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Interview Summary

0:00 mins:

Sarbjit Ganger's experience of working in the women's voluntary and community sector to improve women's structural position in the UK. Sarbjit is Director of the Asian Women's Resource Centre. Balwant Kaur campaign (Asian woman murdered by her husband while living in a Brent refuge). Attending public meeting addressing domestic violence in the Asian community. First refuge awareness after joining Asian Women's Resource Centre. Balwant Kaur's daughters kindling Sarbjit's activism. Growing up in Southall in the 1970s: racism and politicization influencing Sarbjit's decision to focus on Asian woman.

9:42 mins:

The importance of voice. Asian women speaking up against domestic violence. Sarbjit's mother. Nurayaben (Jayaben) Desai and the Grunwick Strike.

14.24 mins:

Collective leadership. Pressure to conform to a male leadership model. Safe spaces to be one's authentic self. Satisfaction of seeing women become independent.

18:30 mins:

Domestic abuse. Hard-won gains, much still to do.

21:32 mins:

Leadership as inclusive, reflective and honest. Caste discrimination. Women's sector as nurturing. Feeling invisible at a 'metoo' workshop event. Feeling powerful creating change with like-minded women.

29:13 mins:

BME Partnership: vehicle for influencing change at grassroots and government levels. BME Partnership saving lives. Value of specialist organisations.

34:15 mins:

Upcoming 40th anniversary of the Asian Women's Resource Centre. More black women at role models. Nurturing and learning networks. Continued drive for women's equality. Shrinking women's sector. Continued need for specialist organizations.