

# WARWICKSHIRE AGAINST DOMESTIC ABUSE

## NEWSLETTER

27<sup>th</sup> February 2009

**WELCOME** to the 10th edition of the Warwickshire Against Domestic Abuse newsletter. We hope you find the information and articles useful and informative.

If you have anything you would like us to include in a future edition please contact me directly on 01926 746818, or email [helenjinks@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:helenjinks@warwickshire.gov.uk). The deadline for information to be sent for inclusion for the next edition is **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2009**.

Please forward this newsletter onto any colleagues you think may wish to receive it, or contact me with names and email addresses of anyone to be added to the circulation list. This newsletter is also available to download from the "Professionals" page of [www.talk2someone.org.uk](http://www.talk2someone.org.uk).

Helen Jinks

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## Website to offer free surplus stock

*By Hannah Jordan, Third Sector, 17 February 2009*

Charities offered items on a first-come, first-served basis.

Charities are being offered free surplus stock from UK businesses through a new website. Firms can list unwanted stock, such as clothing or furniture, on <http://www.givingworldonline.com/>

Charities can then claim it on a first-come, first-served basis.

Organisations that use the site must agree to use the items to support beneficiaries and not to sell them for profit.

The not-for-profit website was launched by Leicester-based charity Konnect9, which distributes surplus business stock to organisations and projects worldwide. Rama Bhalla, director of the website, said it eased pressure on Konnect9's services and allowed charities and businesses to communicate directly.

"Konnect9 is limited by the size of its warehouse and the amount of collections and deliveries it can make," he said. "This new website solves the problem."

## VACANCY

### **Safer Neighbourhood Analyst Harm Analysis & Intelligence Group**

**Police Headquarters Leek Wootton, Fixed Term Contract until 31st March 2011**

**Salary: £22,611 - £26,706**

The Safer Neighbourhood Analyst plays a crucial role in protecting the communities of Warwickshire from harm. Drawing on a background of data collection, analysis and presentation, gained either through degree-level study or experience in a similar role, you will use your skills to identify trends and patterns in crime and disorder, find links between people, places and events, and develop inferences in an attempt to explain what is happening. The recommendations you make will aid management decision-making and influence resource allocation for the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnerships in Warwickshire. Candidates for this role should be able to collate and analyse data from a wide variety of sources, and turn it into imaginative yet operable recommendations for action. An ability to present information to a variety of audiences in written, verbal or graphical form is crucial, as is an ability to work well both as part of a team and on your own initiative. If you have a logical and enquiring mind, and a desire to help us protect our communities from harm, this could be the job for you.

If you believe you meet the above criteria and wish to apply, please contact the HR Team Department on 01926 415061 for an application pack or email [personnelrecruitment@warwickshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:personnelrecruitment@warwickshire.pnn.police.uk).

**Closing date for applications is Friday 13th March 2009.**

## VACANCY

### Victim Care Officer – Victim Support in Warwickshire

**Location – 124 The Parade, Leamington Spa**

**Salary - £14, 941.87 plus 5% pension contribution**

**Hours – 32 hrs per week worked between 2pm-8pm, Monday – Friday**

**Contract – Fixed-term for 12 months**

The purpose of this role is to make initial telephone contact with victims of crime once a referral has been received. You will be responsible for going through an initial needs assessment for the victim and arranging support via Victim Support volunteers or referring onto other agencies.

The post will require the ability to: -

- Communicate effectively and sensitively over the phone
- Work in a structured and efficient manner
- Record information accurately
- Follow up support being provided
- Work effectively within a small team

For further information please contact Davina Lytton, Area Manager either by email: - [davina.lytton@victimsupport.org.uk](mailto:davina.lytton@victimsupport.org.uk), by telephone 01926 450566 or by post; Davina Lytton, Area manager, Victim Support, 124 The Parade, Leamington Spa, Warwickshire CV32 4AG

Download the job description and personal specification [HERE](#)

**The closing date for applications to be received is mid-day on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2009.  
Interviews will take place on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April.**

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## Consultations

### The Big Listen

As part of the work of GOWM this year we are about to embark on an activity entitled 'The Big Listen' The activity requires civil servants from the children and learners directorate going out and meeting with a group of young people to find out from them 'what it is that makes a difference' The visit will take about 40 - 60 minutes and needs to take place before the 23rd March. If you have a group of young people who might be interested could you contact Ruth Rickman-Williams and she will make sure they are put in touch with a member of the team.

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## Publications

### ['Let's talk about sex and violence'](#)

**Summary:** Discusses a scheme based in Dundee which discusses domestic violence and child abuse with children with the aim of preventing incidents and aiding disclosure.

**Publication details:** Community Care Issue 1757, 2009 pp 22-23

**Authors:** Harris, David

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## Resources

### **Alcohol and Domestic Violence Project: Nuneaton, Bedworth and North Warwickshire**

Swanswell's alcohol and domestic violence project, piloted in Warwickshire, fills the gap in services and provides a holistic intervention for the two positively correlated problems. Swanswell has a 40 year track record of successfully providing services related to alcohol use. As part of our portfolio we develop and deliver accredited offender programmes. Our interventions are cost-effective and proven to bring about measurable change in offending and drinking behaviour.

[Click here to download further information on the project](#)

### **New Home Office Guide for Victims of Domestic Violence**

A new guide aimed at helping victims of domestic violence was launched today by Home Secretary Jacqui Smith, along with new funding for support services.

**Source:** [Home Office Press Release](#) 10 February 2009

**Further information:** [Home Office website](#) Domestic violence leaflet

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## Funding

### **Helena Kennedy Foundation – Awards available in 2009**

[HKF Awards available in 2009](#)

Since 1998, the Helena Kennedy Foundation has been running a bursary scheme to provide much needed financial support to disadvantaged students, who have successfully completed a further education course and wish to progress to higher education.

See the range of awards available at the above weblink; guidance on eligibility and applications is at: [Applying for an HKF Bursary](#)

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# Events

## MARCH

### “Barriers to Success: Muslim Women’s Perspective”

As part of the EHRC remit to promote New Voices, the West Midlands Regional Office is organising a conference to recognise Muslim women’s roles and contributions “Barriers to Success: Muslim Women’s Perspective”.

The event will take place on 12th March 2009 at the Banqueting Suite at Birmingham City Council from 9:30am – 3:00pm and is planned to coincide with activities planned as part of International Women’s Day 2009.

There are many barriers which prevent Muslim women from achieving their full potential. This conference will aim to explore the barriers which exist, to hear personal experiences from Muslim women themselves and offer community driven solutions to these barriers.

The conference is free of any charges and will be booked on a first come first booked basis.

For further information please email: [WMEHRC@equalityhumanrights.com](mailto:WMEHRC@equalityhumanrights.com) or for any queries please call Angela Powell, tel: 0121 234 7344. (Please note, places are limited, therefore, please book as soon as possible to avoid disappointment)

### Children and Violence: New Research on Witnessing and Experiencing Violence

This free seminar, organised by the Network for Research on Children, Young People and Families, takes place on 17 March 2009 in London.

Source: [NSPCC Inform](#)

### Tackling Disability Hate Crime Together

Warwickshire Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) is launching its Disability Hate Crime Policy:

#### Guest Speakers

Paul Giannasi, Alison Quigley, Earl Chilton, Tony Walsh and Rose Thompson

**Wednesday 18th March 2009, 10:00am – 1:00pm (including free lunch provided at the end)  
At Holiday Inn Leamington Spa – Olympus Avenue, Tachbrook Park, Leamington Spa, CV34 6RJ**

If you have any queries, please contact Parveen Hassan in the first instance.  
CPS Group Equality, Diversity and Community Engagement Manager on Tel: 0121 262 1330, Fax: 0121 262 1568 or Email: [parveen.hassan@cps.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:parveen.hassan@cps.gsi.gov.uk).

(the seminar is free of charge but spaces are limited and will be booked on a first come first served basis). [Download your booking form HERE!](#)

Please return the booking form to:

Deborah Haworth, CPS Warwickshire, 10 Newbold Terrace, Leamington Spa, CV32 4EA, fax: 01926 450444, by email: [Deborah.haworth@cps.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:Deborah.haworth@cps.gsi.gov.uk)

Information and Networking Event Organised by



## **Domestic Violence – Promoting Safety in Couples Counselling and Family Therapy**

**25th March, 2-4 pm**

**City Hall, The Queen's Walk, More London, London SE1 2AA**

The Stella Project is a partnership between the Greater London Domestic Violence Project (GLDVP) and the Greater London Alcohol and Drug Alliance (GLADA).

### **Speakers:**

Couples Counselling and Domestic Violence: promoting safety.

*Thangam Debonnaire, Research Manager, Respect*

Is there a middle way? Substance use, couples work and domestic violence.

*Sarah Galvani, Senior Lecturer in Social Work, University of Bedfordshire*

Domestic Violence and Couples Counselling – a different perspective.

*RoseMary Owen, Relate*

The event is free but places are limited so please book early to ensure your place. Please contact [sophie.taylor@gldvp.org.uk](mailto:sophie.taylor@gldvp.org.uk) to book your place. More information about the Stella Project can be found at [www.gldvpstellaproject.org.uk](http://www.gldvpstellaproject.org.uk).

## **FGM Awareness Raising Event**

FGM awareness raising event to be held on the afternoon of March 30th at Jury's Inn, Broad Street, Birmingham. The event is hosted by 'Birmingham Working Against FGM' supported by HOBtPCT.

It is aimed at School and Education Services Designated Senior Persons for Child Protection, head teachers, school nurses, staff in statutory and voluntary agencies working in and with schools

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## **A National Strategy for Violence Against Women - Prevention, Protection and Support**

**Date: Wednesday, 20th May 2009**

**Time: 10.40am – 2.00pm**

**Venue: The Commonwealth Club, Westminster**

In November 2008 Home Secretary Jacqui Smith confirmed to the Home Affairs Select Committee that the Government had accepted its recommendation to adopt a cross-government violence against women strategy. The government has recently adopted a number of measures to improve support for women surviving violence such as domestic abuse and rape. However, while welcome, these measures have so far stopped short of the cross-government strategy that a number of organisations have campaigned for. In addition, a recent report by the Equality and Human Rights Commission has pointed to major funding gaps for services that help women escape violence and abuse.

Participants at this Westminster Briefing will have the opportunity to consider the forthcoming cross-government strategy for violence against women. Engaging with the panel, delegates will discuss what more can be done to prevent gender violence, protect vulnerable women and better support survivors and their families.

### Further issues to be examined include:

- The EHRC's Map of Gaps report and how provision can be expanded
- Implementing a local violence against women strategy
- Improving the identification of potential victims
- Increasing conviction rates
- The important role played by the third sector.

**For further details of this event including a full synopsis and to register [visit our website](#)**

There is now a full listing of events and training programmes on the WADA website [www.talk2someone.org.uk](http://www.talk2someone.org.uk). To add your events to this webpage please send all details to [helenjinks@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:helenjinks@warwickshire.gov.uk).

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