



**“Preventing Honour Related Violence by education and dialogue through Immigrant NGOs”**

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**NAME OF METHODOLOGICAL TOOL**

**DVD exercise “My second name is honour”**

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**NAME OF PARTNER ORGANISATION: The Angelou Centre**

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## MARKETING TEXT

This DVD, 'My Second Name Is Honour' (produced by Southall Black Sisters and Boldface Productions, UK) generates debates on the definitions and meaning of honour related violence, and its impact on women in minority communities.

The DVD gives voice to survivors of honour related violence, who talk from their own experiences. They also filmed the DVD with the support of Boldface Productions.

## DESCRIPTION AND IMPLEMENTATION

### **Main aim**

The DVD helps to improve the understanding of and the impact of honour related violence through the words of direct survivors.

### **Expected results**

The expected results are:

- 1) Increased understanding of the nature of honour related violence.
- 2) Increased understanding of the impact of honour related violence on minority women.

### **Implementation steps**

The DVD should be viewed on You Tube:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uKTZKviu-jU>

The participants should then be divided into small groups, who should discuss the following questions:

- 1) How is honour defined in the DVD
- 2) What is honour related violence and its impact on minority women

The participants should make note of their answers and report back the discussion to a wider group.

The wider group should discuss all their answers and learning points from the exercise.

### Some Answers

According to the survivors and the interviewee in the DVD, what 'honour' and 'honour related violence' means, and actions to take against it, are the following:

- Honour means family respect, and women are required to obey their husband, the family and elders.
- Failure to uphold can lead to violence against women, such as imprisonment in the home, beatings, mocking, isolation, humiliation.
- Violence can be from extended family- husband, partners, family/in-laws and wider community, including community and religious leaders. If they do not perpetrate the violence, they may collude in it.
- Divorced women are blamed for the failure of the marriage and husband's violence.
- Women cannot return to their families because of shame and dishonor, and because they do not want to be a burden on them.
- The family puts pressure on women to reconcile and save the marriage.
- Women are treated as if they are not normal.
- Consequences for women is social ostracism (which is the most common), sexual harassment, threats to kill, rape, assault, abduction, drive to suicide or killed in so called 'honour killings'.
- Real honour is about personal integrity and respecting others, not killing them.
- Honour is about independence, equality and freedom from violence.
- Report it. Call the police in emergency and BME women's organisation for advice and help.

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