



SAFEGUARDING LONDON'S CHILDREN

Exhibitor profiles

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1) Roshni

Roshni - meaning 'light' in Urdu - is a charitable organisation that was established on 14 June 2002 by members of the UK's minority ethnic community. Roshni's long term strategy is to play a significant role in raising the awareness of child abuse within the black and ethnic minority communities. Our aim is to primarily create amongst children and young people: awareness as to what constitutes abuse (in all its forms: physical, mental, emotional, sexual and neglect), empower children and young people to talk about and challenge this sensitive issue and promote where to access support services to children, young people and adult survivors of abuse.

Roshni seek to ensure that, through its work, children and young people who are victims of any form of abuse have access to the services they require and that these services are sensitive to one's cultural and religious needs. We are a community based organisation serving the needs of people dedicated to breaking the cycle of child abuse and neglect by serving and strengthening the children and family unit. As professionals and concerned individuals of the community which we serve, we strive to provide competent, educational services that are community-based, family-focused, culturally sensitive and child-centered.

2) London Councils

London Councils is committed to fighting for more resources for London and getting the best possible deal for London's 33 local councils.

We develop policy, lobby government and others and run a range of services designed to make life better for Londoners.

For instance, we run the Freedom Pass concessionary fares scheme, which gives a million older and disabled Londoners free travel on buses, tubes and trains. The scheme costs nearly £220 million a year, and is paid for by our member councils. We also run a range of housing, consumer protection and other services, and distribute nearly £28 million in grants each year to voluntary groups in London.

London Councils was set up in 2000 and represents the 32 London boroughs, the City of London, the Metropolitan Police Authority and the London Fire and Emergency Planning Authority.

For more information please go to our website at www.londoncouncils.gov.uk.



3) ChronoLator – the Chronology Tool

Since its first release in the middle of 2005, a number of Local Safeguarding Children Boards around the country have been using ChronoLator to help them conduct their Serious Case Reviews. It is an affordable program which speeds up and assists the review process, allowing professionals to spend time on analysis rather than administration.

Based on Microsoft Word, ChronoLator simplifies the collection and collation of chronological data without the need for anyone to install specialised software. It addresses a number of weaknesses in various other manual and computer-based methods, among them:

- incomplete and out-of-sequence data provided by agencies;
- different agencies supplying data in different formats (eg Word and Excel);
- agencies altering or adding columns according to their own perceptions of what is required;
- collating individual agency reports with manual cut-and-paste;
- producing a consistent format for dates and times;
- tracking and documenting where individual pieces of information came from.

ChronoLator is continually being developed. The next release will include analysis tools such as graphical timelines. Full details are available at www.chronolator.co.uk, including an animated demonstration and the ability to download a complete working version for evaluation.

4) ECPAT UK – End Child Prostitution, Child Pornography and the Trafficking of Children for sexual purposes

ECPAT UK is a leading children's rights charity aims to raise awareness through campaigning, research, training and providing policy advice on and the commercial exploitation of children abroad and child trafficking in the UK. ECPAT UK has been instrumental in raising awareness in government of the plight of children trafficked into the UK for both sexual exploitation and for exploitative labour. Our extensive training program is available to community groups, the voluntary sector and statutory services – for more information on training, free resources and general information please look at our website, www.ecpat.org.uk.

5) Barnardo's

As one of the UK's leading children's charities, Barnardo's believes in children regardless of their circumstances, gender, race, disability or behaviour. We believe in the abused, the vulnerable, the forgotten and the neglected. We will support them, stand up for them and bring out the best in each and every child. We do this because we believe in children.

Barnardo's works directly with over 115,000 children, young people and their families every year. We run 394 vital projects across the UK, including counselling for children who have been abused, fostering and adoption services, vocational training and disability inclusion groups. Every Barnardo's project is different but each believes that every child and young



person deserves the best start in life, no matter who they are, what they have done or what they have been through.

Across London, Barnardo's delivers of 50 services and enhancements, both independently and in partnership with local authorities. The work we deliver to children, young people and families includes:

- Fostering / Adoption / Post Adoption
- Children's Rights
- Daycare / Disability Support
- Education
- Employment Skills and Training
- Family Centre / Support Services (refugee / asylum seeker)
- Residential Care
- Sexual Exploitation / Abuse Support Services
- Short Break Services
- Sure Start
- Young Carers
- Family Mentoring

6) Metropolitan Police Child Abuse Investigation Command

The Metropolitan Police Service Child Abuse Investigation Command (SCD5) are represented by the Partnership and Training Team. The partnership work is mainly around developing prevention and awareness campaign's relating to certain types of child abuse. Some of the current work is Project Azure - Female Genital Mutilation; Project Violet - Children abused through a belief in spirit possession; Project Ocean - Faith and Supplementary Schools; Project Zenith - Male Circumcision and the Community Partnership Project. In addition, SCD5 are shortly to launch their Community Engagement Strategy. This is a major initiative designed to improve our service to London's children and their families by taking time to ask those we serve and the professionals we work along side about their ideas, views and comments about our practices, policies and procedures. Speak to members of the Team on the stall for more information and how you can make a difference. There is also an opportunity to discuss the FGM campaign, view and receive a copy of the latest DVD titles 'Stop FGM Now.'

7) NSPCC

The National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (NSPCC) was founded in 1884. Its aim then was to protect children from cruelty and to support vulnerable families, to campaign for changes to the law and to raise awareness about abuse. The society today looks very different but its purpose remains the same: to end cruelty to children. The NSPCC has 177 teams and projects in England, Wales, Northern Ireland and the Channel Islands. Services include the 24 hour Child Protection Helpline, Young Witness Support, Quality Parenting and Family Support and many more. Whilst the majority of the society's work is with children, young people and their families, the society also seeks to achieve cultural, social and political change- influencing legislation, policy, practice, attitudes and behaviours and delivering services for the benefit of children and young people.

The NSPCC's Fresh Start centre is a new project that facilitates a multidisciplinary community of practice in relation to child sexual abuse. As a centre of national importance, the project houses specialist services to protect children and young people and to help them overcome abuse, it conducts and supports research, and provides resources to help further learning on the subject. Fresh Start acts as a conduit for learning from best practice across the NSPCC and with key partners.



8) CCPAS - Churches' Child Protection Advisory Service

The Churches' Child Protection Advisory Service (CCPAS) is the only independent Christian charity providing professional advice, support, training and resources in all areas of safeguarding children and for those affected by abuse. Our services are used not only by churches and groups across the denominational spectrum, but increasingly by other faiths as well as non-faith based organisations keen to utilise the resources and expertise we offer.

9) Stop It Now!

Stop it Now UK & Ireland is a campaign, managed by the Lucy Faithfull Foundation, which aims to prevent child sexual abuse by raising awareness and encouraging early recognition and responses to the problem by abusers themselves and those close to them. It does this through the establishment of regional and local projects, the dissemination of information and the provision of a Helpline.

The regional and local projects are based on partnerships between the local community and the statutory and voluntary agencies. They tend to be hosted by one of the major children's charities and are broadly reliant on funding from the local statutory bodies responsible for safeguarding children and from charitable trusts. Some also have funding from agencies working within the criminal justice system. Our leaflets, posters and postcards give accurate information regarding child sexual abuse and offer suggestions of "where to go" for help. Our Helpline offers confidential advice and support to adults who have concerns about their own behaviours or those of others.

Our target groups are adult abusers, family and friends of abusers and carers of young people with worrying sexual behaviours. The four key elements which underlie the development of the campaign are a public health framework, a focus on adults, a balancing of accountability and understanding and a collaborative model of working.