



# NIWAF MAILING

## 11th December 2003



### NI Women's Aid Events and News

- The NI Regional Forum on Domestic Violence met on the 1<sup>st</sup> December where there was a presentation by Cecilia Whitehorn on Northern Ireland Women's Aid Federation's inter-agency Audit Report. This report will be circulated when it is printed.
- December - Northern Ireland Women's Aid Federation are having a Christmas buffet and house warming at our new support Services team office in Cookstown on the 17<sup>th</sup> November at 1.15pm.
- Many thanks to all staff and service users for the invaluable contributions during our Tackling Violence at Home Consultations. Our final submission is on the way to government as we speak. Lets hope our voice is heard!

### Other news

- The Parents Advice Centre launched 'Bullying: A Toolkit for Parents' on the 4<sup>th</sup> November to address the growing confusion and concern among parents in Northern Ireland about the issue of bullying. The toolkit has been funded by the Department of Education and aims to help parents recognise the signs of bullying, help bullied children and work with schools on the issue. The toolkit is to be distributed through schools and various parenting networks. A copy of the toolkit document can be obtained from Parents Advice Centre on 028 90 310891.
- On the 8th December 2003, the Children Order Advisory Committee (COAC) launched the " Best Practice Guidance" which provides a definitive statement of good practice on major aspects of Children Order proceedings. The document can be downloaded from here <http://www.courtsni.gov.uk>. Its 75 pages long so I have just included the section on domestic violence.
- The Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Bill was introduced in the House of Lords on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2003. The press release is attached. The Bill can be downloaded from <http://www.parliament.uk>
- The Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI), in conjunction with the NSPCC and ChildLine, has launched a new website that provides information on a number of self protection issues to children, young people and parents. Visit the site here <http://www.urzone.com>
- The Law Commission published a consultation paper on Partial Defences to Murder on 31<sup>st</sup> October. The Law Commission are reviewing the operation of diminished responsibility and provocation as partial defences to murder. Under the present law, they result in a conviction for manslaughter, rather than murder, if successfully pleaded. This review is considering these partial defences in the overall context of murder, but with particular reference to murders committed in the context of domestic violence. There's a summary paper: <http://www.lawcom.gov.uk/files/cp173sum.pdf> and full paper: <http://www.lawcom.gov.uk/files/cp173.pdf> Closing date for consultation is 31 January 2004. Comments may be sent by post to: David Hughes Law Commission Conquest House 37-38 John Street Theobalds Road London WC1N 2BQ Tel: 020-7453-1212 or by e-mail to: [david.hughes@lawcommission.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:david.hughes@lawcommission.gsi.gov.uk)
- Victims of domestic violence get help at work. The TUC announced on White Ribbon Day (Tuesday 25 Nov), the international day for the elimination of violence against women, that over the coming year 35,000 trade union reps active in workplaces across the UK will be offered training to understand and support colleagues experiencing domestic violence. <http://www.tuc.org.uk/equality/tuc-7345-f0.cfm>
- Liz Kelly, Cathy Humphries and Purna Sen with WOMANKIND have been working on a short Shadow Report on Violence Against Women to go to the CEDAW Committee, to be taken with the UK government report next year. A draft of this report is available from the library. However, the final report will be circulated when completed.

## Money Matters

- ITEMS FOR FREE! ExchangeCS provides a free service allowing businesses to donate goods and services to schools and charities. Visit their website to make requests for items. [www.exchangecs.com/education.asp](http://www.exchangecs.com/education.asp)
- GrantsNet is a new, no cost, online grant locator for UK businesses and charities. As well as a search facility, you can also submit your own grant schemes and sign up to an email alert service. <http://www.grantsnet.co.uk>.
- Timestars is a free service on Channel 4 Teletext to help charities and voluntary groups recruit volunteers and publicise charity campaigns on pages 164 and 165. Stories featured also generate ideas for the not-for-profit Community Channel and are turned into reports on the channel's website [www.communitychannel.org](http://www.communitychannel.org). If your charity has forthcoming campaigns or needs to recruit volunteers – they want to hear from you. For more information, contact Catherine at the Community Channel on tel: 020 78747626 or email [catherinec@communitychannel.org](mailto:catherinec@communitychannel.org).
- The DAPHNE EU programme which aims to protect women and children against violence will have a new 5 year phase, during which it is likely to finance 310 projects with a total budget of €50 million, double the funding of the first phase of the programme. For more information visit [http://europa.eu.int/comm/justice\\_home/funding/daphne/funding\\_daphne\\_en.htm](http://europa.eu.int/comm/justice_home/funding/daphne/funding_daphne_en.htm)

## Events/Training

<i>Building Safe Relationships: The National Curriculum and the Role of Schools in Preventing Domestic Violence</i>	<b>Host:</b> Wolverhampton DV Forum <b>Date:</b> 12 <sup>th</sup> February 2004 <b>Venue:</b> Wolverhampton <b>Cost:</b> ?	<b>E:</b> <a href="mailto:wvdf@eventco.co.uk">wvdf@eventco.co.uk</a> <b>T:</b> 01384 286020
<i>Women's Personal Safety Seminar – A professional trainings seminar, covering all life saving information on women's personal safety.</i>	<b>Host:</b> CPSA(UK) Ltd. <b>Date:</b> 25 <sup>th</sup> February <b>Venue:</b> Queens University, Belfast. <b>Cost:</b> £49-99	<b>T:</b> 07791691074 <b>E:</b> <a href="mailto:office@cpsa.tv">office@cpsa.tv</a>
<i>Behind the Mask - A one-day conference looking at perpetrators, perpetrator programmes and the psychology of the perpetrator. Featuring Jo Todd, from RESPECT, the Geese Theatre and LADV (Leicester Action on Domestic Violence).</i>	<b>Host:</b> Oadby, Wigston & South Wigston Domestic Violence Forum <b>Date:</b> 24 Feb 2004 <b>Venue:</b> Leicestershire <b>Cost:</b> ?	<b>Contact:</b> Mo Fisher 0116 27802001 (09.15 to 13.15 only) <b>E:</b> <a href="mailto:swhelpinghands@freeuk.com">swhelpinghands@freeuk.com</a>

### **Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children and Young People- Awareness Raising Seminars – EHSSBB**

<b>Trust</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>Organiser</b>
N&W	12/12/03	Millennium Outreach Centre	Sandra Gray 90900030
N&W	17/2/04	Millennium Outreach Centre	
S&E	15/1/04	Knockbracken Hall	John Barnes 90565577
S&E	28/1/04	Knockbracken Hall	
ID/L	03/2/04	Downshire Hospital or Lisburn	Roslyn Dogherty 44513940
D/L	12/2/04	Downshire Hospital or Lisburn	
UCHT	19/1/04	Clandeboyne Lodge Bangor	Tony McAllister 91510159
UCHT	9/3/04	Clandeboyne Lodge Bangor	

## New Publications to the Library

<i>A Mighty Silence – A report on the needs of lesbians and bisexual women in Northern Ireland</i> (2002). Maire Quiry for LASI. Cost: Free	<b>T:</b> 90236923 <b>E:</b> <a href="mailto:lasidykes@hotmail.com">lasidykes@hotmail.com</a>
<i>Children and Domestic violence in Rural Areas – A child focused Assessment of service provision summary (photocopy available on request from Northern Ireland Women's Aid Federation). Save the Children. Cost: Free. The full report is £7.50</i>	<b>T:</b> 01752202301 <b>E:</b> <a href="mailto:orders@plymbridge.com">orders@plymbridge.com</a>
<i>Rights in Progress – A guide to the European Convention on Human Rights and the Human Rights Act (2<sup>nd</sup> ed) (2003). Les Allamby, The Law Centre NI. Cost: Free to Member</i>	<b>T:</b> 02871262433 <b>E:</b> <a href="mailto:admin.derry@lawcentreniwest.org">admin.derry@lawcentreniwest.org</a> <b>W:</b> <a href="http://www.lawcentreni.org">www.lawcentreni.org</a>
<i>From Strength to Strength – The experiences of young people growing up in one-parent families in Northern Ireland research report (2003). Gingerbread NI. Cost: Free.</i>	<b>T:</b> 02890231417 <b>E:</b> <a href="mailto:enquiries@gingerbreadni.org">enquiries@gingerbreadni.org</a> <b>W:</b> <a href="http://www.gingerbread.org">www.gingerbread.org</a>
<i>Out &amp; About Young Lesbian Project – A model of effective practice. (2003) Youth Action. Cost: Free.</i>	<b>T:</b> 02890760067 <b>E:</b> <a href="mailto:info@youthaction.org">info@youthaction.org</a> <b>W:</b> <a href="http://www.youthaction.org">www.youthaction.org</a>
<i>What Works in Reducing Domestic Violence? A comprehensive guide for professionals</i> (2001). Edited by Julie Taylor-Browne. Whiting & Birch Ltd. Cost: £16.95  <i>The Hidden Struggle Statutory and Voluntary sector responses to violence against black women in the home</i> (1996). Amina Mama. Whiting & Birch Ltd. Cost: £14.95  <i>Understanding Perpetrators: Protecting Children - A practitioner's guide to working effectively with child sexual abusers</i> (1999). Lynda Deacon & Bryan Gocke. Whiting & Birch Ltd. Cost: £14.95  <i>The Multi-Agency Approach to Domestic Violence New opportunities, old challenges?</i> (1999) Nicola Harwin, Gill Hague & Ellen Malos (eds). Whiting & Birch Ltd. Cost: £17.95	<b>T:</b> 02082442421 <b>W:</b> <a href="http://www.whitingbirch.co.uk">www.whitingbirch.co.uk</a>
<i>Stop Hitting Mum! Children Talk about Domestic Violence</i> (2003). Audrey Mullender et al. Young Voice. Cost: £9.99.	<b>F:</b> 02089792952 <b>E:</b> <a href="mailto:info@young-voice.org">info@young-voice.org</a> <b>W:</b> <a href="http://www.young-voice.org">www.young-voice.org</a>

## Information Enclosed

- Women's News Training Flyer
- Northern Ireland Women's Aid Federation Financial Policy
- Information on Gingerbread
- Lesbian Line Fliers
- Government Press Release
- Section from Children's Order Guidance Document.

Deadline for next mailing is 8<sup>th</sup> January 2004.

**Happy Christmas and New Year Everyone!**

