

## Partner Search

### Brighton & Hove City Council, Southern England

Funding Stream	Transnational projects on violence against women, young people and children linked to harmful practices – <b>JUST/2014/RDAP/AG/HARM</b> <b>Call deadline 4<sup>th</sup> June 2015</b>
Project Title	Building community and coordinated responses to harmful practices
Applicant Organisation	Brighton & Hove City Council
Project background	<p>There is an accepted evidence base that a range of Violence against Women and Girls (VAWG) crime types – including harmful practices such as Female Genital Mutilation, Forced Marriage and ‘Honour Based’ Violence, as well as domestic violence &amp; abuse, rape sexual violence &amp; abuse – are underreported by victim/ survivors from Black Asian Minority Ethnic and Refugee (BAMER) communities. The reasons for under-reporting are varied and include issues such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Awareness of the scale and impact of these crime types</li> <li>• The ability of state actors (e.g. criminal justice agencies, health sector, children’s services) to provide an appropriate and timely response</li> <li>• Lack of confidence among affected communities about their opportunities to access support – including barriers to help seeking which can hinder access to services – as well as the risk of secondary discrimination.</li> </ul> <p>While harmful practices may occur within a specific context, and can be supported by collusive or enabling attitudes within any given community, it is important that these forms of violence &amp; abuse are understood within the wider context of VAWG (Violence against Women and Girls), which affects all communities regardless of race, ethnicity or faith.</p>

	<p>Although non-profit organisations have often provided specialist services to support BAMER women, it has been recognised that it is important to develop interventions led by and for women from affected communities, as many women may never access support unless it is from a BAMER (Black Asian Minority Ethnic and Refugee) led service.</p>
Project Aims & Objectives	<p>The overarching aim of the project is to raise awareness and change attitudes among BAMER (Black Asian Minority Ethnic and Refugee) communities by creating and promoting safe spaces, networks and referral routes for women, young people and children who are experiencing, or at risk of, harmful practices and other forms of VAWG (Violence against Women and Girls). The objectives would include developing work for and led by BAMER (Black Asian Minority Ethnic and Refugee) women, while placing service provision within the context of the wider coordinated community response, in order to promote an integrated approach (e.g. criminal justice agencies, health sector, children's services).</p>
Proposed Activities	<p>Undertake a systematic review of the extent of knowledge of VAWG (Violence against Women and Girls) crime types affecting BAMER (Black Asian Minority Ethnic and Refugee) communities, the measures that are being taken to address these issue and a study of models of intervention already used in participating countries and the optimal ways in which these models function and of gaps in provision</p> <p>Delivery of community engagement model(s) by trained Peer Educators, recruited from local BAMER (Black Asian Minority Ethnic and Refugee) communities in each partner country, tailored to each country and reflecting on cultural differences</p>

	<p>Develop and pilot working practices to protect BAMER (Black Asian Minority Ethnic and Refugee) victim/ survivors, including models of risk assessment and advocacy interventions within a criminal and civil justice setting</p> <p>Develop and pilot group work and therapeutic interventions that support BAMER victim/survivors to cope and recover</p> <p>Develop and pilot models / opportunities for work with men and boys in terms of prevention and education agenda</p> <p>Develop best practice and a toolkit for professionals (Case studies, Toolkit guidance, Resource Pack, Specialist Themed Seminars)</p> <p>Develop training resources for front line workers, helping them to identify and build confidence in delivering specific interventions, tailored to each country and reflecting on cultural differences</p> <p>Develop an evaluation framework to assess the effectiveness of models / intervention across partner countries</p> <p>Use a theory of change approach, to support an evaluation of impact (Methodology: Observation, Qualitative Interviews, Self Reflection Tools, Evaluation Measures/Scales)</p> <p>Undertake dissemination activities, raising awareness of VAWG (Violence against Women and Girls) crime types that affect BAMER (Black Asian Minority Ethnic and Refugee) communities through national and international networks, and promote ways of combatting it via regional seminars in partner countries, and publicise the project and its outputs to practitioners and policy makers.</p>
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<p>EU/local/ priorities project meets</p>	<p><u>EU priorities:</u> This project is related to Justice EU policy, more specifically to Gender Equality priority with the objective of Ending gender-based violence.</p> <p>Equality between women and men is one of the European Union's founding values. The Strategy for equality between women and men represents the European Commission's work program on gender equality for the period 2010–2015. It is a comprehensive framework committing the Commission to promote gender equality into all its policies including for the following thematic priority: dignity, integrity and ending gender-based violence. Particularly, gender-based violence includes harmful practices such as forced marriages, female genital mutilation and so-called “honour” crimes.</p> <p><u>Local priorities:</u> Brighton &amp; Hove City Council’s ‘Corporate Plan’ (<a href="http://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/content/council-and-democracy/about-your-council">http://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/content/council-and-democracy/about-your-council</a>) describes the way in which the council works, and will work increasingly, to meet its challenges and those of the city. This project will contribute to priority 1 ‘Tackling inequality – a fair city that works together with a shared responsibility for everyone’s health and wellbeing and protects its most vulnerable citizens’, specifically relating to the ambition of creating ‘cohesive and safe communities’ which includes supporting the delivery of the Safe in the City Strategy, within which responding to Violence against Women &amp; Girls is a key priority.</p>
<p>Requested Partners <i>What type of partner?</i> <i>What roles in the project?</i></p>	<p>In the UK, Brighton &amp; Hove City Council proposes to work with a BAMER non-profit organisation, as well as with a research institution with experience of work on VAWG (Violence against Women and Girls) and/or BAMER (Black Asian Minority Ethnic and Refugee) issues.</p>

	<p>Brighton &amp; Hove City Council is interested in creating a network with other public authorities, particularly if they have or are developing responses to these issues with either a BAMER (Black Asian Minority Ethnic and Refugee) non-profit organisation and / or research institution in their own country.</p> <p>Roles will be defined within the project group.</p> <p><b>Brighton &amp; Hove City Council is willing to act as the lead applicant.</b></p>
Estimated Budget	<p>The total amount for the call is €4 500 000 to finance transnational projects. The EU contribution is limited to a maximum 80% of the total eligible costs. A minimum of 20% of the total eligible costs of the action must be provided by third-party private funding.</p> <p>The contribution per project cannot be lower than €75 000.</p>
Duration	<p>The duration of the projects will be 24 months.</p>
Contact details	<p><b>Organisation name:</b> Brighton &amp; Hove City Council Legal form: Local Government</p> <p><b>Address:</b> Brighton &amp; Hove City Council Partnership Community Safety Team Room 419 4<sup>th</sup> Floor King's House Grand Avenue GB-Hove, BN3 2LS</p> <p><b>Contact:</b> James Rowlands Strategic Commissioner – Domestic &amp; Sexual Violence and Violence against Women &amp; Girls Brighton &amp; Hove and East Sussex <a href="mailto:James.Rowlands@brighton-hove.gcsx.gov.uk">James.Rowlands@brighton-hove.gcsx.gov.uk</a> Tel: +44 1273 29 10 32</p>