



NIWAF MAILING 12th January 2004



Hope you all had a great Christmas and Happy New year!

NI Women's Aid Events and News

- **NIWAF are advertising** the Helpline and other Women's Aid services on TV screens in the Food Court of Belfast's Inshop Shopping Centre. The 30-second advert will play several times an hour for a year.
- **The Bodyshop have launched a campaign** to raise awareness of domestic violence and fundraise for Women's Aid in Northern Ireland as part of its UK wide domestic violence initiative with Refuge. Customers are asked to donate old mobile phones, which are then recycled for cash.
- **A new training calendar** has been drawn up for Jan 04 - June 04 (enclosed). Please note that there is no change to individual requests for training from groups, this will continue as before. There are no places available for New Worker Training in Belfast (Feb/March) but there are places available for the Cookstown venue (May/June).
- **Newry Women's Aid are recruiting a Floating Support Worker.** Deadline for completed applications is Friday 23rd January. You can download a job specification from NIWAF's website <http://www.niwaf.org/jobs/vacancies.htm>. For further information contact Mary Mcguire T: 028 30250765

Other News

- **UNIFEM calls for urgent attention to global problem of violence against women.** One in three women worldwide could suffer violence directed at her simply because she is female. This staggering figure sums up the crisis confronting women throughout the world; one in three women could be raped, beaten, coerced into sex or otherwise abused in her lifetime. At an event to mark International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women, UNIFEM and women advocates urged the world's governments to put the full weight of their moral, legal and economic power behind efforts to end violence against women. Full Press release available from <http://www.unifem.org>.
- **Men's Health in Ireland** - The Men's Health Forum in Ireland will launch its new report, Men's Health in Ireland, on 15 January 2004 in Buswell's Hotel, Molesworth Street, Dublin. Registration will begin at 10.30 am. The launch will begin at 11.00 am. All attendees will receive a hard copy of the report. Further copies will be available for free downloading from the internet at www.mhfi.org from 16 January 2004. Please RSVP to Kay Houlihan by 5 January 2004 on tel: 00 353 1 462 5364 or email: launch@mhfi.org.
- **New anti-discrimination law** came into effect in Northern Ireland in December which bans discrimination in employment and training on grounds of sexual orientation. The Equality Commission Northern Ireland has produced draft guidelines (for consultation), Sexual Orientation Discrimination in Northern Ireland: The Law and Good Practice. Contact The Equality Commission Northern Ireland for further info. T: 02890 500698 or E: info@equalityni.org.

- **Police officers found guilty of domestic violence will be sacked** under a tough new policy being considered by all 43 forces in England and Wales. If there is evidence that an officer is abusing a partner he or she will be immediately suspended from duty. Under the plans, police officers will be encouraged to report colleagues they suspect of domestic violence. Figures from the US suggest that there is a significantly higher incidence of domestic violence within police families than in the general population. http://www.guardian.co.uk/uk_news/story/0,3604,1100794,00.html
- **Margaret Hodge, the Minister for Children has dismissed the entire board of the children's court service, including the chairman.** The move comes after a report by MPs condemned the failings of the Children and Family Court Advisory and Support Service. <http://www.cafcass.gov.uk/>
- **A new UK National Domestic Violence Helpline was launched in December and is now operational.** The new free phone number is: 0808 2000 247. Both the WAFE and Refuge existing telephone helpline numbers will continue for the time being but will be phased out in the long run. http://www.womensaid.org.uk/press_releases/index.htm
- **Government announces £120,000 grant to fund LGBT domestic violence helpline service.** Broken Rainbow LGBT Domestic Violence Service (UK) is pleased to announce that, after months of hard work, the Home Office has provided us with a grant of £120,000 to support our LGBT Domestic Violence Helpline. After the successful launch of Broken Rainbow in May 2002, they have seen the number of calls to their helpline rise steadily, to the extent that volunteers cannot cope any longer without the support of full time paid staff. www.lgbt-dv.org
- **UNIFEM have just released a new report, *Not a Minute More: Ending Violence Against Women.*** Full copies can be downloaded from: <http://www.unifem.org>.

Money Matters

- **The Funders' Forum** for Northern Ireland has a comprehensive and interactive website - www.fundersforumni.org.uk The website will act as a:
 - debating platform, with an area to make comments and respond to issues and comments already published,
 - source of information, including details of funders, events and news, and a
 - funding gateway for interested parties who are looking for access to support.

Events/Training

<p>Conference- <i>Protecting Human Rights Through Bill of Rights.</i></p>	<p>Host: Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission Date: 20th February 2004 Venue: Europa Hotel, Belfast. Cost: Free</p>	<p>T: 028 90247844 F: 028 90243987 E: information@nihrc.org W: www.nihrc.org</p>
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➤ **WEA Courses**

Creating Collaborative Advantage - The Workers Educational Association is running a number of courses as part of its Creating Collaborative Advantage Project. The overall aim of the project is to support collaboration (which could be anything from partnerships to mergers) between organisations and groups. The courses have already run in Belfast but are running in Omagh between January and April 2004 with a further Facilitative Leadership course in Ballymena in May. Courses available are:

- Facilitative Leadership - this course is for leaders who want to expand their ability to engage others in achieving common goals.
- Conflict Management - this course will focus on group and inter-group conflict, allowing participants the chance to use working examples and real-time scenarios to assist in problem solving.
- Principled Negotiation Skills - this course uses new approaches to negotiation to produce durable win/win solutions.
- Building Successful Partnerships - this course will give groups a new approach to partnership based on the cornerstones of working fairly, effectively and with others.

The courses cost £75 each (reducing to £50 for all four) but if your organisation has difficulty meeting the cost of the courses then they will look at the possibility of subsidy.

A brochure giving full information and an application form are available from Lesley Morrison at WEA, contact details below.

Principled Negotiation Skills Taster Training Day - Find out about the seven areas you can improve on to make you a more effective negotiator, at home, at work and in your community at a taster session on 20 January 2004 from 9.30 am to 4.30 pm at the Play Resource Centre, Duncairn Gardens, Belfast. The session is free and lunch will be provided. To book a place, please contact Lesley Morrison or Suzi Swain at WEA, 1-3 Fitzwilliam Street, Belfast BT9 6AW, tel: 028 9032 9718 or email: lesley.morrison@wea-ni.com or suzi.swain@wea-ni.com. The closing date for bookings is 16 January 2004.

➤ And don't forget to register for **NIWAF's training** – New Worker (May/June), Law and Domestic Violence (March), Body Talk (February), Intro to Counselling Skills, (April-June) and Child protection (April).

➤ Also next the **Federation Forum** is on Wednesday 21st January.

New Publications to the Library

<p>SCOPE – <i>Social Affairs Magazine</i>. Dec/Jan 2003/04. NICVA. Cost £1.50.</p> <p>NICVA News. Dec/Jan 2003/04 Issue 53. NICVA. Cost: Free to members.</p>	<p>T: 90877777 E: scope@nicva.org</p>
<p><i>Achievements Against the Grain: Self defence Training for Women and Girls in Europe (2003)</i>. Smith, S. & Kelly, L. London Metropolitan University. Cost: £10</p>	<p>ISBN: 0-9544803-0-9</p>
<p><i>Failure to Protect? Domestic violence and the experiences of abused women and children in the family courts (2003)</i>. Saunders, H & Barron, J. Women's Aid England & NSPCC. Cost: £10</p>	<p>T: 0117 944 4411 F: 0117 9241703 E: info@womensaid.org.uk W: www.womensaid.org.uk</p>
<p><i>Women's News – Irelands Feminist Magazine</i>. Jan/Feb 2004. Cost £1.75</p>	<p>T: 028 90322823 F: 028 90438788 E: womensnews@btconnect.com</p>

Information Enclosed

- NIWAF Training Calendar January 04 - June 04
- Memo on next Federation Forum meeting.
- Information on Judith Loder *New Beginnings* Workshops.
- NICEM Interpreting Service Leaflet.
- Human rights and equality update.
- Assembly Election Results – Contact details for elected representatives (also available from NICVA's website: www.nicva.org).
- Flyer on EAGA Warm Homes Scheme.

If you wish to advertise a job, have some news to share or any other info then it send to Charlene @ NIWAF.

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