-us.co.uk or on 020 7691 1920.

2. Arts Council England vacancies

Arts Council England is looking to appoint a national board member and two regional chairs to its board.

More details can be found at:

http://www.culture.gov.uk/working_with_us/Public_appointments/pa_vacancies/

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