

### June 2011

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 6.30 pm Movie night: At Stake	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10 6.30 pm 3M Night	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18 9am-5pm Talk on Women, Gender & Christianity
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

#### FROM THE AGAINST VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN-COMMITTEE (VAW)

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#### Past events:

- On the 14th May, AWAM held a "Dialogue with Service Providers" session. Target of this event was to bring the public and service providers, like the Welfare, the Police and Medical personnel together. Session begun with service providers share on their role. Throughout the session participants and the service providers had the chance to clarify their experiences and possible solutions for future. All in all, it was a successful event. Look out for more!

- Paracounseling training:**  
The programme started with two full Saturdays orientation. Nine participants attended the orientation. While we tried our best to equip the participants with the foundation on AWAM's Vision & Mission, Core Value and Core Issues, when the para counseling training commenced, we had seven participants from 2010 batch returned for refresher and 12 new participants.

Generally the programme was informative and useful in preparation to becoming para counselors however, participants requested for easy access of training materials as background reading to enhance their learning knowledge and case studies such as past cases. Upon completion of the theory sessions, participants carry on with the four-session triads and hopefully at the end of the sessions, they could become full fledged para counselors. All the best to AWAM new batch for trainees!

#### FROM THE ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (OD)

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#### Upcoming events:

- Movie Night: At Stake

Produced by Nia Dinata, "At Stake" is a documentary anthology of four stories by five directors on politics and discourse about women in Indonesia.

This film is about:


- Women circumcision
- Two women serving sex at night on the hard surface of Chinese graveyards while hammering rocks during the day to make ends meet.
- Another film sees three unmarried women who try to get treatment for their reproductive issues
- Two migrant workers in Hong Kong facing different dilemmas: Rutiwat must choose between staying a virgin or damaging her health, and Rianti ponders the possibility of coming out of the closet when she is back in Indonesia.

Bahasa Indonesia with English subtitle

We are 2 minute walking distance from

Taman Paramount LRT Station

- Come to our 3M-Night !



**At Stake**

Time: 06.30pm  
Date: 01/06/2011  
Venue: AWAM

### 3M-Night

Dear members !

It's time for our next 3M-night and you are invited! Come and get in touch with old and new AWAM members over food and chit chat.

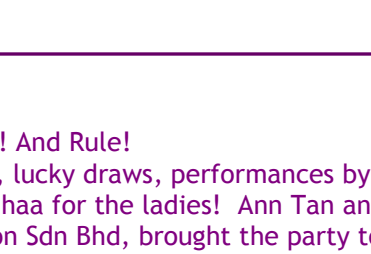
**Interested ? Put this date into your diary!**

**Date: 10th June, 6.30 pm**  
**Venue: AWAM**



RSVP by 3rd June 2011 to Bernie:  
[finance-admin@awam.org.my](mailto:finance-admin@awam.org.my)

We are looking forward to see all of you soon!



#### FROM THE PUBLIC ETHNICITY AND RELIGION COMMITTEE (E&R)

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#### Upcoming events:

- After our successful workshop on gender, women & Islam, we turn next to discussing Christianity. Join us to discuss and debate the practice of Christianity and women's participation in the church! Sessions include reading the bible from a feminist perspective, & women in early Christianity.

**Women, Gender & Christianity:  
(almost) everything you wanted  
to know but were afraid to ask!**

- Are you eager to discuss and debate the practice of Christianity and women's participation in the church? Join us in this safe and interactive space for learning! Sessions include reading the bible from a feminist perspective, & women in early Christianity

**Date: Saturday, 18 June 2011**  
**Time: 9am – 5pm**  
**Venue: Shah's Village Hotel, Petaling Jaya**

*Facilitated by: Yong Ting Jin, ex-coordinator of Asian Women's Resource Centre of Culture and Theology*

Fees: RM5

To register, log on to <http://bit.ly/kDD8RH> by 13 June 2011

For more info call 03-7877 4221 or email [advocacy-programs@awam.org.my](mailto:advocacy-programs@awam.org.my)



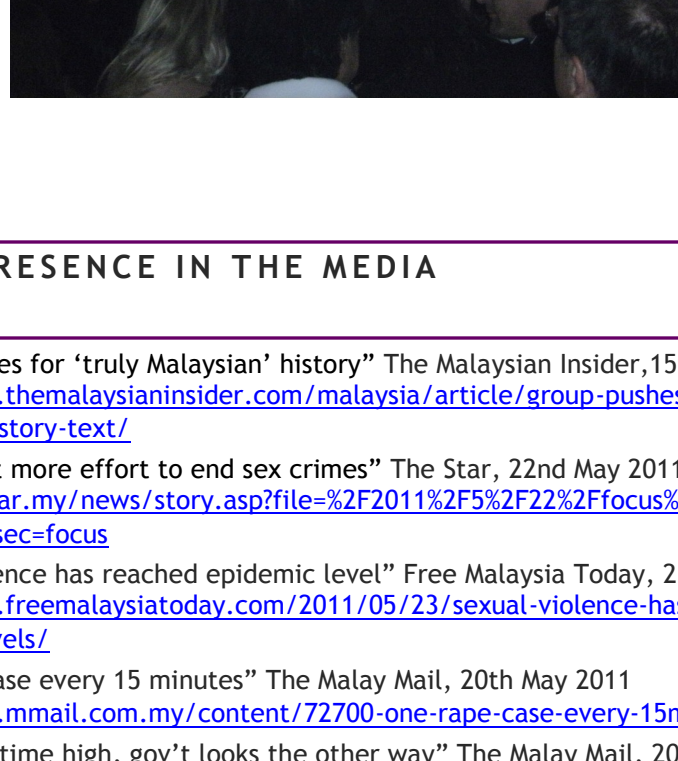
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#### FUNDRAISING

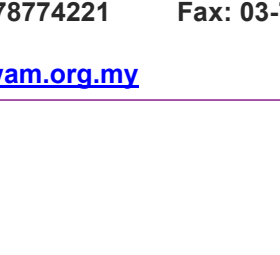
#### Past events:

- Charity Party - Ladies Rock! Roll! And Rule!**  
Bongga Bongga band performing, lucky draws, performances by the sizzling groovy ladies and men doing some woo-haa for the ladies! Ann Tan and her crew from Caterpillar Stretching Imagination Sdn Bhd, brought the party to life! The party not only brought fun but raised funds for AWAM to the tune of RM13,020! Big thank you to Ann's big heart and efforts.



#### AWAM'S PRESENCE IN THE MEDIA

- "Group pushes for 'truly Malaysian' history" The Malaysian Insider, 15th May 2011 <http://www.themalaysianinsider.com/malaysia/article/group-pushes-for-truly-malaysian-history-text/>
- "Time to put more effort to end sex crimes" The Star, 22nd May 2011 <http://thestar.my/news/story.asp?file=%2F2011%2F5%2F22%2Ffocus%2F8728401&sec=focus>
- "Sexual violence has reached epidemic level" Free Malaysia Today, 23rd May 2011 <http://www.freemalaysiatoday.com/2011/05/23/sexual-violence-has-reached-epidemic-levels/>
- "One rape case every 15 minutes" The Malay Mail, 20th May 2011 <http://www.mmail.com.my/content/72700-one-rape-case-every-15mins>
- "Rape at all time high, gov't latters the other way" The Malay Mail, 20th May 2011 <http://www.malaysiakini.com/letters/164675>



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Dear members !

The AWAM e-link team!

### April 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9 Training of
10 Trainers	11	12	13	14	15	16 Tea Talk: Effective Communication
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**Upcoming events:**

- Tea Talk: Effective Communication

*Date*  
16th April 2011  
(Saturday)  
~RSVP by 13th April~

*Time*  
2:00-6:00pm  
(Registration 1:30pm)

*Fee*  
RM10 per person  
FOR AWAM  
CLIENTS &  
MEMBERS ONLY

## TeaTalk: Effective Communication

**FACILITATOR: MS. MELINDA U**

**EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION  
FOR A HAPPIER YOU**

*Come & learn:*

- what gets in the way of effective communication
- how to identify your communication style
- how effective communication can improve inter-personal relationships
- anger management and conflict resolution strategies



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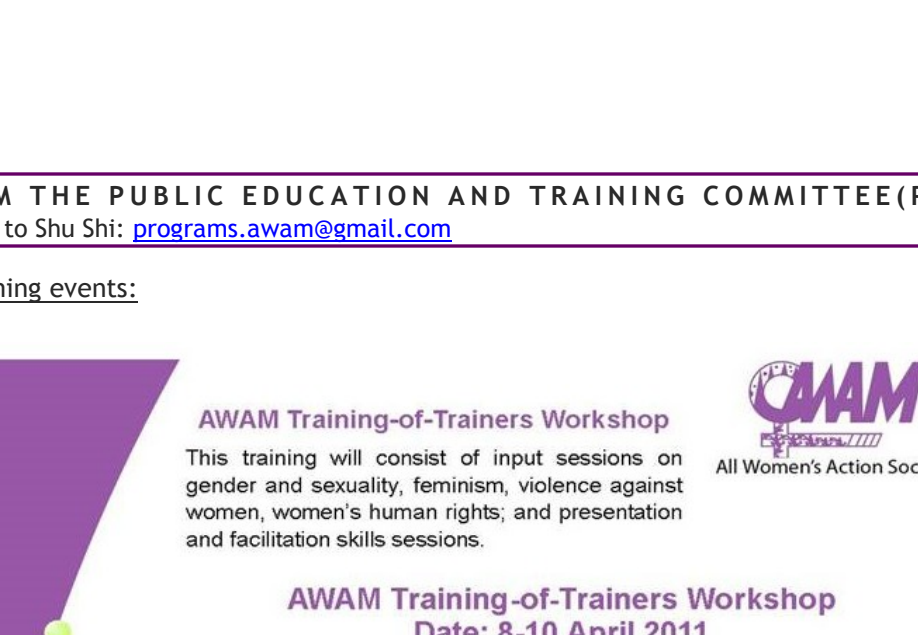
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**Upcoming events:**

- 'Running with their hearts' - 100km marathon:  
Jeffrey who is running for AWAM has this update for us:  
  
"Thanks for the well wishes. Pledges are coming in and I hope more will come. Training is going on well and with all support we received, we are even more determined."

As at time of print, the amount pledged has exceeded RM13,000!). Please do support this venture and cheer Jeffrey on! Have you pledged yet? If not, just go to the website [www.runit4charity.com](http://www.runit4charity.com).

- Accenture's personnel donated their proceed from the sale of chocolate to AWAM in commemorate with International Women's Day month. Note of thanks to all the effort put in.



FROM THE PUBLIC EDUCATION AND TRAINING COMMITTEE (PET)  
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**Upcoming events:**

**AWAM Training-of-Trainers Workshop**

This training will consist of input sessions on gender and sexuality, feminism, violence against women, women's human rights; and presentation and facilitation skills sessions.

**AWAM Training-of-Trainers Workshop**  
**Date: 8-10 April 2011**  
**Venue: Wisma Belia**  
**Fee: RM50**


All Women's Action Society (AWAM) is organizing a Training of Trainers (TOT) workshop to train those interested in gender, women's rights & leadership. This training will consist of input sessions on gender and sexuality, feminism, violence against women, women's human rights; and presentation and facilitation skills sessions. The programme uses a participatory approach and includes exposure trips to help the participants to understand the issue better.

Participants can expect to gain a better understanding of these issues and learn, practice and strengthen their skills together with experienced trainers.

Participants are required to fully participate in the 3-day, 2-night workshop. The workshop will be conducted in Bahasa Malaysia and English.

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

*Please register by 1<sup>st</sup> April 2011.*  
*Waivers for the registration fee are available, please enquire.*



All Women's Action Society

### AWAM'S PRESENCE IN THE MEDIA

- The Star, 3rd April 2011: Bung drives women around the bend: <http://thestar.com.my/news/story.asp?file=%2F2011%2F4%2F3%2Fnation2F8407349&sec=nation>
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