

Rights of Women's training 2008



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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 Advisers

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.

Training courses in London only

● All London courses will take place at **NCVO**,
Regents Wharf, 8 All Saints Street, **London N1 9RL** ●

HALF DAY COURSE

Contact between children and violent fathers: in whose “best interests”?

10 years after the publication of Rights of Women’s groundbreaking report on domestic violence and the **Children Act 1989**, this interesting and accessible course provides a comprehensive overview of the law on child contact with a particular emphasis on the needs of women and children who have experienced domestic violence including:

- The concepts of parental responsibility, contact and residence
- Applying for contact: forms and procedure
- Harm and domestic violence
- How does the court decide? The Welfare Checklist
- What can the court order and how can contact be enforced?
- Public funding and supporting women who are representing themselves.

All participants will receive a copy of the ***Rights of Women Child Contact Handbook*** (2nd edition).

19 March 2008 9.30am – 1pm

ONE DAY COURSE

Asylum and immigration law: protecting women from violence and securing their position in the UK

This course will provide a practical overview of asylum and immigration law with particular emphasis on the needs of women with experience of gender-based violence. It will cover the following:

- 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**)
- EEA nationals, their partners and rights on relationship breakdown
- Supporting a woman making an application for indefinite leave to remain under the domestic violence rule
- Challenging “No recourse to public funds”.

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

23 April 2008 9.30am – 4.30pm

ONE DAY COURSE

Just married? the law of marriage, divorce and forced marriage

To coincide with the expected implementation of the **Forced Marriage (Civil Protection) Act 2007** in autumn 2008, this exciting, new course will update participants on the very latest changes to the law of forced marriage and provide an essential legal grounding on the following issues:

- Recognising whether a marriage is legal, particularly in relation to foreign and overseas marriages
- Explaining the legal rights and consequences of getting married
- Clarifying the status of religious divorces
- Examining when an overseas divorce is legally recognised in England and Wales
- Providing a comprehensive overview of the law of forced marriage
- Meeting the needs of diverse groups of women including refugee or asylum seeking women and women with an insecure immigration status in the UK.

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

7 May 2008 9.30am – 4.30pm

HALF DAY COURSE

Safe as houses: domestic violence – women's rights to housing and property

A practical overview of the housing alternatives and legal options available to women following the end of an abusive relationship, this course includes:

- Married women and civil partners' rights and how to protect them
- Safeguarding the home of a cohabitant
- Occupation orders and transferring a tenancy
- Homelessness, domestic violence and local authority obligations
- Supporting women with no recourse to public funds, refugee and asylum seeking women.

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

2 July 2008 9.30am – 1pm

● *“I have gained a million pounds worth of knowledge from this course, the trainers were very nice, professional and definitely know their stuff. It's worth every penny. Book yourself a place.” ●*

Meeting the needs of trafficked women: immigration and criminal law

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 immigration and criminal law around trafficking including:

- What is trafficking? The international and domestic response
- The immigration position of trafficked women in the UK (including applying for asylum and the rights of women from the EEA).
- Trafficking for sexual exploitation: the **Sexual Offences Act 2003** and protections for survivors of sexual violence.
- Trafficking for purposes other than sexual exploitation (for example, domestic servitude).
- Supporting trafficked women in the UK.

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

10 September 2008 9.30am – 1pm

- *“Excellent speaker, very knowledgeable and informative – I would definitely suggest other colleagues attend”* ●

Removing the barriers: domestic violence and securing women's position in the UK

Rights of Women have developed this popular course to enable participants to support women who have an insecure immigration status and are experiencing domestic violence. It offers a practical overview of immigration law and procedure including:

- EEA nationals, their partners and rights on relationship breakdown
- Coming to the UK to join a spouse, civil partner or partner
- Supporting a woman to make an application for indefinite leave to remain under the domestic violence rule
- Challenging “No recourse to public funds”.

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

23 October 2008 9.30am – 1pm

- *“The information was fantastic and far from demonstrating how difficult injunctions are, it showed me how achievable they are. I can't thank you enough”* ●

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.

In partnership with **the nia project**, Rights of Women is offering:

ONE DAY COURSE

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 copy of Rights of Women's *Domestic Violence DIY Injunction Handbook* (2nd edition).

4 June & 27 November 2008
9.30am – 4.30pm

ONE DAY COURSE

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 *From Report to Court: a handbook for adult survivors of sexual violence* (while stocks last).

5 June & 3 December 2008
9.30am – 4.30pm

Training courses in and outside London

HALF DAY COURSE

Pathways to justice: BMER women, domestic violence and relationship breakdown

This new course will explore the remedies available to BMER women experiencing domestic or sexual violence. The course will provide a comprehensive overview of the law that relates to relationship breakdown, divorce, financial matters and children including:

- Domestic violence injunctions: non-molestation orders and occupation orders
- Divorce and financial matters following marital breakdown
- Rights of cohabiting couples on relationship breakdown
- An introduction to parental responsibility, child contact and residence including child abduction
- Meeting the needs of diverse groups of women including refugee or asylum seeking women and women with an insecure immigration status in the UK.

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

Cardiff 13 March, 1 – 4.30pm

Birmingham 14 May, 2 – 5.30pm

Bristol 18 June, 1 – 4.30pm

Leeds 17 September, 1 – 4.30pm

Liverpool 22 October, 1 – 4.30pm

London 5 November, 9.30am – 1pm

Newcastle 26 November, 1 – 4.30pm

HALF DAY COURSE

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

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 through the process
- The different types of protection given, refusal and appeals.

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

Leeds 30 April, 1 – 4.30pm

Liverpool 21 May, 1 – 4.30pm

Newcastle 26 June, 1 – 4.30pm

Cardiff 9 July, 1pm to 4.30pm

London 1 October, 9.30am – 1pm

Birmingham 8 October, 2 – 5.30pm

Bristol 12 November, 1 – 4.30pm

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"/>
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"/>
		<i>Less 10% discount for Rights of Women members</i> £ <input type="text"/>
		Rights of Women membership number <input type="text"/>
		Total £ <input type="text"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> I enclose a cheque for £ <input type="text"/> made payable to Rights of Women		
<input type="checkbox"/> 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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