

Voice to the voiceless

Are you a Black men who
experienced sexual violence?
Your voice **matters** and we want
to hear your story.

A project funded by the British Academy (SRG22\220635) and conducted by Dr Ken Widanaralalage, Prof Coral Dando, and Dr Jay-Marie Mackenzie. The study has received ethical approval from the **University of Westminster**.



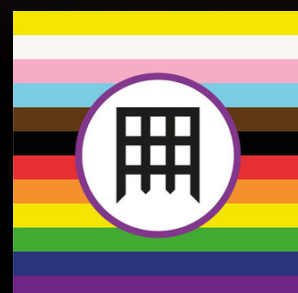
Join us in breaking the silence and creating change around sexual violence in Black communities. Your voice matters.

We are pleased to announce a research project aimed at creating change in the narrative and service provision around sexual violence experienced by Black men. We believe that the experiences of Black male survivors of sexual violence have been largely overlooked and that there is a need to develop strategies that take into account their unique experiences and challenges.

Our project aims to create change in service provision in the UK by directly interviewing Black men who have survived sexual violence. We believe that this project will help to challenge the stigma and stereotypes that often surround this issue and that it will contribute to the development of more inclusive and effective services.

We are committed to creating an inclusive and safe space for Black men to share their experiences. This project is open to all Black men who have experienced sexual violence, regardless of age, gender, sexuality, and faith.

If you are a Black man who has survived sexual violence, we invite you to join us in this important project. Your participation will help us to create change and develop strategies to provide better support for Black survivors.



Who can take part?

Black men from any gender, sexual, or faith are welcome to take part in the study. We are looking for Black men with experiences of sexual violence.

What will you be asked to do?

If you are interested in the project, we will invite you for an informal online meeting to introduce ourselves, explain the aims of the project, and outline what the study will look like. If you are happy to continue, we will invite you to a one-to-one interview with Dr. Ken Widanaralalage.

The interview will be designed to be a safe space for you to freely discuss your experiences, and we will prioritise your needs. After the study is concluded, we will share the information we have collected back with all the men who participated to get further input that we can share back with services and leaders involved in Black communities.

The Project and the Research Team

The project is led by Dr. Ken Widanaralalage, a psychology lecturer at the University of Westminster. Ken is an expert in interviewing sexual violence survivors, and he brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to this project. As a person of colour himself, he is committed to challenging stigma and ensuring that the voices of Black men are heard and valued.



This is a research project funded by The British Academy SRG22\220635. The study has received ethical approval from the University of Westminster. We are fully committed to enabling a supportive and safe learning and working environment which is equitable, diverse and inclusive, is based on mutual respect and trust, and in which harassment and discrimination are neither tolerated nor acceptable.

To learn more about the project, scan the QR code or follow this link:
https://westminsterpsych.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_2nRScuFdmn9LYW2

You can also email Ken (project lead) at: widanak5@westminster.ac.uk

