



The Zine

Same Difference

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Welcome to the Zine -
Same Difference
The Zine has captured
some of the voices of the
diverse communities
in Rotherham around the
challenges they face
Thank you for taking
the time to read



PLEASE REPORT ALL HATE CRIME

TELEPHONE 101 NON EMERGENCY OR 999
EMERGENCY

REPORT ONLINE [HTTPS://WWW.REPORTINGCRIME.UK/](https://www.reportingcrime.uk/) OR
VIA RMBC [WWW.RMBC.GOV.UK](http://www.rmbc.gov.uk)

DIRECTLY TO A POLICE OFFICER OR AT A
POLICE STATION

REPORT TO A COMMUNITY HATE CRIME REPORTING CENTRE
OR VIA TELL MAMA [HTTP://TELLMAMAUK.ORG/](http://tellingmama.org/)

DONT SUFFER IN SILENCE

*always be yourself
everyone else is taken*



The Safer Rotherham



Report!

South Yorkshire Police want everyone to report hate crime so they can investigate it and bring the people who commit hate crimes to justice.

Here's how to report:

In an emergency call 999 / Call 101 if the crime is no longer happening

Report online at www.report-it.org.uk/your_police_force

Visit the enquiry desk at your local police station

If you want to tell the Police about hate crime but you don't want to say who you are:

- Call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111
- Or email operation.solar@southyorks.pnn.police.uk

Operation solar is a new and extra way for Police to tackle hate crime, making better use of anonymous information and encouraging more people to report hate crime problems.



i am a black woman

don't define me

I look into the mirror I see beauty
I look into the mirror I see an angel
I look into the mirror I see perfection.

I am a black woman

Courage, devotion, dedication is my nature
Warmth, tenderness, kindness is my nature
Passion, compassion, resilience is my nature

I am a black woman

Confidence, bravery and boldness is what makes a woman

I am fearless, I am selfless and I am loving
Ohh she is wise, intelligent and brilliant they say
She is committed, helpful and inspiring they say

Ohh don't I know it asks my mirror.

I am a black woman

I am not just a black woman, I am a woman

I am a sister, a mother, a daughter, an aunt, a grandmother

I am not just a black woman

Yes my mirror

I AM A BEAUTIFUL WOMAN.

We celebrate sisterhood, we celebrate motherhood. Women are a strong species. We are the backbone of everything.

We are the backbone of a strong family. We are the back bone of a successful husband. Look at the Prime Ministers and men in lead roles, Have you seen any one of them without a wife? Not to talk about women who are in leadership roles themselves.

We are strong. We look after our families, children, husbands, parents. Some of us go to work and still go back home to look after our families. Where do we get the strength from. There are inspirational women all around us who work tirelessly to support others.

Who are determined and dedicated to empower other women. We face challenges in our everyday lives. We face racism, sexism, criticism. We face unfair treatment, oppression. We face violence at the hands of our husbands. We face rejection from the male dominated community. But boy don't we thrive!!!! Look at the Suffragettes who managed to fight for us to vote through the battering, brutality they went through!! But they pulled through for us.

Every woman here is an inspiration to someone in their life. It can be your child, a colleague, a stranger, your own husband. I pledge you today women to celebrate who you are. Look into the mirror and see beauty. Find courage to ask for support when suffering. I encourage you never to give up. For we encourage sisterhood.

Beware of Sadness

السلام عليكم ورحمة الله وبركاته

Beware of sadness (احذروا الحزن)

- Ibn Al Qayyim may Allah have mercy on him said the word (الحزن) - (sadness) does not appear in the Quran only in the form of forbidding it (ولا تنووا ولا تحزنوا) or in the form of negating it (فلا خوف عليكم ولا هم يحزنون). And the reason for this is because there is no benefit for having sadness in the heart. The most beloved thing to the shaitan is to make the believing slave sad by taking him off track.
- The Prophet (ﷺ) sought refuge in Allah (swt) from sadness (اللهم إنني أعوذ بك من الهم والحزن)
- Ibn Al Qayyim said: Sadness weakens the heart and diminishes determination and wanting to go forward. And there is nothing more beloved to the shaitan than sadness of a believer.
- For this reason, be happy, optimistic and think good about Allah (swt). Have trust in what Allah (swt) is able to do and depend on Him. You will find happiness and pleasure in all situations.
- Ibn Al Qayyim said: Don't ruin your happiness with worry, and don't ruin your mind with pessimism. Don't ruin your success with deception and don't ruin the optimism of others by destroying it. Don't ruin your day by looking back at yesterday.
- If you think about your situation, you will find that Allah (swt) has given you things without asking, so have trust in Allah (swt) that He doesn't prevent anything you want except there is goodness for you.
- You could be sleeping and the doors of the heavens are being opened with dua'as being made on your behalf, subhan Allah: perhaps from someone poor whom you helped, or someone sad whom you brought joy, or someone passing by and you smiled to him, or someone in distraught and you removed it.. so don't ever underestimate any good deeds.
- On the righteous predecessors said: I make dua'a to Allah (swt) for something I want, and if He gives it to me then I'm happy once and if He doesn't give it to me then I'm happy ten times because the first was my choice and the second was Allah's choice.
- As Sa'ady may Allah have mercy on him said: life is short so don't shorten it with worries, grief, and sadness.
So be the owner of a heart that breathes happiness and satisfaction.
- May Allah (swt) make your times happy and may Allah (swt) forgive us all. Ameen.

Being a muslim
does not
mean I am
a terrorist

You are personally responsible
for becoming more ethical than
the society you grew up in

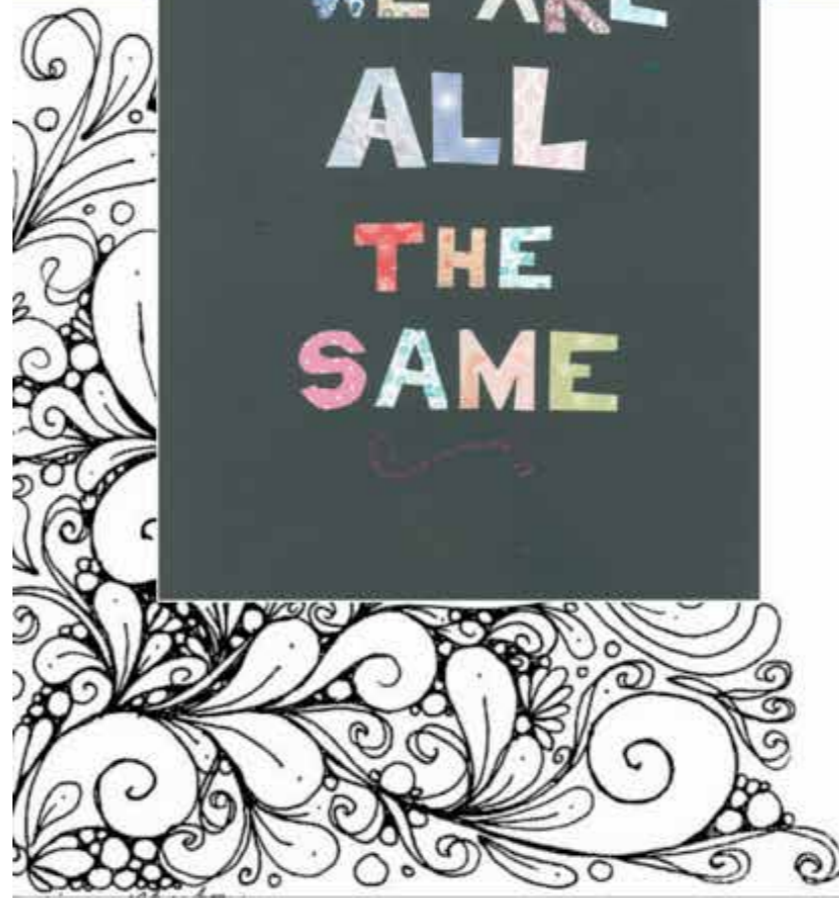
I am Muslim, I am not a afraid
to go anywhere or leave my house.
I am stronger than fear
because I know I am on the right
Path.

OHUN BURUKU NI KI AMASE
ELEYAMEYA



WE ARE
ALL
THE
SAME

MY
CHOICE
NOT
TO
WAS
SAD





SHE HAS A WHOLE CHAPTER DEDICATED

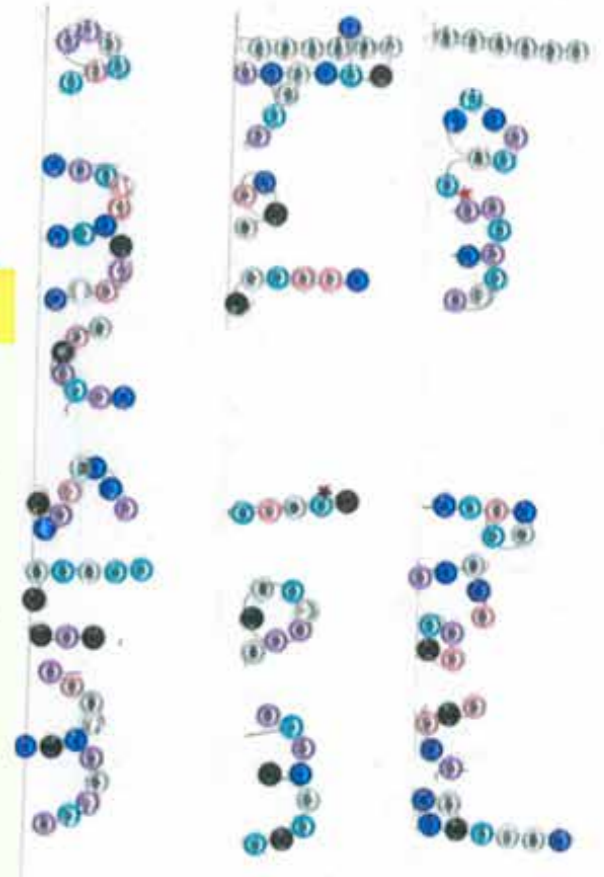
PALESTINIANS AND NORTH AMERICANS HAVE LOST THEIR LAND, THEIR CULTURE AND THEIR IDENTITY, IN ONE OF THE LEAST DISCUSSED HOLOCAUSTS!

educate all women and men, not just muslim women!
 Because you will be wasting \$\$\$ if you try to re-educate the already educated muslim women!



I am STRONGER than fear.

和平世界
 我喜欢世界和平与每个人互相拥抱。



HMD2016 catwalks
 HMD 16-10
 C Am G7
 (Caro 3)

"Don't Stand By"
 (or capo 2 + D)
 You're only as great as you feel
 That's what the wise man said to me
 You're love is your wealth
 So spend it recklessly

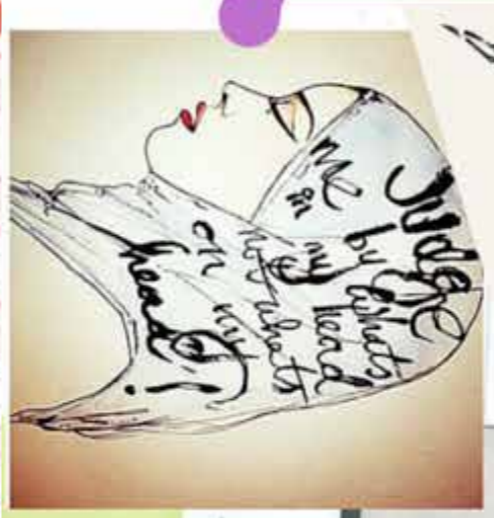
Don't stand by

There's more than meets the eye
 (well seen by saying goodbye)
 Don't live yourself a lie
 et write other pass you by

You're only as bold/strong as your soul
 That's what the wise woman said to me
 Sometimes you have to let go
 To live life peacefully

Stand by your neighbour
 Shoulders to shoulders
 (Choir)

how can life go on?



Bunu bana masade eden kimi dokunma
 Sebti alan her keser tesker edenim
 Saygilarim ka

Rahmetim de tabiki bi danyer abd qonuk
 Tevassut hepimiz sarillik ve bize baglari
 dagikli insular daha irker abd ama tabiki
 denler his qural gayet degil evet baziler
 musliman mit vanderici birsey hepimiz
 uenabak

Evvel bin baraga gelayim kein cel mullayim
 Dinimi ogreniyorum buradan daha buyuk bir
 mullakat yok her batin icin cel sukur
 Pakimma bunu bana nasib eligi icin
 Allah can olsun bunu organiza ederdin.
 cel tekerar edirin herkes!

Evvel rebbi helim bi baragimla
 arkadagimla
 Bizimle de dekil
 Dedi aveli
 helice onumdan gelci ama saygilarim
 herz bir igi degil kural saygidi.



MY CHOICE

Hijab Chador Niqab Burqa



I AM PROUD OF IT.

"people are going to think I am silly reporting name calling, aren't they? its like some one shouting out you are fat. Isn't it? People will think what the hell is she doing reporting that"
Anon Arabic Lady

I CAN BE CHANGED BY WHAT HAPPENS TO ME. BUT I REFUSE TO BE REDUCED BY IT.

MAYA ANGELOU

SUSAN WEARS A HIJAB OUT OF CHOICE, BUT MANY SAY SHE IS JUST "ANOTHER OPPRESSED WOMAN BY ISLAM."
"People say things to me like why don't you go back home. Where home. Where to? I was born in Newcastle?"
Zanib



SUSAN, WHAT YOU WEAR IS YOUR OWN PERSONAL DECISION, AND IT'S OPPRESSIVE TO STRIP YOU OF THE FREEDOM TO CHOOSE!

I AM PROUD I WON'T BE SCARED



"THERE IS MORE POWER IN UNITY THAN DIVISION."
EMANUEL CLEAVER

MY HIJAB IS MY CROWN I AM NOT OPPRESSED



Even if my wings are broken.
Even if my mouth has been sealed shut.
Even if the devils and predators of our time are sitting on my way and
blocking my path.

STILL, I am not hopeless neither am I tired.

As in my mind and heart my freedoms I've acquired.

HENCE, I will no longer be enslaved as your captive.

As I am a free soul whose path liberty has inspired.

A weak willow tree is not who I am, who would easily tremble with fear.

Whatever storm you bring my way, I have the courage to hold my frontier.

My decisions I will not reverse.

No matter how much pain you bring on my way; I stand tall with my
stature, with thought as high as sky.

Even if the sting of your tongue, brings tears to my eyes.

OR if the blade of your gaze, tries to cut my soul and cause my demise.

Bring forth no matter what you can.

I won't bow to you no matter what you plan because I know the day will
finally come when you will finally succumb to my high thoughts.

I am from the generation of smoke and fire you better be aware!

I have tested and tried death for a lifetime you better be aware!

Don't you dare questions on my path or forbid my thought.

Cause I am SMOKE, cause I am FIRE you better be aware!

Why?

Fear

lonely

Trapped

isolated

Racism

sad

fearful

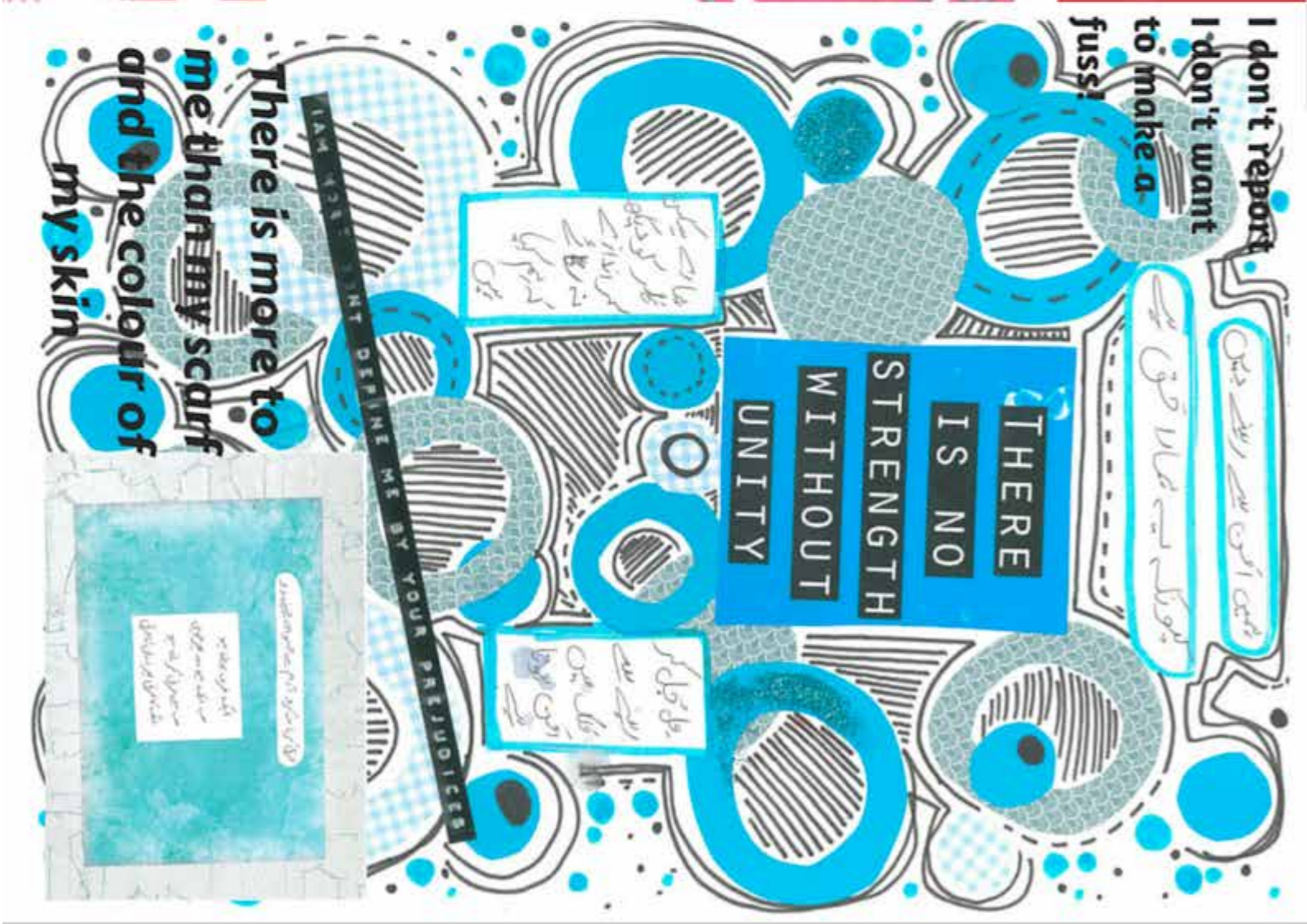
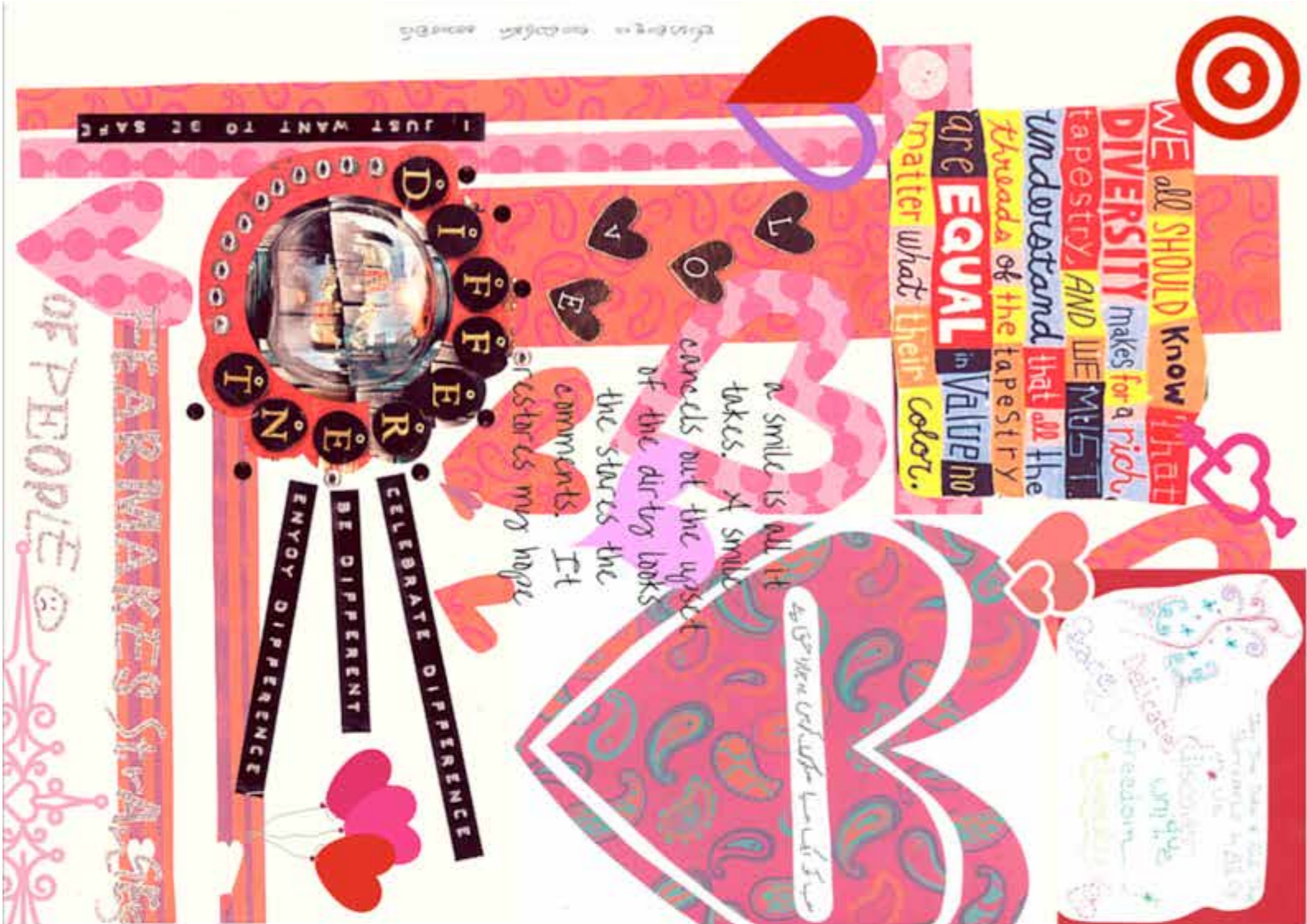
scared

Judged

anger

frightened

HATEFUL



My New Home

As a child I had so many dreams for my future. I were looking forward to having a beautiful family, beautiful home and a brilliant job. As I grew older I realised that fulfilling those dreams was not easy. There were so many boundaries that stood in my way including geographical location and politics.

Most of all was the discrimination I witnessed for being a woman. At first that did not deter me to keep hoping things will get better one day. I got married and started a family but it wasn't all roses as I had imagined. But being tough as I am I persevered.

Things got worse where I lived politically and I decided to move to a land where I will be protected. My destiny was a place that I would understand and get accepted and feel at home at least. I travelled the world to different countries until fate placed me in England then Rotherham. A town I never knew existed. MY NEW HOME.

Rotherham was a beautiful small town and I did indeed feel at home and felt part of the community. I had lovely neighbours who helped me get settled. But all changed in heart bit when the J report came out. People lost trust in each other. People started pointing fingers at one another and racism just went up the roof.

I started to witness some people/ organisations I were working with start to pull away from BME communities. I witnessed them pulling away from working with organisations that support BME communities. I witnessed people pretending to like me when around me but would say mean things about people like me and yet say to 'No offence to you love. You are ok' . I wonder what they say about me behind my back.

I wonder why people feel the need to judge everybody by the sins of a handful of people. People who committed crimes are less than 20 in a community of more than 200 000 and yet the whole community is judged. Hatred is looming. I have witnessed communities turning against each other. Friends becoming enemies. Neighbours becoming enemies. I have witnessed people tiptoeing around each other for fear of offending. All I ask myself is WHY. I have lost yet another home. I have lost my beautiful home. WHY WHY WHY?

I have kids and I am not prepared to run again. I cannot spend the rest of my life running. I want my beautiful home back. I want the Rotherham I came to in 2006 back!!!!!!

My New sweet Home. I want it BACK!!!!!!

THE MISUNDERSTOOD Terrorist
 RELIGION
 ISLAM
 Dirty Arab
 Nigger
 Honky
 WOG
 Pedo
 Rug Head
 Paki
 F**king Chink

You don't let them few people who have damaged us, define us."



* all of these words were used recently in Rotherham

What is wrong with cultural appropriation?
 Cultural appropriation is the adoption of elements of one culture by members of a different cultural group, especially if the adoption is of an oppressed people's cultural elements by members of the dominant culture.

"My Original identity"



Black Culture

You can go about it as cultural appreciation or cultural appropriation," Coleman explained. "You have to be very careful. Some things are really sacred and important to other cultures, so you have to be aware, politically, about those things before you just adopt them."

5 hours work if she works fast



Zendaya @Zendaya

There is a fine line between what is funny and disrespectful. Someone said something about my hair at the Oscars that left me in awe. Not because I was relishing in rave outfit reviews, but because I was hit with ignorant slurs and pure disrespect. To say that an 18 year old young woman with locs must smell of patchouli oil or "weed" is not only a large stereotype but outrageously offensive. I don't usually feel the need to respond to negative things but certain remarks cannot go unchecked. I'll have you know my father, brother, best childhood friend and little cousins all have have locs. Do you want to know what Ava DuVernay (director of the Oscar nominated film Selma), Ledisi (9 time Grammy nominated singer/songwriter and actress), Terry McMillan (author), Vincent Brown (Professor of African and African American studies at Harvard University), Heather Andrea Williams (Historian who also possesses a JD from Harvard University, and an MA and PhD from Yale University) as well as many other men woman and children of all races have in common? Locs. None of which smell of marijuana. There is already harsh criticism of African American hair in society without the help of ignorant people who choose to judge others based on the curl of their hair. My wearing my hair in locs on an Oscar red carpet was to showcase them in a positive light, to remind people of color that our hair is good enough. To me locs are a symbol of strength and beauty, almost like a lion's mane. I suggest some people should listen to India Arie's "I Am Not My Hair" and contemplate a little before opening your mouth so quickly to judge.

-Zendaya Coleman

RETWEETS 21,703 FAVORITES 22,124

8:20 PM - 23 Feb 2015

don't small, I don't steal

don't call me Enjoy

we are not living in Caravan's

we are a race

there are approximately 12 million Roma people in the world today

I can speak

we have a language with no written form

we arent italians

faces daily PERSECUTION

we arent italians

ROMA SUFFERED HORRIFIC VIOLENCE AT THE HANDS OF NAZIS. THEY STILL ARE!

3 Languages

Roma

Cikani nepracuji

and proud

WELCOME TO Anita

is a positive person she is kind, friendly, with a wicked humour and an infectious laugh

her story is of sadness, strength, her fate can be painful.

I was a SOLDIER

I was a TEACHER

11 years

I want to volunteer

I have waited for a decision. I'm still waiting

trapped

my daughter passed away I couldn't go and say bye

There is no hope

Stuck here!

I wish people would

Smile

Interviewed Mar 16 Roma

AFRICA



GO BACK HOME

ASYLUM SEEKER

I work a full time job in care. I have just worked 3 days of night shift and cared for the kids in the day.



Langga

Islamophobia
My Name Means Sunshine
I was a Banker
M U S L I M
2012
I LOVE CHRISTMAS
EVERYONE IS HAPPY
Proud FATHER

People generally see what they look for, and hear what they listen for.
SHOLA REFUGEE
Persecuted for my beliefs.

black POWERS & Proud!

STRONG
I study part time at college
2002
I won't get SAD ABOUT IT
TO MANY STORIES
NEWLY WED
tired
RACISM IS IGNORANCE!
of the hate

YOU DONT BEHAVE LIKE A MUSLIM

HOW IS AMUSLIM SUPPOSED TO BEHAVE

I wish people would take the time to see past the scarf.
Whole point of difference is a purpose of getting to you no one says it's wrong
No one stands up for you no one says it's wrong (Racism)
It happens all the time (racism) know one another (Racism)
I want to work! I don't notice it anymore.
Ethnicity

My Faith Sometimes is the only thing that keeps me STRONG!!!
I'm not allowed! -v- Race
I was walking home from work minding my own business I was spat at
Always told people I am proud of my colour **black monkey spat**

I have experienced racism quite a few times
Mainly on public transport
Once on the train it was so bad the racism towards me, that a white lady pulled the emergency stop on the train.
I REALLY WANT PEOPLE JUST TO ASK ME ABOUT COLOUR
ONLY 6 GENES DENOTE SKIN

She called the police and sat to give a witness statement and supported me.
Human variation's none are more important than the other
That one smile Can Change Your Day
I try and challenge people who are racist but it's tiring combating ignorance
RACE is a social construction
Random acts of kindness change not your world they change mine!

IGNORANCE
CARS GO PAST PEOPLE SHOUT ABUSE
Interviewed Mar 16



We own businesses

We own a Chinese Takeaways people come in order food. Refuse to pay. Spit food on the floor. Call us names. RACIST names. We close earlier now. We avoid making the situation worse. We don't call the police. We know nothing will be done. Interviewed Mar '16.

The EDL marched they came to Eastwood after. They damaged the shop! It cost alot! My son nearly got attacked. It's not fair! Interviewed Mar '16.

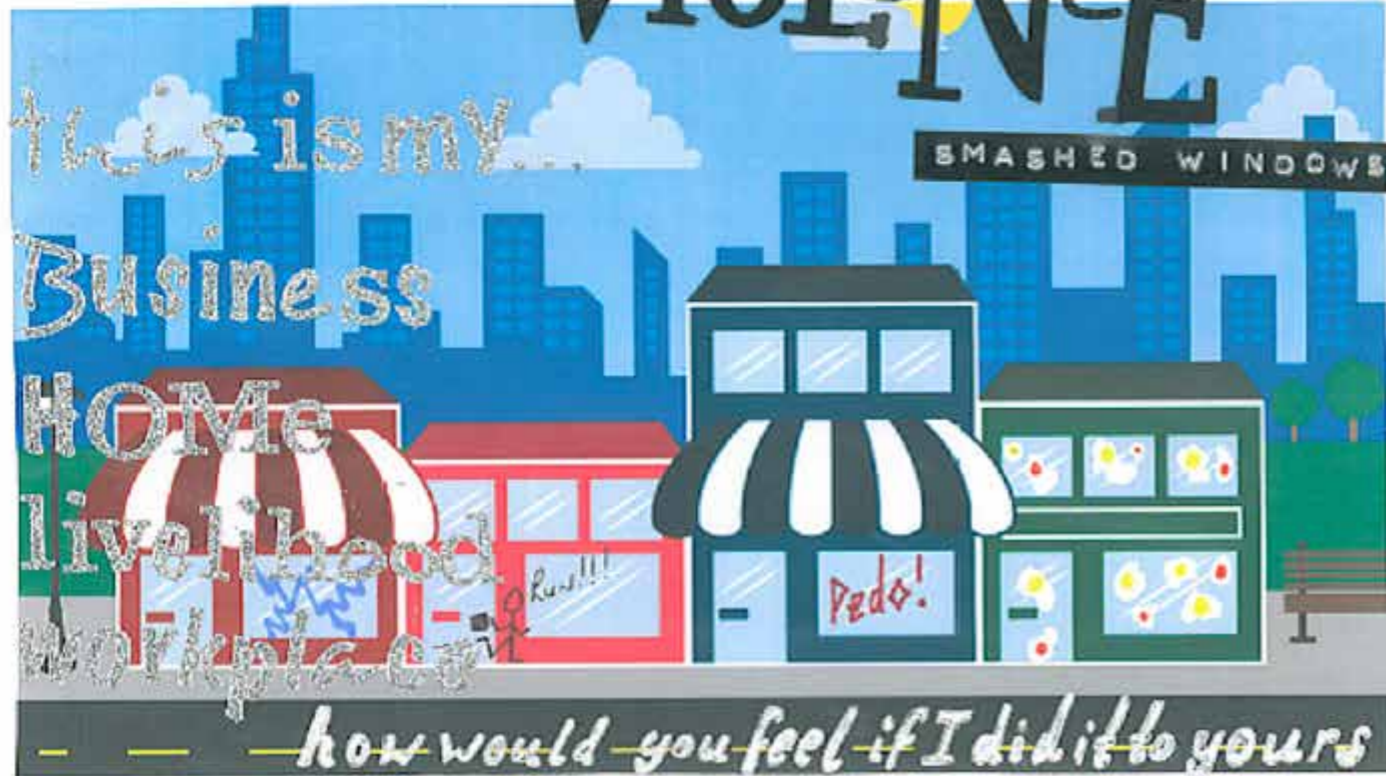
We used to ring the police. We don't anymore. People come in and say that we stink. They steal and say what you going to do about it? Blow me up? They call us Pedo & Terrorist. They graffiti the walls with awful stuff. They egg our windows.

intimidation

Threads
Violence

E G G S

STEALING



Walkers Cheese & Onion, only became halal suitable for vegetarians a few years ago. Walkers made the change to accomodate Veggies it now means a Muslim I can have them

VEGETARIAN

People don't seem to understand that big companies don't cater for Muslims they are catering for the growing number of vegetarians. If they were down for Muslims don't you think it would have happened earlier!

Wiki... is any object or an action which is permissible to use or engage in, according to Islamic law. The term covers and designates not only food and drink but also all matters of daily life.

WE ARE NOT OFFENDED

Can I make it clear we (Muslims) are not offended by the cross in hot cross buns, or the Easter on Easter eggs. Why would we be?"

SMASHED WINDOWS

SUBWAY

TOPPINGS

In a Subway in Rotherham when a couple started complaining that all the food was becoming halal. The lady said I hope they don't put any of the halal in my sandwich. I just want it normal without any of that put in with my salad. The lady thought it was like something you sprinkled in like a topping. The man at the counter explained it so well to her without laughing. He told her that the ham definitely wasn't

PEOPLE WILL
THINK I AM WEAK

the police don't
care
where i come from the police
are the criminals

N O T T R U S T

"I don't trust the
police!"

Reasons people
dont report



"We used to report everything
but nothing ever
happened. So
we don't bother
anymore"

nothing done

"I have phoned loads of
times nothing ever happens."

Language

Repercussions

"I speak Mirpuri Punjabi
the translators don't."

THEY WILL NO I HAVE RUNG THE POLICE
SOMEONE WILL TELL

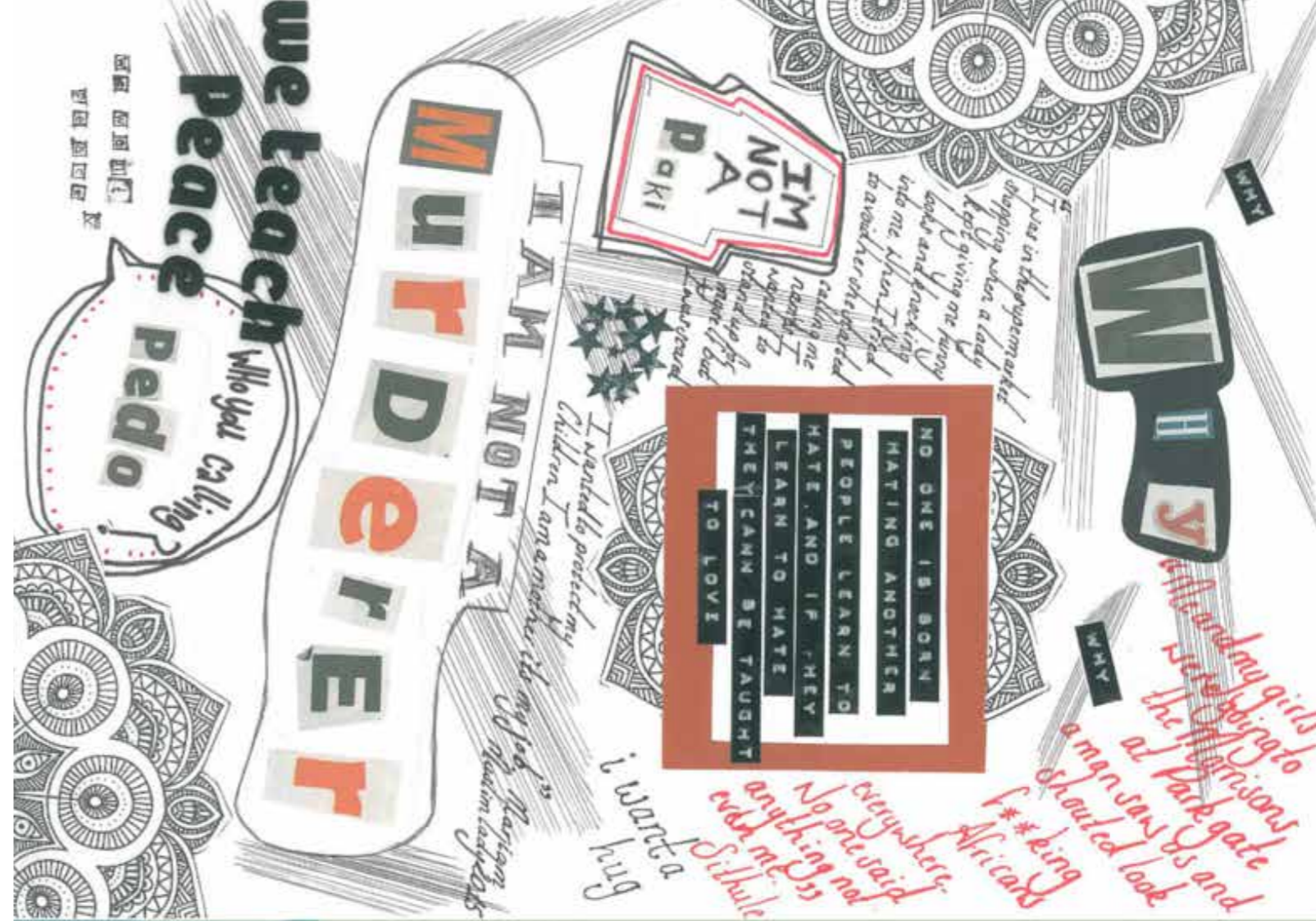
it will make things worse

they will know!

"The Arabic is too educated
for me. I am from the Yemera"


everyone will ask why the police
are at my house

"Roma is my 1st language. Czec is my 2nd
English my 3rd. I don't speak Czec or English
well I need Romani speakers"



Our

story



Mukhlis Ahmed
JAWAD
I am 60 years old. I want to tell you about my story when I finished my education in Faisalabad. I came in UK when I left my mum, sisters and brother. I had tears in their eyes. I travelled at night and this was a difficult experience. I have one son and two daughters. They all do their jobs. Thinking about my



Mr Rashid
I was born in Pakistan. I am living in UK for 55 years. I have five children in three days. Heathrow Airport was raining but an open field with nothing. I want to be a doctor in a family in 1958. There were jobs for every one in those days. The English people were helpful and they called out 'Welcome' and 'Goodbye' and 'Respectfully'. My mission is to help people.



Muhammad Yusuf
I was born in the town of Mirpur Khas. I came to England in 1961. I didn't like anything when I came here as it was so cold outside. The only option was to stay at home even if I wanted to go out. I couldn't speak the language. And I couldn't watch TV for the same reason. In our country, village life was so simple and happy. In those days, not many people had cars.



Abdul Razaq
I was born in Faisalabad. I came to UK in 1961. I didn't like anything when I came here as it was so cold outside. The only option was to stay at home even if I wanted to go out. I couldn't speak the language. And I couldn't watch TV for the same reason. In our country, village life was so simple and happy. In those days, not many people had cars.



MOVE ON. IT'S JUST A CHAPTER IN THE PAST. BUT DON'T CLOSE THE BOOK. JUST TURN THE PAGE.

We are Daughters
 We are Sisters
 We are Mothers
 We are Aunts
 We are Women
 We are not terrorists
 We believe in peace
 We help others
 We are proud
 of being British..



Nothing Changes

I AM IRISH.
I CAME TO ENGLAND FOR WORK

I REMEMBER THINGS BEING NOT MUCH DIFFERENT

FROM WHAT THEY ARE NOW ^{eight centuries} but of English racism for more than
BECAUSE WE WERE IRISH THEY USED TO CALL US

IRA

WE WERE TREATED LIKE SECOND CLASS CITIZENS

WE WERE TREATED BADLY

FORCED

ALL MUSLIMS ARE NOT TERRORISTS

LIKE ALL IRISH WERE NOT IRA

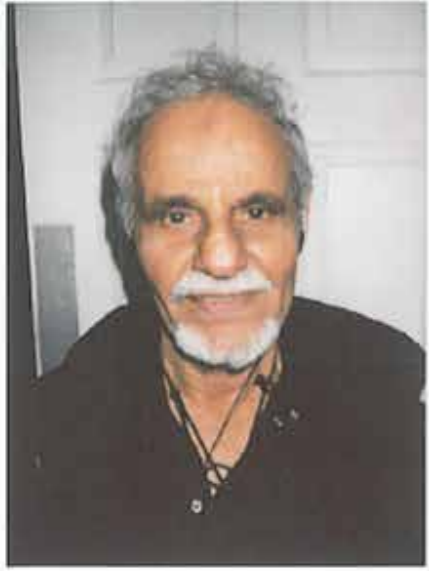
WE WERE NOT TERRORISTS EITHER

THE HATE DIES WITH OUR GENERATION THE NEW
GENERATION HAD ENGLISH ACCENTS THEY WERE
ACCEPTED BECAUSE THEY WERE WHITE!

HELP WANTED

NO IRISH NEED APPLY





THABET BIN THABET ALHATREY

COMING TO THE UK

I came to this country in November 1959 by boat. I sailed from Jabooti which is half an hour away from Aden by plane, to Marseille in the south of France, then from Marseille to Sheffield, all in all it took about 11 to 12 days to get here

I adapted well to the culture, I loved Rock and Roll, dancing, I was a Teddy boy and I loved looking good. I could dance on stage for two hours straight, I just loved it. People used to call me Little Tony like in the Hollywood movies because they thought I was Italian.



I met my wife Shirley we stayed engaged two years before we finally got married, and we had two children a girl and a boy. Life was great, there wasn't racism back then, no one in my family got attacked.



THE ATTACK

A few years ago

I was going to the Mosque to pray Duhur (afternoon prayers), I was in my car driving, and the car in front kept slowing right down and then gaining speed again,

he did it a couple of times before I indicated to try and overtake him. The guy blocked my car from overtaking him. I stopped the car to ask what his problem was and he got out the car called me Black B***** and punched me about five times in the face. The guy who was a white male was too strong, he was younger than me, I tried to fight back but I couldn't and he ended up breaking my left cheekbone. There were witnesses watching (all white people) and they didn't do anything to help. I went to the police about it, they investigated it briefly and it went to court, but because none of the witnesses could or would identify the attacker, he was found not guilty. Racism is everywhere today, people spit on the pavement where you walk, it doesn't matter where you're from or who you are.

Josephine Mohamed

AHMED AND I

When Ahmed and I met he'd already been in the UK a couple of years, I remember he was five years older than me and spoke some English, it wasn't very good, but enough to have a small conversation. We met through a mutual friend, my friend was in a relationship with Ahmed's friend. We went to a youth type club where you got served pop or juice, and shortly after, the four of us went to the cinema. I continued to see him more and more, he was around a lot because we had the same friends. Eventually when we both got together I introduced him to my family. There was absolutely no concerns with bringing home a Yemeni immigrant. My family adored him and got on well with him

We got a couple of racial jibes, but we just ignored them, we were walking through a park one time and a man shouted "N****r Lover". Ahmed got quite upset with it and wanted to confront the man, I told him it wasn't worth it and managed to talk him out of it.



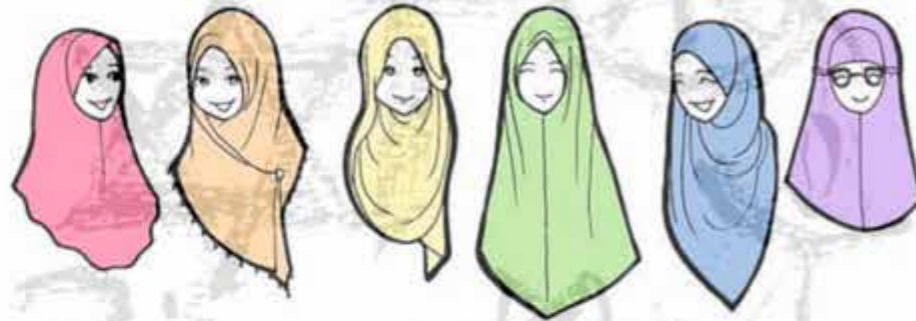
OUR FAMILY







Ahmed and I had four children, Abdulla, Faysell, Richard and Nadia. They encountered a couple of racial attacks growing up, usually by teachers and peers. One time the boys came home upset because the kids at school called them "blackie". They were just kids so I couldn't do anything, I just reassured them, told them to ignore them and to always remember that they were loved by their mam and dad and that's all that mattered.

I would never let grown ups attack them especially their teachers. Abdulla was six on this occasion, he was at school when a neighbour came over to my house to tell me that his teacher had separated him from the rest of the class, she'd left him alone up front while everyone else was at the back. I went over to the school to see for myself and he was just sat there while everyone else sat together behind him. I asked her to explain to me why my son was sat alone? She said, Abdulla was misbehaving and disrupting the class. He was only six and I found it hard to believe he was the only one misbehaving or being disruptive, yet he was the only one sat up front alone. I told her that if Abdulla wasn't sat with the rest of his classmates the following day I was going to take it further. The next day was the same he was sat alone at the front yet again. I was so angry that I took him out of school and immediately went to the authorities about it. I threatened to go to the papers if they didn't sort the school out

Thankfully, Abdulla had no real problems after that. Faysell came home one day with big red marks all over his legs, I can remember just serving the kids their teas when I noticed them, I asked him who'd done them and he said his teacher caned him multiple times because he forgot to keep his legs under the table. I was furious, I went straight to the school and confronted the teacher. I was hot headed back then and very over protective of my children and my family. We were lucky in that we only had a few instances, of racial attacks. I think that's because there were only a few immigrants back then. I feel there's a lot more now though especially with having more and more immigrants.





ABAYA	NIQAB	BURQA	CHADOR	DUPATTA	HIJAB
Abaya is an Arabic word for the loose full-length outer garment worn by women to cover the body, arms and legs. It is donned over house clothes, and some styles cover the head as well.	The Arabic word for a veil covering a woman's face, the niqab leaves only her eyes visible. It is generally worn with the abaya.	The Afghan-style burqa is a loose garment covering the body and face, with a grill across the eyes that permits a woman to see while keeping her face totally concealed.	A Persian word for the full-length, open cloak worn by Iranian woman and others in the Middle East. It is placed over the head and wrapped around the body; women hold the material closed with their hands or with clenched teeth.	This long, multi-purpose scarf - often paired with matching shalwar kameez or sari - is loosely draped across the head and shoulders and typically worn by Muslim women in South Asia.	The Arabic word refers to any modest covering worn by Muslim women but is most commonly associated with the headscarf. It comes in a variety of styles.
					

STOP THE HATE
 I AM A FATHER.
 I AM NOT A CHILD ABUSER.
 I AM A GRANDFATHER.
 I AM NOT A CHILD ABUSER.
 I WAS A HUSBAND WHOSE BELOVED WIFE DIED.
 I AM NOT A CHILD ABUSER.
 I AM MUSLIM.
 I AM NOT A CHILD ABUSER.
 I AM AN ASIAN MAN.
 I AM NOT A CHILD ABUSER.
 I HAVE A BEARD.
 I AM NOT A CHILD ABUSER.
 I AM A TAXI DRIVER
 BUT WHY DO YOU ASSUME I'M A CHILD ABUSER?

WHEN MY DAUGHTERS WERE LITTLE,
 THEY WERE MY LIGHT, MY JOY.
 ONE IS A TEACHER, ANOTHER WORKS WITH DISABLED CHILDREN,
 ONE WORKS FOR A CHARITY, ANOTHER IS A COUNCILLOR.
 I WANT YOU TO THINK OF ME AS THE MAN WHO HAS BROUGHT UP THESE DAUGHTERS.
 I AM NOT A CHILD ABUSER. ARE YOU?

PLEASE, DO NOT HATE ME FOR THE SINS OF OTHERS,
 LIKE I DON'T HATE OR BLAME YOU
 FOR WHAT HAS HAPPENED IN OUR TOWN.
 LET THOSE WHO HAVE SINNED BEAR THE WEIGHT OF THEIR WICKEDNESS
 NOT THE CHILDREN,
 NOT ONE COMMUNITY OVER ANOTHER
 JUSTICE FOR THE VICTIMS
 NOT JUDGEMENT THAT CREATES ANOTHER INJUSTICE!

*We have a diverse Muslim Community;
 Chinese, African, White British, Arab, Middle Eastern, European, Pakistani, South East Asian, Russian and many more*

*We have a very diverse Christian Community;
 African, Chinese, Roma, White British, South American, Pakistani, South East Asian, Middle Eastern, Russian and many more*

*We have a diverse faith community;
 Rastafarian, Baha'i, Hindu, Muslim, Atheist, Christian, Agnostic, Sikh, Buddhist*

Faith



Faiza Hassan

Before starting the Love is Louder project, I didn't know much about hate crime, or how to report it. My knowledge and understanding was very limited. When I moved here from Yemen nine years ago, racism never entered my head, because there wasn't much of it about. I'd heard some people say they got verbally attacked once or twice but that's about it. It's only the last few years that I've noticed racism increase, and it's worrying because we all want a better life for ourselves and our children and knowing that it's probably going to get worse especially because they're Muslim is devastating.

I decided to become an advocate for the hate crime project because I wanted to know what to do if I ever became a victim or if anyone I knew became a victim of hate crime. The entire journey was incredible and I'm thankful for the opportunity. I've gained life skills and confidence in many areas. English is my second language, and when I talk to people that I've just met, I get very nervous and almost forget how to speak it, I usually forget words and can't string sentences together, but after 12 weeks on the project,

I'm proud to say that I've prepared and completed a speech in fluent English in front of 70 to 80 people, which included the Mayor of Rotherham. My confidence has grown tremendously. I know that if I witness a hate crime, no matter the severity I will report it. There are many ways to report hate crime such as calling 101, online, through REMA, you can talk to a police officer or go down to the police station. There are so many ways and until I became an advocate I didn't know a single one.

What I found interesting was that you can report a crime in your first language. This is a great tool for those that feel there's a language barrier and would usually shy away from reporting all together.

My favourite part of the course was meeting a group of lovely, inspiring women from different backgrounds. To hear their stories and experiences was inspiring and heart breaking at the same time. We've learned a lot and have come a long way, and we will continue to progress. In Sha' Allah. (God Willing).



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