



Kurdish and Middle Eastern Women's Organisation

## Harmful Practices Training

Kurdish and Middle Eastern Women's Organisation (KMEWO) delivers a training course on Ending Harmful Practices (HP). This training is addressed to statutory and voluntary professionals supporting women and girls survivors of Domestic Abuse. The course will raise awareness on Harmful Practices, so the participants can recognise and identify different types of HP with an ultimate aim to raise awareness on the issue and improve professionals' responses to survivors.

## About KMEWO

KMEWO provides specialist support services for Kurdish, Middle East and North African (KMENA) women for 23 years. We are an accredited 'led by and for' black and minoritised women's organisation striving for equality, safety, justice, and empowerment. We provide specialist Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) services as well as crisis intervention to some of the most vulnerable minoritised women who are survivors of Domestic Violence (DV) and Harmful Practices (HP), including Female Genital Mutilation (FGM), Forced Marriage and "Honour" Based Violence (HBV).

Find more at: [KMEWO](https://www.kmewo.com)

## Ending Harmful Practices Training

The training will be provided Online via Zoom. The link will open 30 minutes before the event, and it can be found at the Eventbrite invitation.

**Please choose ONE of the training days below.**

**Date: 16th February 2023 or 3rd March 2023**

**Time: 10am- 1 pm**

**Trainers: Sarbjit Athwal, Clive Driscoll**

**Please register your attendance here:**

[Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> of February 2023](#)

[Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> of March 2023](#)

## Aim

The training aims to raise awareness of the complex nature of Harmful Practices, to provide a 'toolkit' of skills making the participants able to efficiently and timely respond even in the most challenging cases as well as to improve their current performance.

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## Learning outcomes:

### Upon the training's completion the participants will:

- Deeply understand the complex nature of Harmful Practices and their intersection with Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG)
- Be able to timely and efficiently respond to relevant incidents of Harmful Practice providing targeted support
- Improve practice responses

## The Trainers

### Sarbjit Athwal- Founder of TrueHonour



Sarb joined the Metropolitan Police Service in the hope of helping other victims like herself to come forward. She trained at Hendon Police College and other Boroughs within the MPS, but soon realised officers were not being trained in hidden crime. Sarb left the Police Force to set up her own charity True Honour to ensure every frontline professional had a full understanding and knowledge of hidden crimes. Her book 'Shamed' published in June 2013, tells the story of how Sarbjit survived living in a murderous family that almost killed her. She continues to raise awareness and keep the issue of honour killings at the forefront of everybody's mind, as "Safeguarding is everyone's business." Sarb has been recognised in the House of Commons by many and been commended for the work she continues to do.

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### Clive Driscoll - Ex Detective Chief Inspector for MPS, Deputy Chair and Trustee of True Honour Charity



Clive retired as a Detective Chief Inspector and investigated several high profile cases completing 34 years and 9 months exemplary service with the Metropolitan Police Service. He became the first police officer to obtain a conviction in an Honour Based Violence murder where nobody has ever been found. The Sarbjit Athwal murder has been described as a Landmark Case where a conviction was obtained against all odds. He has investigated child abuse cases, gang related violence and in 2012 was voted the Senior Investigator Officer (SIO) in the United Kingdom by the Homicide working group. He currently assists victims and victim's family who feel they have not obtained Justice. His work with a clinic, dealing with severe emotional trauma, has seen several criminal cases re-opened. He has lectured to several Police Services included Scotland and Ireland. He has assisted with several investigations surrounding FGM.

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