



National Day of Remembrance for victims of honour-based abuse. Karma Nirvana will be hosting its ninth National Day of Memory conference on the 14th July in Leeds.

At this year’s conference, they will take a look back at their journey and how Karma Nirvana has evolved to become the organisation it is today. During the conference, they will take a moment to remember Shafiea Ahmed, whose life was tragically taken from us 20 years ago. Her story serves as a poignant reminder of the urgent need to combat Honour Based Abuse. In addition, they will also honour the memories of more recent women, including Somaiya Begum, Fawziyah Javed, Abida Karim, and Bindu Patel. These brave women lost their lives to Honour Based Abuse, and their stories further highlight the importance of our collective efforts to raise awareness and seek justice. [National Day of Memory Tickets, Fri 14 Jul 2023 at 10:00 | Eventbrite](#)

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National Day of Remembrance for

Victims of 'Honour' Based Abuse. Friday 14th July 12 – 2pm. Forced Marriage and Disability [National Day of Remembrance for Victims of 'Honour' Based Abuse Tickets, Fri 14 Jul 2023 at 12:00 | Eventbrite](#)

“Devastating” reports of forced marriage to the national helpline have surged as experts warn the issue remains

“rife” but it is difficult to see the true scale of the problem due to people not coming forward. Exclusive data from Karma Nirvana, which supports forced marriage victims, shows its helpline dealt with 42 per cent more cases between April 2022 and March 2023 than they did in the same period two years before – up from 380 cases in 2020-21 to 536 this year.

[‘Tip of the iceberg’: Forced marriage reports soar but true scale of problem still hidden, experts fear | The Independent](#)

There is no specific offence of ‘honour’-based violence.

However, the Crown Prosecution Service describes ‘honour’-based violence as an incident or crime “which has, or may have, been committed to protect or defend the ‘honour’ of the family and or the community.” ‘Honour’ can be the motivation, excuse or justification behind a range of violent acts against women and girls.

‘Honour’-based violence includes:

- Forced marriage
- Domestic violence (physical, sexual, emotional or financial abuse)
- Sexual harassment and sexual violence (rape and sexual assault or threat of rape and sexual assault)
- Threats to kill
- Social ostracism or rejection and emotional pressure
- Denial of access to children
- Pressure to go or move abroad
- House arrest and excessive restrictions of freedom
- Denial of access to the telephone, internet, or passport/key documentation

According to UN Human Rights, forced marriage is a human rights violation and a harmful practice that disproportionately affects women and girls globally.

Awareness of Forced marriage – free online course

[Forced Marriage Awareness - Free Course | Virtual College \(virtual-college.co.uk\)](#)



Jasvinder Sanghera. Fighting forced marriage and honour

based abuse. [Fighting forced marriages and honour based abuse | Jasvinder Sanghera | TEDxGöteborg - Bing video](#)

What is FGM? “all procedures involving partial or total removal of the external female genitalia or other injury to the female genital organs for non-medical reasons.” [FGM – National FGM Centre](#)



Webinar: International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female

Genital Mutilation 2023 [Educate, Not Mutilate | Twitter, Instagram | Linktree](#)



The SOS Clinic is a One-Stop Triage Point for **Female Genital Mutilation (FGM)** through psychosocial assessments, referrals, information, advice and support. Covering Greater Manchester. [The SOS Clinic - NESTAC](#)

Support agencies

Karma Nirvana is an award-winning national charity supporting victims of honour-based abuse and forced marriage. <https://karmanirvana.org.uk/about/>

The Halo Project Charity is a national project that will support victims of honour-based violence, forced marriages and FGM by providing appropriate advice and support to victims. <https://www.haloproject.org.uk/>

Safety4Sisters - support for women experiencing domestic abuse and who have no recourse to public funds. [Safety4Sisters](#)



Educate, Not Mutilate: Organisation to end FGM through education. Training and resources around FGM awareness. [Educate, Not Mutilate](#) | [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#) | [Linktree](#)



WOMEN SEEKING ASYLUM TOGETHER - A network of over 150 women that live in Greater Manchester who are experiencing the UK's hostile asylum system. [About Us — WAST \(wastmanchester.com\)](#)



All women team of family law specialists to support through any family law issues you may be experiencing. [Home](#) | [Legal Services For Women](#) | [Affordable Justice](#)



Free telephone advice for women [Get advice - Rights of Women](#) | [Rights of Women](#)



TRC Services

Helpline & Live Chat - Tuesday 6 -9pm

Helpline – Thursday 6-9pm

BAME Helpline - Friday 10am – 1pm

Live Chat – Friday 11am – 2pm

Helpline – Sunday 3-6pm

Email support: dorothytrc@hotmail.co.uk

Counselling Service [Our services – Trafford Rape Crisis](#)



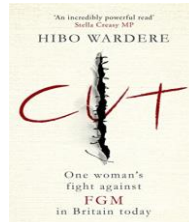
TRC CEO Recruitment

New position of CEO, responsible for the day-to-day management of TRC, including oversight of staff, fundraising, financial management, project management/development, and public relations.

For more information email recruitment@traffordrapecrisis.com



HONOUR: The true story of the police investigation into the 'honour' killing of Banaz Mahmod. When Rahmat Sulemani reported his girlfriend Banaz missing, it quickly became clear to DCI Caroline Goode that something was very wrong. In fact, Banaz had contacted her local police station multiple times before, even listing the names of the men she expected to murder her in a so-called 'honour' killing.



CUT: Eloquent and searingly honest, this is Hibo's memoir which promises not only to tell her remarkable story but also to shed light on a medieval practice that's being carried out in the 21st century, right on our doorstep.

Rights of Women free online training: July 20th - Family members and protections for victims of domestic violence under the EU Settlement Scheme [Meeting Registration - Zoom](#)

Two years ago, the Government published their Rape Review and apologised for the unacceptable injustices faced by rape victims and survivors. The Centre for Women's Justice, the End Violence Against Women Coalition, Imkaan and Rape Crisis England and Wales have launched a joint briefing to analyse the progress made since the Government released its Rape Review [The Rape Review – Two Years On](#) | [Rape Crisis England & Wales](#)

SURVEY: GLAMOUR is calling for a national conversation about consent – here's how YOUR stories can help the fight against sexual violence. The legal definition of consent requires that anyone participating in sexual activity does so by choice – and that they have the **freedom** and **capacity** to make that choice. Seems simple enough, right? But myths and misconceptions surrounding consent are fuelling a pandemic of sexual violence, which disproportionately impacts women and girls. Research on attitudes to consent shows that 33% of people in the UK think a woman being pressured into having sex should only be classed as rape if it's accompanied by physical violence. [Enter GLAMOUR's Consent Survey 2023](#) | [Glamour UK \(glamourmagazine.co.uk\)](http://glamourmagazine.co.uk)

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