



NIWAF MAILING

May 2004



NI Women's Aid Events and News

Upcoming Training:

28th May 04 - **Impact of domestic violence on children & young people** - to take place in NIWAF (places still available).

17th June 04 - **Protective Behaviours** - to take place in NIWAF (places still available).

18th June 04 - **Prevention Strategies** - to take place in NIWAF (limited places still available).

All courses run 10.00am - 4.00pm and sandwich lunch provided.

Please note that places are limited for the **Disability Training for Managers** to take place on Monday 17th May 2004. If your group has not yet registered please contact Moe as soon as possible with name of Team Leader or representative for your group.

Please email moe@niwaf.org or telephone Moe on 028 9024 9041 to register.

Thanks to all groups for participating in the **Refuges Online** Training and **Client Link** Consultation. All groups have now confirmed their data and nearly all of you are updating your refuge vacancies daily. You will soon receive revised Client Link data. All enquiries about these project should be directed to Charlene Craig (T: 02890 249041 or info@niwaf.org).

The Helpline are celebrating **Volunteer Week** (1-6th June) by hosting a BBQ in NIWAF.

Date for your Diary – Belfast Women's Aid are holding their AGM in Belfast on the evening of 28th June 2004. Contact Judith on 028 90666049 for more information.

Foyle Women's Aid have recently launched new research **Domestic Violence A Health Emergency? Executive Summary**. Copies available from Pathways 028 71 280060.

Don't Forget.....upcoming meetings

Inter-agency Support group is on June 8th.

Preventative Education in Community and Schools (PECS) focus group 7th May 10-4pm

Childworkers meeting on the 18th May, 10-4pm at this we have a workshop by Northern Ireland Music Therapy Trust.

Other News

TACKLING VIOLENCE AT HOME - Following the recent consultation on the Government's proposals on domestic violence in Northern Ireland, the Inter-Departmental Working Group on domestic violence is organising a number of half-day seminars across Northern Ireland. The purpose of the seminars is to re-engage with all interested statutory and voluntary agencies. The seminars will provide an opportunity for the Inter-Departmental Working Group to update those attending on its work in developing a new strategy. The date, time and location of each half-day seminar is as follows:

16th June – 9.45 a.m. Mellon Country Hotel, Omagh

16th June – 2.15 p.m. Tullylagan Country House Hotel, Cookstown

17th June – 9.45 a.m. Craigavon Civic Centre, Craigavon

22nd June – 9.45 a.m. Ramada Hotel, Belfast

Email details to: marie.austin@niassembly.gov.uk by 28th May 04.

The Office of the First Minister and Deputy First Minister has launched **New TSN – The Way forward towards an Anti-Poverty Strategy** - a consultation document. The document summarises the key findings of the evaluation of the second Programme for Government and outlines a number of proposals covering the development and future direction of the policy, Copies can be obtained from T: 028 90 523437 or E: TSnew.tsn@ofmdfmi.gov.uk

New research shows that men in Northern Ireland need to do more housework and take more responsibility for child-care, according to Ark (University of Ulster and Queens University). A stark warning that for the majority of women living here, there is continuing inequality in terms of labour division and domestic responsibilities within the home, which severely impacts on parity in the paid workplace. Visit www.ark.ac.uk for more info.

Community Care Interactive Training Programme. Community Care is launching an interactive training programme to help frontline care professionals communicate effectively with service users who communicate in different ways. It is a short e-learning programme designed to provide a basic introduction to essential communication guidelines with some of the pitfalls explained, such as:

- How to communicate with someone who might have learning difficulties, deafness or a speech impairment.
- How to ensure you are actually listening to what the person says.
- How to ensure the environment doesn't present any barriers such as the phone ringing, or uncomfortable seats.

Further information can be obtained from www.communitycare.co.uk/elearning

Home Office launches information sharing guidance: '**Safety and Justice: information sharing in the context of domestic violence**' available at <http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/rds/pdfs04/dpr30.pdf>

Warwickshire Secures First ASBO For Domestic Violence Perpetrator Warwickshire Police have secured an Anti-Social Behaviour Order against the perpetrator of a domestic violence crime in what is believed to be the first ASBO of its type in the country. A 34 year old Rugby man has been issued with the ASBO following reports from neighbours of excessive noise and foul language during arguments with his partner. The terms and conditions of the ASBO make this a unique case. The perpetrators of domestic violence have, historically, been notoriously difficult to bring to justice as a complaint had to be made by their partner. The conditions of the Rugby ASBO empower members of the public to make a report to the authorities if the man affects their quality of life. Under the terms of the Rugby ASBO, the offender will be liable for arrest and prosecution if he uses or threatens violence against any other person he is verbally abusive or uses foul language in public or if he uses foul language in his home which is liable to cause offence to anybody outside the house. Breaching any of those conditions may result in imprisonment.

An impact evaluation of the Bristol Pregnancy and Domestic Violence Programme to promote the introduction of routine antenatal enquiry for domestic violence at North Bristol NHS Trust has been carried out by the Faculty of Health and Social Care, University of the West of England. Press release at: <http://www.midirs.org/midirs/midweb1.nsf/Z45/6EE796E74288AAE480256E7C0031747>

Scientists hope an electronic tag will save the lives of some of the estimated 100 Spanish women murdered each year by partners or ex-partners

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/international/story/0,3604,1192083,00.html>

Also, Spain's new prime minister has made history by assigning half of his cabinet seats to women and backing legislation to fight domestic violence and legalize abortion. Full Story:

<http://www.womensenews.org/article.cfm?aid=1827>

Money Matters

Esmée Fairbairn Loans Programme is a £3 million fund offering loans to the UK voluntary sector, where a grant is not appropriate. Set up in co-operation with Charity Bank, the pilot programme will run for up to three years to test demand for loan finance in the sector. Loans of between £10,000 and £250,000 will be made in line with the Foundation's current funding priorities. Telephone 020 7297 4700 or see www.esmeefairbairn.org.uk.

Events/Training		
<p>Why Europe Matters For Women Pre-Election Debate With An Inclusive Candidates Cast. Guest Speaker: Irene Kingston, Director Of Public Affairs, Equality Commission</p>	<p>Host: Women into Politics Date: 3 June 2004 Venue: Belfast Time: 9.30am – 1.00pm</p>	<p>T: 9024 3363 E: dialogue@womenintopolitics.org</p>
<p>What are the particular challenges to tackling domestic violence in UK South Asian communities? A Conference</p>	<p>Host: Northern Circuit Domestic Violence Group Date: 18th June Venue: Manchester Cost: £30</p>	<p>E: butterflyjoy@hotmail.com OR joy.morton@btopenworld.com</p>
<p>WAVE Conference from October 14 to 16, 2004 in Gartenhotel Altmannsdorf / Renner-Institut in Vienna</p>	<p>Date: 14-16 October</p>	<p>Please, fill in the attached registration form and send it back to us by e-mail office@wavenetwork.org or fax (+43-1-5440820)</p>
New Publications to the Library		
<p>Changing Direction Executive Summary: Evaluation of services for women experiencing violence in the North Eastern Region (2004). WEERC, University College Dublin.</p>		<p>T: 00353 1825 0907</p>
<p>Changing the discourse of battering: evaluating the New Zealand experience of domestic violence related law reform. Busch, R. (2000) Family Law 2000 Conference Proceedings.</p>		<p>Available via email.</p>
<p>Domestic violence and restorative justice initiatives: who pays if we get it wrong. Bush, R. (2002): Article from book.</p>		<p>Available via email.</p>
<p>Domestic violence and substance misuse: Making the Links. An evaluation of service provision in Tower Hamlets.</p>		<p>T: 020 73644216 Available via email.</p>
<p>Housing Associations and Homelessness Briefing. Homelessness Directorate, ODPM. (200)</p>		<p>T: 020 7944 3000 W: www.odpm.gov.uk Available via email.</p>
<p>Alcohol and sexual violence: key findings from research (2004). Findings No 215, Home Office. Alcohol and intimate partner violence: key findings from research (2004). Findings No 216, Home Office. Domestic violence offenders: characteristics and offending related needs (2003). Findings No 217, Home Office.</p>		<p>T: 020 72732084 W: www.homeoffice.gov.uk/rds/pubsintro1.html Available via email.</p>
<p>The Cardiff Women's Safety Unit: a multi-agency approach to domestic violence (2003). Final evaluation report, Cardiff University.</p>		<p>T: 02920 875401</p>

Freedom from fear campaign against domestic violence: an innovative approach to reducing crime. Gibbons, L. (2000) Conference Paper, Domestic Violence Prevention Unit, Western Australia.	W: www.freedomfromfear.wa.gov.au Available via email.
Information Enclosed (ONLY APPLICABLE TO WOMENS AID GROUPS and POSTAL MAILING)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• General Consumer Council Leaflets• West Cork Whisperer• Invitation to Conference on Health Inequalities	

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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