



The Association of Asian Women Lawyers

in conjunction with

7 Bedford Row

FORCED MARRIAGES

Tuesday 21st July 2009

Council Chamber, Leicestershire County Council, County Hall
Glenfield, Leicester, LE3 8RA

5-5.15pm Registration

5.30-7pm Seminar

7-8.30pm Drinks

Guest Speakers: Jasvinder Sanghera and Anne-Marie Hutchinson OBE

Chair: Rachel Langdale QC

CPD: 1.5 points

Lawyers, Magistrates, Social Workers, Children’s Guardians and Representatives from the Police and Health Services are particularly encouraged to attend.

The Forced Marriage cases reported in our courts are not happening in isolation. Many young people (usually female, but sometimes male) still suffer in silence and will continue to do so until public awareness is raised.

Jasvinder Sanghera is the co-founder of Karma Nirvana, a community-based project that supports South Asian women affected by domestic violence and honour-based crimes. Ms Sanghera is the author of two books - “Shame” and “Daughters of Shame.” Both books have received considerable media comment, and are compelling reads.

Anne-Marie Hutchinson is a partner at the family law firm Dawson Cornwell. Awarded an OBE in 2002, she is an unrivalled expert in this field and her fighting commitment to the clients she serves is self evident. Most recently, she acted for Dr Humayra Abedin, the doctor who had been held captive by her parents in Bangladesh, whilst they plotted her forced marriage to a man who she had declined to marry.

Rachel Langdale QC is a barrister at 7 Bedford Row, who practises in the Family Division with a particular interest in public law child care, international abduction and relocation cases.

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