

FGM AWARE – NEWSLETTER 6, March 2018

Welcome to the FGM Aware newsletter which aims to bring together practitioners working to respond to FGM and FGM survivors and campaigners. We share information on research, resources and practice issues as well as promoting events and training opportunities.

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EVENTS

FGM and Health: A national conference on possible health impacts of Female Genital Mutilation **Friday 27th April, 9.30am – 4pm, Double Tree Hilton Hotel, Cambridge Street, Glasgow**

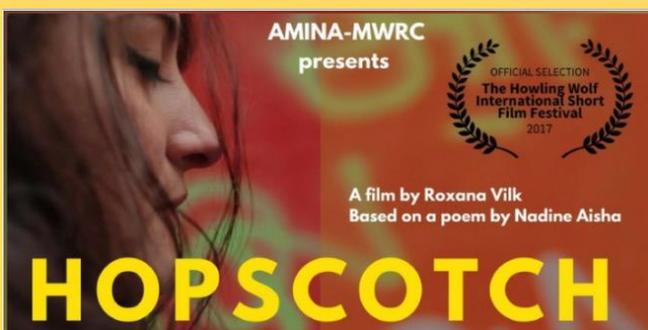
Health Scotland & the Women's Support Project are holding a conference to consider the health impacts and responses to women who have experienced FGM. This will consider mental, physical and sexual health issues for women living with the aftermath of FGM, which can be overlooked given the focus on child protection which often seems to dominate discussion of this issue.

This event is aimed at people who already have a basic knowledge of FGM and who are likely to be engaging with girls and women affected by FGM. This will include midwives, health visitors, GP's, counsellors, support and advocacy workers and community activists.

The conference is free. Some travel expenses will be available to support women from minority communities to attend the conference.

Further details and application form will be circulated in mid-March and will be available at www.womenssupportproject.org.uk

'HOPSCOTCH' FILM SCREENING AND DISCUSSION



A film by Roxana Vilk, based on Nadine Aisha's 'Hopscotch', and produced by Amina MWRC, with support from Edinburgh Rape Crisis. The film discusses true accounts of violence and harassment experienced by women of colour and Muslim women in public space.

16TH MARCH 18.30-20.00, The Auditorium, The Space, Kingsway Campus, Dundee and Angus College., Dundee, DD3 8LS www.evensi.uk/hopscotch-film-screening-discussion-auditorium/248019207

Empowering Young African Women event by KWISA



TuWezeshe Akina Dada

My Right My Freedom

You are invited to come and celebrate

“Empowering Young African Women”



How do you empower a new generation of African girls and women to be leaders, advocates and activists for change? In Scotland to mark International women's Day "Press for Progress", this event is being organised for young African women to explore and address critical issues that affect their lives.

Through Tuwezeshe Project, we will explore this theme and how young African women in the diaspora and across Africa can empower themselves, express their feeling openly through engaging in group discussion, exchanging experience and networking as well as the opportunity for relaxing and enjoyment .

Date: Saturday 17th March 2018

Time: 12:30am to 16:30pm

Venue: City of Edinburgh Methodist Church, 25 Nicolson Square, Edinburgh, EH8 9BX

To register, please go to <https://empoweringyoungafricanwomen.eventbrite.co.uk> OR

Email: info@ssap.org.uk or kenyanwomeninscotland@gmail.com

Tel: KWISA phone numbers: 07467 958565/0131 281 7347

We looking forward to seeing you there !



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NEWS

Second UK prosecution for FGM dropped

The second prosecution for FGM in the UK was brought against a Somali father in Bristol. The case was dropped after 3 days because of insufficient evidence that FGM had been carried out. Prosecution of the case has caused anger with some parts of the Somali community, including anger against anti FGM campaigns which they say can stigmatise communities.

The FGM Detectives (Channel 4)

Filmed over two years, this documentary examines female genital mutilation, which is estimated to affect 137,000 women and girls in England and Wales.

www.channel4.com/programmes/the-fgm-detectives

Borders Initiative to tackle FGM

Scottish Borders Council's Safer Communities Team have supported a call for zero tolerance in regards to FGM. The new protocol, which is a partnership between Scottish Borders Rape Crisis, Borders Safer Communities, Public Protection Unit and NHS Borders, aims to raise awareness of the practice of FGM and protect individuals at risk. Although there has been no reported cases of FGM in the Borders, this new initiative aims to bring the issue to public attention, and educate on the identification and reporting of FGM.

www.scotborders.gov.uk/news/article/2212/council_supports_call_for_zero_tolerance_on_female_genital_mutilation

National FGM Centre: Website Updates

The National FGM Centre has recently updated their website to include information on *Breast Flattening* and *Abuse linked to Faith & Belief*, as well as revamping their *knowledge hub* to make it easier to find resources and documents.

www.nationalfgmcentre.org.uk

Operation Limelight

Operation Limelight is a proactive airside operation between Border Force, the Metropolitan Police and third sector organisations such as the Centre, targeting inbound and outbound flights from countries where there is a high prevalence of FGM, forced marriage, breast flattening and other harmful practices. The Operation involves speaking with passengers travelling with girls to educate and inform them about FGM and assess whether the girls were at risk of or subject to harm.

www.gov.uk/government/news/fgm-border-force-targets-high-risk-flights-at-heathrow-to-stop-female-genital-mutilation

Outlook Inspirations 2018

Outlook is on the hunt for the world's most inspiring stories. One of the women nominated is Nice Leng'ete who has not only fought against FGM for herself, but through her bravery and persistence, helped overturn this centuries-old practice for thousands of Maasai girls across Kenya and Tanzania. You can vote for Nice or browse the launch collection then nominate an inspiring person you know. <http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p002vsxt>

Thanks to everyone who sent information for this newsletter. If you have any information for the next edition in June 2018 please email via www.fgmaware.org or jan@womenssupportproject.org.uk

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