

FGM NETWORK

NEWS

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WELCOME!

To this first edition of the FGM Network Newsletter. We hope you find it informative, interesting and useful for networking. We would be most pleased to hear your comments/views and anything you feel would make an interesting submission. Our contact details are included at the end of this issue so do get in touch. Please note that this first issue is mainly to establish contact and ensure that every Agency or individual working on FGM is included on our list. Thank you, and enjoy!

Sarah McCulloch, National Director, Agency for Culture and Change Management

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LONDON CALLING! Over to Nikki Rummer who informs us of her important work:-
"We run a project called TRUST in London secondary schools and youth centres to educate young people about violence against women and the early warning signs of abuse in relationships. We're now in the third year of the project, and we've talked about how we could firmly integrate FGM into it. One of our close partners is FORWARD, who works extensively on FGM, and we rely on their input for information and ideas in progressing on this. I wanted to flag this up with you, even though we're only covering FGM in a proportion of our current work, we're hugely supportive of organisations working on FGM and we're keen to stay in the loop of communications"

Bristol FGM Strategy Team have just finalised their FGM Child Protection Procedures and will be launching them shortly. Well done Bristol.

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WEST MIDLANDS. Teresa Ball has an important message and would like to introduce herself:-

"Hi. my name is Teresa Ball, myself and colleague Alison Hughes [both nurses/midwives] have been running an African Women's Service at Birmingham Heartlands Hospital for 4 1/2 years, not only as part of Obstetric services, but also for gynaecology referrals. We have seen in excess of 700 women.

The service offers a flexible referral and treatment package for deinfibulation as well as routine assessments for labour and delivery and follow up.

All women booking for confinement are questioned re FGM and informed about the FGM Act 2003.

We have the support of a female Consultant Obstetrician/ Gynaecologist however the majority of deinfibulation procedures are carried out by ourselves under local anaesthetic".

DIANA FOTHERGILL, Clinical Director (Obstetrics and Gynaecology) of the Jessop Hospital Sheffield plays an important role from her South Yorkshire Base. She tells us of her key role in seeing girls and women after referral from their GP dealing with the actual FGM reversal procedure. She is well versed in cases where the patient is pregnant and regularly teaches on the topic of FGM.

February saw the launch of the **National FGM Clinical Group** in the House of Lords. Contact sarah.Creighton@uclh.nhs.uk for more information on this!

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Open: Mon-Fri 9.30 - 4.30
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African Women's Health Clinic
Whittington Hospital.
Level 5, Highgate Hill
London N19 5NF
Tel: 0207288 3482
Open: Last Wednesday of each month (afternoon only)
Home visits or you can attend the hospital clinic
Contacts: Joy Clarke or Shamse Ahmed

Multi-Cultural Antenatal Clinic
Liverpool Women's Hospital
Crown Street
Liverpool L8 7SS
Tel: 0151 7089988
Open: Wed: 5.30pm 7.00pm
Fri: 9.30am-11.00am
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Women's and Young People's Service
Sylvia Parkhurst Health Centre
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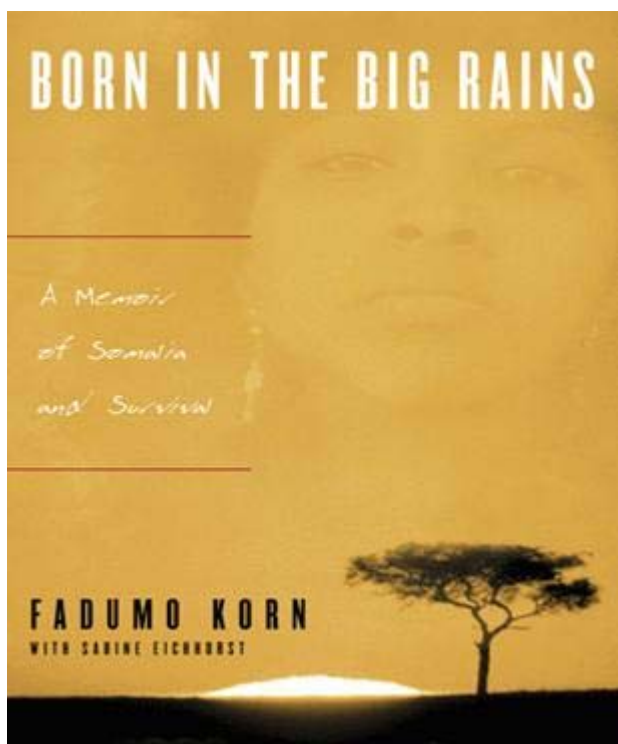
INTERNATIONAL NEWS

A big thank you to **Efua Dorkanoo OBE** who has informed us of the **celebration of the International Day on Zero Tolerance to FGM** in Geneva on February 6. Copies of the full report of this event can be requested from us by email at info@accmsheffield.org.

PUBLICATIONS

Feminist Europa. Review of Books (www.ddv-verlag.de), a free downloadable book review journal edited by TOBE LEVIN, covers books on FGM published in all European languages other than English. (The journal's mission is to review in English publications of interest to women's and gender studies published in European languages other than English.) Every issue has included at least one and more often several reviews of FGM literature in French, German, Italian and Spanish.

A best-selling memoir by FORWARD-Germany's vice president Fadumo Korn has been translated into English



WHAT'S ON

Meeting of the Obstetrics & Gynaecology Section and the Maternity and Newborn Forum

CONTROVERSIES IN CHILDBIRTH

Friday 16 March 2007

*North Hall,
The Royal Society of Medicine,
1 Wimpole Street, London, W1G 0AE*

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FGM CONFERENCE - organised jointly by ACCM and The Learning Curve

Midwifery Issues in Multicultural Britain
Wednesday 9th May 2007
Thackray Medical Museum Leeds

To book your place please contact:
Melanie Knight
Learning Curve on 0800 7817195 or email
info@learningcurve.uk.net or check the website at
www.learningcurve.uk.net

For details on ordering this and other interesting titles visit
www.feministpress.org

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CONTACT US/FEEDBACK

We'd like your ideas/comments and suggestions! If you have anything to add to our next Issue please let us know and email it to info@accmsheffield.org.

Do you know an organisation that is undertaking work on FGM and are not mentioned on the list above and think should be included? Please tell them to tell us or you can forward us their details.

We hope you enjoyed this first edition of the newsletter. Look forward to hearing from you!

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