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Final Agenda

19 – 20 June, SOAS University of London

(Times in British Summer Time)

DAY 1	
8:00-9:00	Registration
9:00-9:15	Introduction by the organiser, Dr Romina Istratii
9:15-9:30	Keynote by Huda Jawad, Co-founder and Executive Director of the Faith and VAWG Coalition
9:30-10:30	Opening discussion: Conference Aims and Objectives Chair: Dr Romina Istratii, Project dIdl/ድልድል, SOAS University of London Participants: Faith & VAWG Coalition, Restored, AMINA, Respect, Archbishop Angaelos, Imam M. A. Hasan
10:30-11:00	Refreshments
11:00-12:00	Panel 1: Current state of evidence and gaps on DVA, faith communities and culturally-sensitive services
11:00-11:15	<i>The relationship between DVA and faith internationally and the integration of religious and cultural diversity in DVA services in the UK: Key findings from two scoping reviews</i> Presenters: Dr Romina Istratii (SOAS), Professor Parveen Ali (University of Sheffield) and Professor Gene Feder (University of Bristol)
11:15-11:30	<i>Domestic violence attitudes and responses in ethnic minority and migrant communities in the UK and the role of religious and cultural mediators: synthesis of qualitative studies</i> Presenters: Aysha Ahmed and Dr Natalia Paszkiewicz on behalf of Project dIdl/ድልድል
11:30-11:45	<i>Domestic Violence Service Providers' Engagement with their Clients' Religious Beliefs and Experiences: Results from a country-wide survey</i> Presenter: Dr Mahmoud Afifi, on behalf of Project dIdl/ድልድል
11:45-12:00	Panel 1 Q&A session
12:00-13:00	Practice-based workshop



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	<p><i>Improving domestic abuse service provision for ethnic minority women in East England (The Dahlia Project)</i> Facilitators: Mandy Geraghty, Irram Razzaq and Samina Nawaz (Peterborough Women's Aid, UK) & Dr Mirna Guha (Anglia Ruskin University, UK)</p>
13:00-14:00	Lunch
14:00-15:30	Panel 2: DVA, faith and culture: Perspectives from the ground
14:00-14:15	<p><i>Untangling relationships between honour-based abuse and Islam</i> Presenter: Dr Sadiq Bhanbhro, Sheffield Hallam University</p>
14:15-14:30	<p><i>Reflections on PhD project: Exploring Tamil women's conceptualisation of குடும்ப வன்முறை (Tamil: English - kudumba vennmurai: family violence) / domestic abuse</i> Presenter: Minoya Patkunam, PhD student, University of Kent</p>
14:30-14:45	Panel 2 Q&A session
14:45-15:00	<p>Practice-based presentations <i>Transforming Communities: A Decade of Imams' Leadership Against Domestic Abuse – Challenges & Opportunities</i> Presenter: Imam M.A. Hasan, Imams Against Domestic Abuse (IADA)</p>
15:00-15:15	<p><i>The Church as a sacred space for everyone</i> Presenter: Archbishop Angaelos of the Coptic Orthodox Church in London</p>
15:15-15:30	<p><i>A journey to change in the Church</i> Presenter: Bekah Legg, Restored</p>
15:30-16:00	Afternoon tea and cakes
16:00-17:30	Panel 3: Engaging religious stakeholders and religious spaces in DVA responses and services
16:00-16:15	<p><i>Researching Black majority churches and domestic abuse</i> Presenters: Dr Joanne Wilson (Independent Researcher) and Dr Ava Kanyeredzi (Queen Mary University of London)</p>
16:15-16:30	<p><i>Building Bridges of Collaboration Between Clergy and Service Providers</i> Presenter: Dr Pamela Shelley, University College London Hospital</p>
16:30-16:45	<p><i>Black Church Domestic Abuse Forum's toolkit to train church leadership groups in Black Majority Churches</i> Presenters: Dr Gifford Rhamie (BCDAF), Marcia Dixon (BCDAF) and Kim Bacchus (BCDAF)</p>
17:00-17:15	<p><i>The role of religious actors in addressing violence against women in Cape Town, South Africa</i> Presenter: Dr Fungai Chirongoma, Stellenbosch University, South Africa</p>
17:15-17:30	Panel 3 Q&A session



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End of conference activities	
18:00-19:00	'Tidar' Film screening followed by Q&A Discussants: Dr Romina Istratii (SOAS), Max Conil & Hermon Hailay (Exile Pictures, UK) and Yidnekachew Shumete (Kurat Pictures, Ethiopia)
19:00-20:00	Reception in Cloister, Senate House, SOAS University of London

DAY 2	
9:00-10:30	Panel 1: Religious tradition, cultural context and theological responses to domestic violence and abuse
9:00-9:15	<i>Project dldl/ድልድል's research-based and theologically-informed approach developing training materials and training clergy on domestic violence</i> Dr Romina Istratii (SOAS, UK), Henok Hailu (Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia) and Benjamin Kalkum (Project dldl/ድልድል)
9:15-10:00	<i>Redeeming Scripture: does Judges 19 victim blame the Levite's concubine?</i> Bekah Legg, Restored
10:00-10:15	<i>Women's Great Guile in the Muslim Exegetical Tradition</i> Dr Taira Amin, Independent scholar
10:15-10:30	Panel 1 Q&A session
10:30-11:00	Refreshments
11:00-12:00	Conversation <i>Engaging diverse communities: language matters</i> Chair: Professor Parveen Ali, University of Sheffield Discussants: AMINA, Respect, FORWARD, Dahlia Project, Imam Hasan, EMIRTA, Project/ድልድል
12:00-13:00	Practice-based workshop <i>Enhancing cultural competency and faith literacy in Domestic Homicide Reviews</i> Coaction Hub: Asian Women's Resource Centre (AWRC) in partnership with Standing Together Against Domestic Abuse (STADA) Presenters: Fran Richards (Coaction Hub Coordinator at Standing Together Against Domestic Abuse, STADA), Sukhi Kaur (DHR Mentee for Coaction Hub & Chair of Trustees at Sikh Women's Aid) and Aasifa Usmani (Coaction Hub & Training Manager at Asian Women's Resource Centre, AWRC)
13:00-14:00	Lunch
14:00-15:30	Panel 2: Faith-sensitive and trauma-informed counselling approaches and responses to domestic violence



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14:00-14:15	<i>Fnot's faith-sensitive counselling approaches in Ethiopia</i> Henok Hailu, Kesis Yigzaw and Mesfin Betru, Fnot, Ethiopia
14:15-14:30	<i>Religion as a positive resource for trauma healing? Results from a scoping study among religious actors in Tigray</i> Benjamin Kalkum, Project dIdI/ድልድል
14:30-14:45	Panel 2 Q&A session
14:45-15:30	Practice-based workshop <i>Trauma and Faith Sensitivity</i> Nikki Dhillon Keane, Safe in Faith
15:30-16:00	Afternoon tea and cakes
16:00-17:00	Roundtable Chair: Professor Gene Feder, University of Bristol Discussants: Faith & VAWG Coalition, Respect, EMIRTA, Dahlia Project, FORWARD, Project/ድልድል
17:00-17:15	Closing remarks by Dr Romina Istratii
End of Conference	