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For items to be included in the next newsletter, please send a short paragraph plus web links (no attachments) by 14th December.

Please could domestic and sexual violence support services send through information about their opening hours over the Christmas/New Year holiday period for inclusion in the next newsletter.

News

- **NSPCC & Bristol University research 'Standing on my own two feet:'** This research report from the University of Bristol and the NSPCC looks at intimate partner violence in the relationships of disadvantaged young people - young people outside mainstream education, young mothers, young offenders, young people living in residential care and young people at risk of sexual exploitation. Its findings are compared with a larger study of young people in mainstream schools which provided a picture of the incidence and impact of teenage partner violence in Great Britain.
http://www.nspcc.org.uk/inform/research/findings/standing_own_two_feet_wda84543.html?dm_i=674,LGWD,4L738T,1QPBG,0
- **Refuge & NSPCC research 'Meeting the needs of children living with domestic violence in London':** This research looks at service provision and examines how professionals in a range of voluntary and statutory services respond to children and young people affected by domestic violence.
http://www.nspcc.org.uk/Inform/research/findings/domestic_violence_london_wda85829.html

Events/Meetings

- **BDAF (Bristol Domestic Abuse Forum)**
Next meeting 14th December 2011, 9:30 - 11:30 at the Council House.
Presentation: Relate on couples counselling.
- **The Care Forum: Bristol Mental Health Network 14 December:** The Care Forum will be holding their next network meeting on Wednesday 14 December, 9.45am-12.15pm at the Vassall Centre, Gill Avenue, Fishponds, Bristol, BS16 2QQ. Mark Hayman, Associate Director for Procurement, NHS Bristol and Patrick Mckee from Avon and Wiltshire Mental Health Partnership NHS Trust will be speaking. For more information, please contact Louise Hudson on 0117 959 9337 or louisehudson@thecareforum.org.uk

- **Tackling Stalking and Harassment Conference - 6 December:** The Home Office is running a conference that will explore the effectiveness of current methods to tackle stalking and harassment. The conference is free, but places will be allocated on a first come first served basis. To book a place or for more information, please contact the Events Team on 0207 035 1248 or email: visitsandevents@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk
- **Rights of Women launch their report: Silenced Voices: Strategies for protecting migrant women from violence and abuse - 7 December:** After launching a new immigration and asylum law legal advice line, Rights of Women will launch their report which analyses six months of calls to this line, and identifies and analyses the key barriers and issues for women seeking safety and protection in the UK. The event will consist of a panel of experts, who will explore strategies for protecting women who are currently falling through the protection gaps in UK immigration and asylum law policy. To secure a place, please download a booking form from <http://www.rightsofwomen.org.uk/current.php> and email it to events@row.org.uk
- **Platform 51 are running a youth group for girls aged 11-19 from communities affected by Female Genital Mutilation (FGM):** In conjunction with the Somalian Community in Bristol, Refugee Women of Bristol and Forward, an African Diaspora women's campaign and support charity, Platform 51 are running a youth group for girls aged 11-19 from FGM affected communities. They meet every Tuesday between 5 - 6.30pm at Easton Community Centre and have an exciting programme of activities. The aim of the group is to empower girls and young women to speak up against FGM and develop skills around campaigning and leadership. Please contact Em Williams for further information on 0117 9664856 or 0750 0553939 or email: em.williams@platform51.org
- **Free Understanding Domestic Violence and Abuse training through BDAF**
Spaces are still available on the next UDVA basic awareness course on 24th Jan.
For other dates and to book: <http://www.bdaf.org.uk/professionals/training>

Miscellaneous

Women's Aid Expect Respect toolkit review:

Women's Aid Expect Respect campaign aims to help young people develop healthy relationships now and in the future. One of the key elements of the campaign is promotion of the Expect Respect Education Toolkit <http://ctt-news.org/674-LGWD-4L738T-8A7CT-0/c.aspx> that was launched in 2008. Women's Aid is now reviewing the toolkit and the campaign to include wider issues of violence against women and girls for children and young people. This includes researching how the toolkit is being used and in what settings. They have developed a survey for specialist member services to complete here <http://ctt-news.org/674-LGWD-4L738T-8A7CU-0/c.aspx>