



Reducing the Risk

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1. Honour Based Violence Training – Thames Valley Domestic Abuse Co-ordinators



Free one day training session on Honour Based Violence, including Forced Marriage, for multi-agency professionals.

Venue: Long Room, Town Hall, St. Aldates, Oxford, OX1 1BX

Time: 9:30 am to 4:30 pm (tea/coffee available from 9 am)

Dates: Monday 8th November 2010

Tuesday 15th February 2011

(You are only required to attend one session)

Aim of the training:

- To recognise and understand the complex dynamics of Honour Based Violence
- To promote partnership working
- To provide better support and response for those affected

[Click Here](#) for Booking Form

**Domestic Abuse
Oxfordshire**
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2. Oxfordshire Domestic Abuse Training 2010

What is Domestic Abuse ?

Oxfordshire Children's Safeguarding Training

OSCB On line Domestic Abuse Awareness – Level 1

OSCB Domestic Abuse Awareness (1 day training event) – Level 2

OSCB Domestic Abuse and Children (1 day training event) – Level 2

Specialist Training

Community Domestic Abuse Champions (2 day training event) – Level 3

School Domestic Abuse Champions (1 day training event)

Domestic Abuse Risk Assessment Training (1/2 day training event)

Honour-Based Violence (HBV) (1 day training event)

Click Here for the Brochure with full particulars of training events and dates.

3. Safety in Numbers: Hard evidence that the IDVA approach to domestic abuse is effective

Every year in the UK an estimated 100,000 victims are subjected to severe domestic abuse. It costs hundreds of lives, blights the futures of hundreds of thousands of children and costs billions of pounds in public services. This note highlights the key findings from *Safety in Numbers*¹, the first large scale, multi-site evaluation of Independent Domestic Violence Advisor (IDVA) services across England and Wales.

Please [click here](#) to view the Summary of Findings and Recommendations from a Multi-site Evaluation of Independent Domestic Violence Advisors

Please [click here](#) to view 4 key findings

Please [click](#) for the full report

4. Parenting Apart: A Free Workshop for Separated Parents

Oxfordshire Family Mediation



Parenting is never simple, especially if you live apart.

Be the best parent you can be.

Topics covered include:

- Impact of separation on children
- What to say to children
- How to support your children
- How to communicate with the other parent

Get the information

Share with others

Think about it for yourself

DATE: Tuesday 21 September from 6 - 8.30pm

VENUE: Oxfordshire Family Mediation, 125 London Road, Oxford

Tel: 01865 741781 Email: admin@ofm.org.uk

FREE session. To secure place please send £10 deposit to Oxfordshire Family Mediation to be refunded in full on attendance - Fully funded by PCT

5. Domestic Abuse Stalking and Harassment and Honour Based Violence Risk Identification now in 13 community languages

You can now find the CAADA Domestic Abuse, Stalking and 'Honour'-based Violence (DASH) Risk Identification Checklists translated into 13 community languages. These documents support IDVAs and other agency professionals who may be risk assessing high risk victims whose first language is not English. CAADA acknowledges funding from the Home Office for this work.

Please [click here](#) to access the documents.

6. Women's Aid 36th Annual National Conference 2010



At the Women's Aid annual national conference in June, **Theresa May MP, Home Secretary and Minister for Women and Equality**, made her first speech on Violence against Women since taking office. She made a commitment to working to end violence against women, including announcing an extension of a scheme to ensure that abused women who are unable to access public funds get the support they need, and a commitment to find workable long-term solutions to domestic violence. The conference also considered a range of issues affecting survivors of domestic and sexual abuse and their children, specialist domestic and sexual violence services, and future priorities for Women's Aid at national and local levels.

7. Fourth National Practitioners' Seminar for Those Addressing Young People's Use of Violence in Close Relationships

DATES: Wednesday 6th October 2010
VENUE: Welcome Centre, 47a Parkside, Coventry CV1 2HG
COST: £45 including lunch and refreshments.

There are a variety of workshops and there will also be presentations by a Street Theatre Production – 'Living Like It Is' & from Peer Productions – Homophobia Project

If you would like to attend, please complete the attached booking form and return to

Young People's Services, Respect
1st Floor, Downstream Building
1 London Bridge
London SE1 9BG
or email sarah.read@respect.uk.net

If you require any further details please email or call on 0207 022 1801

For more information and a booking [click here](#)

8. Bursaries available for the qualification: 'Effective responses to domestic and sexual violence/abuse' : Women's Aid National Training Centre

OCN accredited qualification 'Effective responses to domestic and sexual violence/abuse' is running in Bristol, Nottingham, London, Birmingham and Manchester. This first stage of the course is suitable for anyone whose work brings them into contact with domestic and sexual violence, for example specialist support staff, including refuge workers, refuge managers, outreach workers, anyone carrying out an IDVA role, specialist children's workers and also professionals working in related fields. Bursaries are available for remaining places on Bristol, Nottingham and London courses. The bursary is for voluntary organisations and spaces are limited and on a first come, first served basis –

[Click here](#) for further details from the Women's Aid National Training Centre

9. Domestic and sexual abuse and Mental Health - 1 day CPD training : Women's Aid National Training Centre

Date: 21st September

Venue: Durham University

Cost: £200 statutory organisations, £150 for voluntary organisations

This accredited training course is aimed at professionals who come into contact with survivors of domestic and sexual violence and who wish to learn more about the ways in which domestic and sexual violence interconnect with mental health issues. The overall aim of the training is to improve participants' level of competence in the area, sharpen relevant support skills and consider how to broaden opportunities for possible collaborative work between local agencies.

For more information including costs and application form [click here](#)

10. Masterclass: Using the Domestic Abuse, Stalking, Harassment Honour Based Violence (DASH 2009) Risk Assessment Tool: Women's Aid National Training Centre

Date: 22nd September

Venue: Durham University

Cost: £200 for statutory organisations, £150 for voluntary organisations

This one day advanced training is aimed at professionals coming into contact with survivors or perpetrators of domestic abuse and/or their children. The training aims to

further professionals' knowledge and skills in risk assessment and management in relation to survivors and perpetrators, using real case studies and outcomes. For more information including costs and application form [click here](#)

11. Criminal Injuries Compensation for domestic violence survivors

The Criminal Injuries Compensation Authority (CICA) is reviewing its procedures and is seeking views on some operational changes that have been proposed. It is considering placing the responsibility for the provision of medical information on to eligible applicants and replacing the necessity for CICA to contact medical authorities in the majority of cases. Rather than CICA contacting GPs and consultants by letter, applicants would approach their own GPs or consultants directly for a report on their injuries. Any fees payable would be met by the applicant and not CICA as at present. Applicants would be asked to take this action, once their eligibility was established. This change would therefore impact financially on applicants. If agreed, however, Women's Aid could provide a standard pro forma that can be downloaded and printed from our web site for applicants to obtain information from their GPs.

Domestic violence victims may get an award if they were physically or mentally injured (or both) as a result of a crime of violence in Scotland, England or Wales. Although there is no legal definition of the term 'a crime of violence', CICA usually expects it to have involved a physical attack, although this is not always the case. Examples of attacks where you may be eligible to claim an award include assault (physical or sexual) and/or wounding.

[Click Here](#) for more information

12. Against Violence and Abuse (AVA) Conference: Whose movement is it anyway? Survivors' role in ending violence against women and girls.

Date: 5 November 2010

Venue:

CBI Conference Centre
103 New Oxford Street
London WC1A 1DU

[Map and travel information will be sent to delegates on booking]

Cost:

£119/£129 vol/stat

when booking before the 3 September

£139/£159 vol/stat thereafter

This conference aims to reverse this trend. Showcasing over a dozen inspiring examples of survivor led initiatives.

We want to challenge the stigma and shame of being a victim and demonstrate the creative and innovative ways that women respond to and resist VAWG.

For more information [click here](#)

13. Training: Working with Domestic Violence Perpetrators within a Substance Misuse Agency, 6 October 2010 in Liverpool

Places still available on Working with Domestic Violence Perpetrators within a Substance Misuse Agency one day training course **on 6 October 2010 in Liverpool**

This course looks at identifying domestic violence perpetrators, giving safe messages and making appropriate referrals upon identification. It will also explore theoretical perspectives around domestic violence, the links to substance misuse and the perpetrator's choice to use violence.

[Click here](#) for more information and to book.

[Further AVA training this winter:](#) Book online at www.avaproject.org.uk

14. Training Adolescent Domestic Violence, 29 November, London

This course will expand on previous knowledge about domestic violence and will focus particularly on the experience of teenagers as victims and as perpetrators, with the inclusion of the following key issues:

- teenage pregnancy
- gender
- child to parent abuse
- barriers to accessing services
- sexual violence within a gang culture
- sexualisation of young people

The course will discuss how to ask about violence in teenagers own intimate relationships, how to give advice and how to risk assess and safety plan. The course will comprise of interactive activities, group discussions and the use of films to illustrate key topics.

[Click here](#) for more information and to book

15. Families 'hit by legal aid cuts', Law Society warns.....

Lawyers say legal aid helps protect vulnerable children

Thousands of vulnerable families could be left without any legal representation following a shake-up in legal aid, the Law Society has warned.



The Legal Services Commission, which runs the £2.2bn scheme in **England and Wales**, **has cut the number of firms able to offer legal aid from 2,400 to 1,300.**

Please [click here](#) for full BBC article.

16. Professionals Training Programme from Special & Different Addiction Services Ltd.

www.specialanddifferent.org.uk

The 12 Step Model of Addiction Treatment (Part 1) - 9th September 10am-1.00pm

Working with Alcohol Dependant Clients—16th September 10am-4.00pm

The 12 Step Model of Addiction Treatment (part 2) - 23rd September 10am-4.00pm

Working with Care Plans—30th September 10am-1.00pm

Family Systems Theory—14th October 10am-1.00pm

Motivational Interviewing and the Cycle of Change—28th October 10am-4.00pm

[Click here for full details](#)

17. Home Truths - National training event showcasing the best ways of working effectively within domestic violence:

DATES: 2-3 November 2010 9.30am-4.30pm

VENUE: Riverside Centre, Pride Park, Derby

Tuesday 2 November: Training sessions

Wednesday 3 November: Main national event

Booking:

One: book direct on-line at www.righthing.co.uk/events.html

Two: request an electronic booking form from or simply e-mail your details to:
office@rightthing.co.uk

Three: call or fax us on 01332 780 096

Four: write to us at Do the Right Thing, 73 Church Street, Denby Village, Derbyshire DE5 8PH

For further information [click here](#)

18. Training: Exploring Child to Parent Violence

This course is suitable for all those who engage with or educate young people or who have responsibilities for safeguarding and child protection. The training will be interactive and as practical as possible.

A full day's interactive training which explores child to parent violence and its impact in the short and long term for both child and parent

DATE: 21st October 2010

VENUE: The Hub, Easton Street, High Wycombe, Bucks HP11 1NJ

COST: £145 or £125 (Voluntary Sector) – *discounts for multiple agency bookings* –

Closing Date: 30th September 2010

[Click Here](#) for more information

19. Training: Dating Violence & Abuse within Adolescent Relationships

This course is suitable for all those who engage with or educate young people or who have responsibilities for safeguarding and child protection. The training will be interactive and as practical as possible.

DATE: 10th November 2010

VENUE: The Hub, Easton Street, High Wycombe, Bucks HP11 1NJ

COST: - £145 or £125 (Voluntary Sector) – *discounts for multiple agency bookings*

Closing date: 20th October 2010

[Click Here](#) for more information

The cost for both the above includes a full days training, associated relevant materials, handouts & resources with refreshments and lunch provided. Due to the nature of these training courses, places will be strictly limited so please book early – if you would like to book a place, please complete a booking form and return to pat.wallace@breakingfree.org.uk or call 07977 982755 for more information.



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20. Respect male victims training 2010

The training will include the Respect toolkit for work with male victims. It includes detailed research on men's needs, suggested responses and assessment forms.

Current dates are:

Thursday, 16th September 2010 - Room 7, The St. Werburghs Centre, Horley Road, St Werburghs, Bristol, BS2 9TJ.

Wednesday, 6th October 2010 - St Martin in the Bullring, Birmingham

Tuesday, 16th November 2010 - The Jennie Lee Room, The Albany Learning and Conference Centre, 44 Ashley Street, Glasgow, G3 6DS.

For details of course aims, who should attend cost and how to book click here. There is a discounted rate for Respect members.

As this is the first E Bulletin for which I have been responsible, and in spite of much appreciated help from Cara in her last days here, please accept my apologies for any 'gremlins'! Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need any further information or if you wish any items to be included in future bulletins, and I will do my very best to help.

With best wishes

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