

BME LEADERSHIP & ENGAGEMENT PROJECT

# WOMEN **4** CHANGE

**Promoting BMER women's leadership & engagement  
in public and civic institutions and life**

DATE:

**Friday 17th July 2009**

**12.00 - 4.00pm**

VENUE:

**Robeson Theatre**

**Centrespace**

**Treaty Centre**

**High Street, Hounslow**

**Middlesex TW3 1ES**

A Partnership between The Asian Women's  
Network and The Asian Health Agency.

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# Women4Change Programme: Breaking

Our Seminar is part of a series of events organised within our Women4Change programme and aims to:

- provide perspectives & presentations on the under-representation of women from Black Minority Ethnic & Refugee & Migrant (BME) communities within elected & appointed positions, decision –making structures & in local regional & national public life including political & civic roles, governance and leadership positions.
- examine the barriers that still exist to BME women’s engagement & participation within diverse BME communities, community leadership & community organisations as well as within mainstream public independent & political institutions, civic roles and leadership positions.

## **An Action-orientated and outcome based seminar**

Our seminar will contribute towards building an action orientated programme, informed and led by women, to empower women & agencies working with or supporting BME women, to coordinate support to women & develop effective interventions & strategies to promote women into leadership roles within Public & Civic Institutions.

## **Our Seminar will focus on:**

- developing a critical understanding of the dynamics of race & gender inequalities facing BME women
- advancing the establishment of an effective Support & Training Network to empower BME women
- Identifying women from diverse BME communities, who wish to participate in or are interested in engaging in any type of informal or formal governance or leadership role, supporting individual women or women’s groups, influencing or promoting existing gender equality strategies or services etc with a view to connecting them or matching them with appropriate opportunities in community or mainstream organisations, political or civic positions etc
- access to bespoke training & capacity building programme
- connecting individuals & organisational representatives, to explore potential for collaborative & joint work at a neighborhood, borough wide or pan London level with our Alliance of Community Partners operating in different service sectors.
- feeding into the agenda of our national conference

**Seminar targeted at:** individuals & community reps from diverse BME communities & professionals from Local Authorities, PCT, Voluntary Sector & other agencies involved in or interested in breaking barriers & delivering an Agenda4Change.

## **Costs per delegate**

**FREE** but places must be booked in advance.

# Barriers from margins2MAINSTREAM

## Programme

**12.00 Registration & Lunch**

**12.30 Welcome & Context:**

Tebs Rashid, BTEC

**12.40 Cultural Programme:**

Akademi, Classical dance performances

**1.30 BME Women's Empowerment – Success & Challenges:**

Kamaljit Kaur: TAWN/TAHA

**1.50 BME Women in Public & Civic Life – Making A Difference:**

Community Leadership: Amrit Wilson, Community Activist & Author  
As a local Councillor: Cllr Anjana Patel, London Borough of Harrow  
As a School Governor: Munira Kachwala

**2.50 Questions to Panel**

**3.00 Responsive & Accountable Services – BME Women's Agenda:  
Open Discussion**

Kamaljit Kaur, TAWN

**3.20 Next Steps**

**3.30 Poetry**

**3.45 Tea, Departure & Networking**

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**Places are FREE but booking is required.**

### **BOOKING Form**

First Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Surname \_\_\_\_\_

Position Held \_\_\_\_\_ Organisation \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_

Tel \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Please state any particular requirements e.g. food, disability access, language etc.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*Photocopy and complete for each additional participant*

### **COMPLETE and post this form to:**

The Asian Health Agency,

Dominion Centre, 112 The Green, Southall, Middlesex UB2 4BQ

**Email Bookings:** send to [leadership@taha.org.uk](mailto:leadership@taha.org.uk)

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