



Reducing the Risk

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1) Thames Valley Partnership Event on 22 November

is running an event this autumn, on behalf of Oxfordshire YOS, exploring the future of services supporting young victims and witnesses across Thames Valley. The event is being held on **22 November** in Oxfordshire.

If you are a manager/decision maker in an agency working with young people, work in criminal justice or have a particular interest in the needs of young people who are victimised, this will be of interest to you. The cost of the day, £60+VAT, includes lunch and a resource pack, with 2 books and a DVD (worth £50) which have been published by SAFE!

Please contact bron@thamesvalleypartnership.org.uk to book a place.

Or click on [Event Flyer](#) and [Booking Form](#)

2) Preventing Child Sexual Abuse -

‘Preventing Child Sexual Abuse – Making it Everybody’s Business’

Brought to you by The Lucy Faithfull Foundation in association with Thames Valley Partnership

ONE DAY TRAINING EVENT
LANE END CONFERENCE CENTRE, CHURCH
ROAD, LANE END, BUCKS, HP14 3HH
THURSDAY JANUARY 27,

Introduction

The Lucy Faithfull Foundation is a leading child protection charity working to reduce the risk of children being sexually abused. We believe that child sexual abuse is preventable, not inevitable, and provide a unique set of services which enhance community protection against child sexual abuse. We aim to safeguard children and young people from abuse by collaborating with individuals and agencies to develop a more

child sensitive and offender aware culture. The Foundation works with child protection and public protection professionals, perpetrators of child sexual abuse and their families and manages the national campaign; Stop it Now! The campaign, supported by an alliance of voluntary sector partners, government departments and statutory agencies operates a free phone, confidential Helpline for people to seek information and advice in relation to child sexual abuse.

Who should attend?

- Those concerned with child protection
- Those concerned with public protection
- Police officers
- Children's services providers
- Health and social services
- Community safety workers
- Probation staff
- Foster care workers
- Education staff
- Psychologists
- Youth workers
- Residential staff
- Child care staff
- Faith workers
- Child sexual abuse survivor

Organisations

Training aims:

This one day conference aims to explore some of today's key issues surrounding child sexual abuse:

- _ Female sexual abusers – facts and fiction
- _ Internet offenders – how the internet is used as part of sexually abusive behaviour
- _ Children and young people who display worrying sexual behaviour
- _ Developing a comprehensive framework to prevent child sexual abuse

Delegates will complete each workshop. They will hear from specialist speakers who work in the field, learn from the experience of others and share their own experiences. The event will encourage delegates to explore how various roles contribute to preventing child sexual abuse.

[CLICK HERE](#) for details [CLICK HERE](#) for location plan [CLICK HERE](#) for booking form

3) Oxfordshire Parenting Forum's next conference

“What works – effective practice in parenting education and support”.

You may already be aware of the conference; however you can [CLICK HERE](#) for full details.

The conference is being held on the 20th October 2010 at The Oxford Centre Banbury Road from 9:30am-4pm. We would very much like you all to be a part of the conference by having a stand exhibiting your current work and practice

Attached is an exhibitors' booking form along with the conference programme. If you would like to join us for lunch there is a charge of £10.00 for lunch and refreshments throughout the day. Tables will be provided for the displays, however there is limited space, so space will be given on a first come first served basis (on returning the forms)

Closing date for the forms & fee for lunch is 4th October, any late entries will incur a late booking fee of £10.00

Any questions please do not hesitate to contact Rachel Williams

Tel: 01865 397972

Email: admin@oxfordshire-parenting-forum.org.uk

4) Women's Aid news

Support for children and young people who experience domestic violence in their families or in their own teenage relationships: what services are available in your area?

Women's Aid is very concerned that most local areas fail to provide appropriate specialist support provision for children and young people who experience domestic violence, whether from adults in their family or in their own teenage relationships. Despite proposed changes, it is vital that children and young people are provided with support to address domestic violence so that they may grow up to achieve their potential and have healthy adult relationships. Please contact [Fiona Dwyer](#), Children and Young People Officer, with information about what services are in your local area.

5) Oxfordshire Domestic Abuse Training Guide



Oxfordshire Safeguarding Children Board

1. What is Domestic Abuse

2. 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

3. Specialist Training

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

School Domestic Abuse Champions (1 day training event)

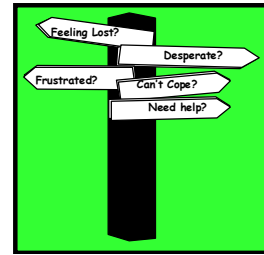
Domestic Abuse Risk Assessment Training (1/2 day training event)

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

4. Bespoke Training

[CLICK HERE](#) for full details

6) The Oxfordshire 'Parent-Talk' Programme



The Wheatley Centre Annexe, Littleworth Road, Wheatley, OX33 1PH
Parent-talk@oxfordshire.gov.uk
Tel/Fax: 01865-875482

Groups & Individual Support and Skills for Parents of Older Children & Adolescents

1. Groups for Parents of challenging teenagers (10-19 year-olds)
2. One-to-One work with Parents of 6-14 year-olds in Rural Areas
3. One-to-One work with Parents of 6-19 year-olds
4. Other One-to-One options with Parents of 6-19 year-olds

For further information about this programme [CLICK HERE](#)

7) DASH Risk Masterclass Training

Date: 28 October 2010

Venue: The Suzy Lamplugh Trust, 2nd Floor Room2, The Strand, WC2R 1AT

Cost: £220 (non-charitable) £150 (charitable)

Please [Click Here](#) for details and booking

8) DASH 'Train the Trainer'

Date: 4 and 18th November 2010-09-20

Venue: The Suzy Lamplugh Trust, 2nd Floor Room2, The Strand, WC2R 1AT

Cost: £320 (non-charitable) £250 (charitable)

Please [Click Here](#) for details and booking

For both these events a full lunch is provided as are both tea/coffee and biscuits. On registration a map and further details to prepare for the training will be provided.

9) DASH Risk Assessment Training 2010

These are the planned dates for 2010, please tick the box of the training event you would like to attend and return to michelle.plaisted-kerr@oxfordshire.gov.uk

Any queries please call 01865 258422

Date	Area	Venue	Time	Please specify preferred date
22 nd October	South and Vale	South Oxfordshire district council office - council chambers	9.30 – 12.30	
18 th November	West	West Oxfordshire district office - committee rm 1	9.30 – 12.30	
1 st December	North	Bodicote house - council chambers	9.30 – 12.30	

[CLICK HERE](#) for booking form

10) REFUGE - Home ware brand Sheridan and House of Fraser team up to support Refuge

This September, leading home wear brand Sheridan will be teaming up with House of Fraser to support Refuge and help stop domestic violence.

When you buy anything from the Sheridan collection, (bed linen, bedding accessories and bath towels) during September, Sheridan will donate money from the sale to Refuge. The money will help Refuge provide life-saving and life-changing support for women and children experiencing domestic violence.

You can buy from House of Fraser stores, the [House of Fraser website](#) or the [Sheridan website](#).

Refuge will receive a donation to the value of one per cent of all sales of Sheridan products through House of Fraser and www.sheridanuk.com throughout September 2010 – so if you plan to buy new home ware this September, please consider buying from the Sheridan range and supporting Refuge.

11) REFUGE - Have you lost a loved one to domestic violence?

Speaking out for the dead to protect the living

Nine months into Refuge's Four Ways to Speak Out Against Domestic Violence campaign, they are looking for families or individuals who have lost loved ones to domestic violence. If you or anyone you know has lost a member of their family to domestic violence, Refuge would really love to speak to you about getting involved in the next phase of their campaign.

If you would like to find out more before making up your mind please contact Isobel Shirlaw on 020 7395 7710 or email: isobel_shirlaw@refuge.org.uk

12) Alcohol Concern/Embrace - Opening the can of worms - safely

Children, families and domestic abuse training for alcohol services.

Date: Thursday 18 November 2010 at 9.30am - 4.30 pm

Location: Sheffield, S1 2EW

Cost: £ 105.75

Embrace is running a series of one-day training sessions which aim to equip alcohol services with the basics they need to introduce family and domestic abuse issues into their mainstream work. The training will accord with the DANOS competencies framework and an Alcohol Concern Certificate of Attendance will be provided for all attendees.

Places are limited and will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis, so it is advisable to book early. Please note that the training session fee includes VAT.

[Click Here](#) for Embrace Training Events Flyer

13) John Latham Obituary



John Latham helped change the way domestic violence cases are handled by police.

In a very short time, John Latham – acquired a reputation as a lawyer who took on apparently hopeless cases and won. In doing so he succeeded in changing the way domestic violence cases are now dealt with by the police. [Click Here](#) for full article

14) More than 40% of Domestic Violence Victims are Male, report reveals

Campaign group Parity claims assaults by wives and girlfriends are often ignored by police and media

The Observer, Sunday 5 September 2010



[Click Here](#) for full article

15) Effective Probation Programmes Face Huge Cuts....

In a briefing published by Napo, the Probation union, warns that planned cuts of up to 25% to the Probation Service budget, including programmes, will lead to an increase in crime and the creation of more victims.

The Probation Service in England and Wales has been successfully running group work programmes for offenders for over 20 years. The programmes were formalised in 2003 and became available to the courts as a condition of supervision. Last year over 40,000 individuals completed programmes focussing on drug and alcohol abuse, domestic violence, thinking skills and behaviour, and sexual offending. The majority of those sentenced to programmes are prolific offenders and were at risk of custody.

The number of completions will fall by up to a quarter when the cuts go ahead. [Click here](#)

for full article.

16) WHY? The Truth about FGM



"Why?", is a radio project by 14 young women from BME backgrounds about FGM - Female Genital Mutilation. FGM is sometimes also referred to as female circumcision, genital cutting, clitoridectomy, infibulation or sunna.

"Why?" explores the difficult subject of FGM through the eyes of a fictional young girl as she prepares to visit her grandparents one summer.

At the end of a documentary such as this it is normal to advise people who have been affected by the issues contained within to call a helpline, the number of which is provided at the end of the broadcast.

We found there was no number we could offer listeners to call. We want this situation to change.

[Click Here](#) for more information and link to download "Why?"

and to sign the petition calling the UK government to provide a helpline for those affected by FGM to call.

17) Understanding Perpetrators of Domestic Violence



Breaking Free

The course is suitable for all those who work within family settings e.g. Children's Centres, Health Visitors, Social Workers, Family Intervention Projects, Substance Misuse Services, Community Mental Health & Housing Officers. This is a full day interactive training that will assist participants to explore the beliefs, tactics and behaviour of perpetrators. The focus will be on male perpetrators but research on female perpetrators will also be included.

DATE: 26th October 2010

VENUE: Room B204, SOAS (School of Oriental and African Studies), University of London, Thornhaugh Street, Russell Square, London WC1H 0XG
COST: £145 or £125 (Voluntary Sector) – discounts for multiple agency bookings –
CLOSING DATE: 15th October 2010

The cost includes a full days training, associated relevant materials, handouts & resources with refreshments and lunch provided. Due to the nature of this training, 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.

[CLICK HERE](#) for further info.

18)Broken Rainbow LGBT Domestic Violence Awareness



Broken Rainbow

A service for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people experiencing domestic violence

Date: Monday 8th November 2010, from 10am to 4pm

Venue: London, SE16

Rate: £99 per person

Reduced rate for registered charities: £69 per person

(The rates include sandwich lunch and refreshments)

[CLICK HERE](#) for further information

Unit J414, Tower Bridge Business Complex
100 Clements Rd, London, SE16 4DG
Helpline 0300 999 5428 (LGBT)
Admin 08452 60 55 60
mail@broken-rainbow.org.uk

I hope you find this E Bulletin useful. This is the first I have done unaided so, as for last month, I apologise for any errors or 'glitches'. Also, I must apologise for the lateness of the circulation, as I was away for a very wet, but nevertheless enjoyable long weekend in Northumberland.

Hot news – Cara gave birth to baby Sebastian on Tuesday 5th October!!! We all wish her well.

With very best wishes.....

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