

# **DOMESTIC PROGRAMME FUND SUCCESSFUL PROJECTS 2015-2016**

## **BAWSO – No to Forced Marriage, Changing Lives**

This initiative will build on existing work to address and prevent forced marriage. The aim is to contribute to the reduction of risk to girls and young women from being forced into marriage in Newport and Cardiff. The aims will be to empower BME communities, professionals and young people in schools, by enhancing their knowledge and understanding of the impact of forced marriage on young girls.

**Region: Wales**

## **Freedom Charity – Train the Trainers and SEN project**

A project to train school staff with their accredited PSHE Association lesson plans, teaching packs and 'But It's Not Fair' book on forced marriage. It builds upon existing foundations and increases training through workshops-delivery for teachers and frontline staff within schools, colleges and universities on a national basis. The project will look to educate teachers about the issues around consent in marriage, what constitutes a forced marriage, and how to seek help in the context of PSHE lessons. It will also develop awareness, by creating a referral process and clear strategy for professionals where a disclosure is made.

**Region: National**

## **Halo – Hope Project**

This project will support work with the key local housing partners to influence change by creating a localised approach in dealing with forced marriage victims and the way in which emergency accommodation is allocated/ prioritised. It will support the establishment of the first BME women's refuge in the north-east for victims of forced marriage and establish a Housing Stakeholders Partnership Board, which will aim to influence protocols and processes for victims of forced marriage in the local area. In addition it will raise awareness of FM across the social housing sector regionally to influence change. We will also seek to engage with the National Housing Federation and the Chartered Institute of Housing to influence national and regional policy.

**Region: North-East**

## **Karma Nirvana – Children & Young Persons Awareness Project**

This project supplements the ongoing engagement in schools, and demonstrates success in this area by teaching students about consent in marriage and about their right to choose who they marry. Previous work has generated greater interest across a range of geographical areas, resulting in a waiting list where there have been significant concerns regarding under-reporting. The aim of the project is to provide all schools & colleges with resources that will act as the first point of reference for schools when dealing with cases of FM, including statutory guidelines, as well as materials devised by Karma Nirvana. A range of multiagency events will be organised with the identified schools. Those in attendance will be selected from within children and young people services – proactive raising of awareness will be carried out in the regions using existing KN multimedia channels to encourage attendance.

**Region: National**

## **Muslim Women's Network – Challenging attitudes, developing resources**

This project has two main aims:

- Challenge attitudes within hard to reach traditional communities about forced marriage by producing resource in Urdu and partnering with faith leaders / institutions to hold events to strengthen the message that forced marriage is not condoned by any major religion and is against the law.
- Develop a resource to support young people so that they are able to better challenge forced marriage when they are pressured by their families (and increase confidence to have these conversations) and raise awareness of this resource particularly in schools.

Activities to deliver on these aims include:

- ✓ Record short video highlighting key facts about forced marriage in Urdu and make available on YouTube so that it can be used as a resource nationally for those whom English is not their first language.
- ✓ Hold four events in partnership with faith leaders / religious institutions within Muslim communities as a way of speaking with 'hard to reach' groups.
- ✓ Hold two focus groups to discuss findings from the forced marriage events to discuss and analyse findings on 'honour', family pressure, and developing counter narratives into a useful resource.
- ✓ Test the developed resource in three schools across Birmingham on how young people can have conversations with their families when challenging and/or resisting a forced marriage and discussing the concept of honour.

### **Region: West Midlands**

## **Newham Asian Women's Project – Free Choice**

The aims of this project are as follows:

- Provide protection to women at risk of or fleeing a forced marriage through emergency accommodation, with specific provision to women with no recourse to public funds and disabled women facing forced marriage.
- Address the needs of couples at risk by signposting them to appropriate services in the community utilising the East London FM and HBV Working Group network.
- Deliver forced marriage prevention work to young people and the educational sector by taking a 'whole schools approach'.
- Deliver forced marriage prevention work to a wider group of professionals by awareness raising and capacity building, so that they are equipped to adequately respond to forced marriage

### **Region: London**

## **Stonewall Housing – Forced Marriage and Housing Project**

The purpose of the project is to prevent forced marriage, 'honour'-based violence, female genital mutilation (FGM), trafficking and other forms of gender-based violence by increasing understanding of the issues (and the areas of overlap between issues) among those professionals and members of the public who may encounter victims or those at risk.

The LGBT Forced Marriage and Housing Project will:

- Create an online leaflet written in community languages on the issue of LGBT forced marriage and honour based violence with focus on advice on finding safe emergency

housing.

- Develop and execute a social media campaign, highlighting the experience of LGBT migrants, refugees, asylum seekers and those with no recourse at risk of forced marriage.
- Work with LGBT people who are either at risk of, or survivors of, forced marriage and honour based violence, and engage them as “experts by experience” on this issue to design campaign materials.

#### **Region: National**

#### **Sunrise Multicultural Project – Open Choice, Healthy Communities**

The aims of the project include:

- Engaging BME dads and male community members including from the two local mosques in a dialogue on forced and arranged marriage, gender equality, positive relationships and rights.
- Raising awareness with boys and males in the BME community about forced marriage legislation, cultural and religious attitudes to forced marriage and issues of consent.
- Empowering boys aged 14 to 18 from the BME community to act as ambassadors against forced marriage.

#### **Region: South East**