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Educating, informing and empowering
women about their legal rights

Rights of Women works to attain justice and equality by **informing, educating and empowering** women on their legal rights. Founded in 1975, we are a not for profit voluntary organisation. Our core services include two advice lines which offer free, confidential legal advice to women. We also specialise in providing high quality, practical and accredited legal training in the area of women's rights. Our courses are especially popular with community and voluntary organisations working directly with women. Our training programme is valued for making the law **transparent, accessible and user friendly**, giving service providers the knowledge and skills to enable their service users to access justice.

General information – please read before you apply

Our trainers are women solicitors or barristers who specialise in the area of training.

All our courses are essential for those working with women who have experienced domestic and/or sexual violence and Black and Minority Ethnic and/or Refugee/Asylum Seeking Women including Independent Domestic Violence and Sexual Violence Advisors.

Our courses have been accredited by the Law Society and Bar Council. All course grades are introductory, updating or for those returning to practice.

Our courses are aimed at first tier organisations and advice givers and we reserve the right to refuse applications by others.

Please note our training courses are open to **women only**.

Booking information

When completing your booking form, please print your details **clearly using block capitals** and complete one form for each participant wishing to attend, and one form for each course.

Places are allocated on a first come, first served basis and are strictly limited – it is advisable to book early to avoid disappointment.

Confirmation of a place will only be sent once payment is received and is subject to availability. You will be sent confirmation, joining letter and map prior to the course date. **Please do not attend a course if you have not received confirmation of your place.**

Cancellations must be made in writing. If your booking is cancelled up to two weeks before the course, the full fee, less a £10 administration charge, will be refunded. **No refund is possible if notice of the cancellation is received less than two weeks before the course date.** Substitutions can be made at any time.

Please contact the Training Officer with any enquiries or details of special requirements on 020 7251 6575/6 or training@row.org.uk.

HALF DAY COURSE

Meeting the needs of trafficked women: immigration and criminal law

Do you work with women who may have been trafficked into the UK for the purposes of sexual exploitation and want to know their rights to remain here and to financial support? Do you want to be able to support a woman who is or is considering supporting a prosecution against her traffickers?

To coincide with the coming into force of the Council of Europe's Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings 2005 in Spring 2008, which the UK has signed, this exciting new course will look at:

- What is trafficking? International and domestic law
- The immigration position of trafficked women (including applying for asylum and the European Economic Area)
- The Sexual Offences Act 2003 and protections for survivors of sexual violence
- Supporting trafficked women in the UK.

All participants will receive a free copy of our publications *Pathways to Justice: BMER women, violence and the law* and *From Report to Court: A handbook for adult survivors of sexual violence*.

London 10 September 2008
9.30am – 1pm

HALF DAY COURSE

Pathways to Justice: BMER women, violence and relationship breakdown

Do you work with Black and Minority Ethnic and/or Refugee or asylum seeking women who are experiencing violence? Do you want to know what rights a woman has on relationship breakdown?

This new course will explore the remedies available to BMER women who are experiencing domestic or sexual violence. The course will provide a comprehensive overview of the law that relates to

relationship breakdown and children issues including:

- Domestic violence injunctions: non-molestation orders and occupation orders
- Criminalisation of breach of a non-molestation order
- Clarifying parental responsibility
- Child contact and violent fathers
- Meeting the needs of diverse groups of women including Refugee or asylum seeking women and women with insecure immigration status in the UK.

All participants will receive a free copy of our latest publication *Pathways to Justice: BMER women, violence and the law*.

Leeds 17 September 2008 1 – 4.30pm
Liverpool 22 October 2008 1 – 4.30pm
London 5 November 2008
9.30am – 1pm
Newcastle 26 November 2008
1 – 4.30pm

HALF DAY COURSE

Forced marriage: the new law

Do you work with women who have experienced or are at risk of experiencing forced marriage? Do you want to know how the new law will protect them?

To coincide with the implementation of the Forced Marriage (Civil Protection) Act 2007, this new course will provide an overview of the new civil law protection available to women under the Act including:

- Forced marriage protection orders
- Who can apply and third party applications
- Supporting a woman through the legal process
- Meeting the needs of diverse groups of women including Refugee or asylum seeking women and women with insecure immigration status in the UK.

All participants will receive a free copy of our latest publication *Pathways to Justice: BMER women, violence and the law*.

London 6 October 2008 9.30am – 1pm

ONE DAY COURSE

in partnership with ASAP **Protecting women from persecution: claiming asylum in the UK and financial support throughout the process**

This new and practical one day course is designed to introduce participants to the law that determines who should receive asylum or human rights protection in the UK, how their claim is determined and what financial support they are entitled to. The course has a particular focus on the needs of asylum seeking women who are experiencing or have experienced gender-based violence and will cover:

- The legal framework for protection (including the **Refugee Convention 1951**, the **European Convention on Human Rights 1950** and the **EU Qualification Directive**)
- Applying for asylum in the UK (including the **New Asylum Model** and **Legacy Cases**)
- The different types of status given and refusal
- Financial support through the status determination process
- Financial support for failed asylum seekers including section 4 support
- Supporting women asylum seekers and refugee women.

All participants will receive a free copy of our latest publication ***Pathways to Justice: BMER women, violence and the law.***

London 22 September 2008

9.30am – 4.30pm

Leeds 19 November 2008

9.30am – 4.30pm

HALF DAY COURSE

Finding refuge: gender-based violence and seeking asylum in the UK

Do you work with women who have come to the UK to seek protection from persecution or violence, including domestic and sexual violence? Do you support women who have claimed asylum in the UK and are having their claim determined by the Home Office?

This practical new course is designed to introduce participants to the law that determines who should receive asylum or human rights protection in the UK and how their claim is determined. The course will focus on the needs of asylum-seeking women and will cover:

- The legal framework for protection (including the **Refugee Convention 1951**, the **European Convention on Human Rights 1950** and the **EU Qualification Directive**)
- Applying for asylum in the UK (including the **New Asylum Model** and **Legacy Cases**)
- Financial support throughout the process.
- The different types of protection given, refusal and appeals.

All participants will receive a free copy of our latest publication ***Pathways to Justice: BMER women, violence and the law.***

London 1 October 2008 9.30am – 1pm

Birmingham 8 October 2008

2 – 5.30pm

Bristol 12 November 2008 1 – 4.30pm

The Asylum Support Appeals Project (ASAP) aims to prevent destitution amongst asylum seekers through the provision of free legal representation and advice about their entitlement to housing and benefits, including the right to appeal when this support is refused or withdrawn. A large part of ASAP's work focuses on support options for refused asylum seekers who, for various reasons, are unable to leave the UK. ASAP provides second-tier training and advice to community organisations and runs a telephone line for advisers on housing and benefits. ASAP is the lead organisation in the UK providing advice in this area of law.

ONE DAY COURSE

in partnership with the nia project **Supporting survivors of domestic violence: law and practice**

This new course offers participants the opportunity to develop a greater understanding of domestic violence and its impact on women together with a practical overview of the new law relating to domestic violence including:

- An overview of the impact and effect of domestic violence on the lives of women and children
- Challenging myths and stereotypes in order to develop good practice
- Applying for a non-molestation order or occupation order: forms and procedure
- The new criminal offence of breach of a non-molestation order
- Supporting women through civil and criminal law systems and in particular vulnerable victims including refugee or asylum seeking women and women with an insecure immigration status in the UK.

All participants will receive a free copy of our publication *Rights of Women's Domestic Violence DIY Injunction Handbook (2nd Edition)*.

London 27 November 2008
9.30am – 4.30pm

ONE DAY COURSE

in partnership with the nia project **Supporting survivors of sexual violence: law and practice**

This new course offers participants the opportunity to develop a greater understanding of sexual violence and its impact on women together with an essential grounding in the law relating to sexual violence and an understanding of the criminal justice system including:

- Forms and reality of sexual violence and its effects on women
- Challenging myths and stereotypes and developing good practice guidelines around sexual violence
- Consent and the new offences of rape, sexual assault, causing someone to engage in sexual activity and assault by penetration in the **Sexual Offences Act 2003**
- The criminal justice system including the Victims' Code and criminal injuries compensation
- Supporting vulnerable victims including refugee or asylum seeking women and women with an insecure immigration status in the UK.

All participants will receive a free copy of our publication *From Report to Court: A handbook for adult survivors of sexual violence*.

London 3 December 2008
9.30am – 4.30pm

the nia project has been providing practical support and safe accommodation to women and children affected by gender violence for over 30 years and is now one of the largest gender violence projects in London. It also provides support, advice, and advocacy to women affected by sexual violence, women with substance misuse issues, women with no recourse to public funds, specialist therapeutic services for children and support for women involved in prostitution as well as training and consultancy.

RIGHTS OF WOMEN TRAINING APPLICATION FORM

Participant's Details (please copy this form for each participant, one form for each course, use block capitals and print clearly)

Name

Occupation/position

Organisation

Address

Postcode

Email

Telephone Fax

Accessibility Requirements

Please note that these courses are open to women only

Course	Date	Region
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Refugee community organisations (please provide details of your organisation when applying)	FREE	<input type="text"/>
Small voluntary sector organisations (income less than £500,000)	£70 half day £100 full day	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>
Larger voluntary sector organisations (income £500,000 or above)	£100 half day £130 full day	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>
Statutory sector/all others	£130 half day £160 full day	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>
	Subtotal £	<input type="text"/>
	Less 10% discount for Rights of Women members £	<input type="text"/>
	Rights of Women membership number	<input type="text"/>
	Total £	<input type="text"/>

I enclose a cheque for £ made payable to Rights of Women

My organisation will pay by BACS payment to: Rights of Women, Lloyds Bank plc,
31 Holloway Road, London N7 8JU Sort code 30-94-21 Account No: 0610210

Please return your completed form to Rights of Women, 52-54 Featherstone Street, London EC1Y 8RT.

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