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Intro'

This e-bulletin is issued by the Government Office for the South West (GOSW) *Safer Communities Directorate (SCD)*. It aims to keep you up to date with the latest national and regional developments in the Safer agendas. You can register to receive future editions or to download this and previous issues [here](#).

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## Safer News

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### Quarterly Crime Stats

The Home Office Statistics publication '**Crime in England and Wales: Quarterly update to September 2009**' were published on 21<sup>st</sup> January on the Home Office Research, Development and Statistics website at <http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/rds/pdfs10/hosb0210.pdf>. The associated police force area level tables can be found at <http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/rds/pdfs10/hosb0210pftabs.xls>.

### Hate crime Action

A hate crime is any criminal offence that is motivated by hostility or prejudice based upon the victim's:

- disability
- race
- religion or belief
- sexual orientation
- transgender

All hate crime is important. No hate crime is too minor to report to the police. Anyone can be the victim of a hate crime. We all have a racial identity, all have a sexual orientation, all have some sort of beliefs. Anyone of us could be targeted because of some aspect of our identity. Tackling hate crime supports each and every one of us.

Further information regarding Hate Crime and the Cross-Government Hate Crime Action Plan can be found at: <http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/documents/hate-crime-action-plan/index.html>

### **Victim's Fund (Hate Crime Section)**

The Government is investing £250,000 from the Victims' Fund to develop support for victims of hate crime for the financial year 2010/11, looking to provide core funding to organisations in England and Wales that deliver services and support to hate crime victims. This funding round is only open to organisations who work with victims of the Governments five hate crime strands (disability, race, religion/belief, sexuality, transgender). The deadline for applications is noon on **Monday 15th March**.

<http://www.crimereduction.homeoffice.gov.uk/violentcrime/violentcrime00406.htm>

### **2010 Tilley Awards**

The 2010 Tilley Awards are now open for entries. The closing date for submitting entries is **30 April 2010** and detailed information about this year's awards is available at: [www.crimereduction.homeoffice.gov.uk/tilley/tilley2010.htm](http://www.crimereduction.homeoffice.gov.uk/tilley/tilley2010.htm).

A South West road show for those Partnerships across the Region who are actively considering submitting an application to the 2010 Tilley Awards is scheduled to be held on Tuesday 30th March 2010 at Taunton Rugby club. If you would like to attend please contact Brigid Jenkins on 01179001865 or [Brigid.Jenkins@gosw.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:Brigid.Jenkins@gosw.gsi.gov.uk).

### **Violence Against Women & Girls**

On 25<sup>th</sup> November, the Government published the national Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) strategy, focussing on Domestic Violence, Sexual Violence, Forced Marriage, Honour Based Violence, Trafficking and Female Genital Mutilation (FGM).

This is a significant National Strategy which has been long awaited by stakeholders and pressure groups alike. It will be key in changing lives of victims both nationally and across the South West.

GOSW organised a regional workshop held on 2<sup>nd</sup> February in Taunton for key stakeholders from across the region to enable them to hear presentations on the strategy and to draft action plans to ensure delivery at local levels.

The event was a great success, with over 100 key stakeholders from across the region showing up to contribute to the workshops.

Local action plans were discussed by each of the five Police Force areas in the South West in order to establish the best way to deliver the strategy locally.

For further information regarding the strategy, view <http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/documents/vawg-strategy-2009/end-violence-against-women?view=Binary>

### **Plans for a new National Victims' Service unveiled**

The details of a new £8m National Victims' Service were announced on 27<sup>th</sup> January by Justice Secretary Jack Straw. The service is part of a stage of reforms aimed at ensuring the justice system is firmly on the side of the law-abiding citizen.

For further information view <http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/about-us/news/national-victims-service.html>

## Tough new powers to tackle alcohol crime announced

A ban on irresponsible drink promotions and a compulsory requirement to check under-18s for ID are among the final conditions of a proposed mandatory code for alcohol retailers announced by the Home Secretary, Alan Johnson on 19<sup>th</sup> January.

Following a nationwide consultation the government has set out [five mandatory conditions to tackle alcohol-related crime and disorder](#), which cost the UK an estimated £8bn to £13bn a year.

For further information see <http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/about-us/news/powers-tackle-alcohol-crime.html>

## Calls for Proposals: European Refugee Fund & European Return Fund

Calls for proposals for the European Refugee Fund 2009 and European Return Fund 2010 are now open. For Both calls, the closing date for completed applications is **4pm on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2010**.

The **European Refugee Fund** is mainly aimed at organisations involved in setting up projects that assist in the integration of refugees, people who have been granted Humanitarian Protection (HP) or Discretionary Leave (DL). The value of the fund available for external tender for 2009 is approximately £800,000 and is targeted in the following areas:

- Innovative, refugee specific, English language alternatives to ESOL with a particular focus on vocational English
- Innovative solutions to housing for newly granted refugees

At least £500,000 is available from the **European Return Fund** in 2010 to co-fund projects that seek to set up or improve counseling and return information measures for third country nationals.

Eligible applicants for both funds include non-governmental organisations (NGOs), charities, academic institutions, central and local government, intergovernmental organisations, limited companies and any partnership made up of these organisations. Projects can last a maximum of three years.

Further information is available at:

<http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/newsarticles/2010/February/45-call-for-proposals-erf>

## Diary Dates



### 2010

8<sup>th</sup> March – A Community Focus for Criminal Justice – where next? Welcome Collection Conference Centre, London <http://www.clinks.org/events.aspx>

9<sup>th</sup> March - Global MSC Security Conference – Inaugural CCTV conference in conjunction with Safer South Gloucestershire & Safer Bristol at Bristol Royal Marriot Hotel. For details of exhibitors, speakers and further information on how to register for the conference, visit [www.globalmsc.net](http://www.globalmsc.net)

15<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> June 2010 - National Community Safety Network Conference, Belfast [://www.community-safety.net/](http://www.community-safety.net/) [http](http://www.community-safety.net/)

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