

BME LEADERSHIP & ENGAGEMENT PROJECT

WOMEN CHANGE 4

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

DATE:

**Thursday 25th February 2010
11.45 - 4.30pm**

VENUE:

**Nelson Room
Ealing Town Hall
New Broadway
Ealing
London W5 2BY**

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

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The Asian Women's Network

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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.

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

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*.

This is a Free Event

Barriers from margins2MAINSTREAM

Programme

11.45 Registration & Lunch

12.30 Welcome & Context

Kamaljit Kaur, *The Asian Womens Network*

12.40 Creating a Single Equality Scheme for 2010 – 2013

Vicky Reville & Saima Williams, *Equality & Diversity Team, Communities & Local Government*

1.00 BME Women's Engagement in Political life

Cllr Florence Nosegbe (*Islington*)

Joe Simpson, *Leadership Centre for Local Government*

1.30 Q & A

1.40 Understanding Dynamics of Race & Gender

Balraj Purewal, *The Asian Health Agency*

2.00 Workshop 1: Consultation on Single Equality Bill

Workshop 2: Overcoming Barriers for BME Women's Engagement

3.30 Feedback

3.50 Next steps: Close Kamaljit Kaur

4.00 Empowering Women & Women's Organisations:

Post Meeting Strategy: for those interested in further action, learning, partnerships...

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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:

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