

**BME LEADERSHIP & ENGAGEMENT PROJECT**

# **WOMEN CHANGE 4**



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

**DATE:**

**Tuesday 28th October 2008  
10.30am - 3.00pm**

**VENUE:**

**Oxford House  
Derbyshire Street  
Bethnal Green  
London E2 6HG**

BME Leadership &  
Engagement Project is an  
initiative of The Asian Health  
Agency and is funded by  
London Councils



# **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.
- examine the barriers that still exist to BME women's engagement and 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 and agencies working with or supporting BME women, to coordinate support to women & develop effective interventions and strategies to promote women into leadership roles.

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

- developing a critical understanding of the dynamics of race & gender inequalities
- proposals to establish an effective Support & Training Network to empower BME women
- identifying women from diverse BME communities interested in engaging in governance or leadership roles, supporting women, influencing gender equality strategies etc & connecting them with appropriate opportunities, bodies, political or civic positions etc.
- access to bespoke training & capacity building programme
- connecting individuals & organisations & developing partnership work at a neighbourhood, borough wide or pan London level with our Alliance of Community Partners (information available at seminar) & others.
- contributing to shaping an agenda of our national conference in June 2009.

**Seminar targeted at:** individuals and community reps from diverse BME communities and professionals from Local Authorities, PCT, Police, Housing Associations/RSLs, Judicial service, Voluntary Sector and other agencies involved in or interested in breaking barriers and delivering an Agenda4Change.

## **Costs per delegate**

**£85** statutory agencies

**£30** grant-aided voluntary/community groups

**£10** unfunded groups and individual women

Limited subsidised and **FREE** spaces available

# Barriers from margins2MAINSTREAM

## Programme

**10.30 Registration**

**11.00 Welcome & Context by Chairperson:** Yasmin Ali-Brown

**11.10 National Context:** Baroness Uddin, Government Office for Equalities  
Cllr. Anwara Ali, Tower Hamlets

**11.30 Barriers to Engagement & Leadership:** Cllr. Shiria Khatun, Tower Hamlets

**11.50 Questions**

**12.00 Workshops**

Workshops will focus on Local Authorities; Health; Third Sector; Housing/  
RSLs; Police & Community Safety

Each workshop will present personal perspectives; consider barriers to  
engagement & women's support requirements for effective engagement.

**1.00 LUNCH & NETWORKING**

**2.00 Feedback & Open Discussion:** Chairperson, Yasmin Ali-Brown

**2.45 Next Steps**

**Moving women into Leadership & Engagement**

Kamaljit Kaur, The Asian Health Agency

**3.00 Close & Cha:** Networking/Partnerships/Alliances

FREE one day Consultancy\* to 5 BME women's Groups, FREE advice and guidance  
from Alliance of Partners available to delegates.

\*conditions apply

### **A partnership between**

The Asian Health Agency, The Asian Women Network,  
Communities4Change, Tower Hamlets Council Equalities Unit,  
Newham Black Ethnic Minority Community Care Forum,  
Jagarnari Centre and Somali Integration Team.



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### **BOOKING Form**

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

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

### **Payment**

I/We enclose a cheque for \_\_\_\_\_ (enter no. of places) making a total amount of £ \_\_\_\_\_ made payable to **'The Asian Health Agency'**

*Please treat this booking form as an invoice.*

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

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

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

*Photocopy and complete for each additional participant*

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

The Asian Health Agency, BME Leadership & Engagement Project, Unit B,  
Fairfield Works, Fairfields Road, Hounslow, Middlesex TW3 1UZ

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