

GENDER JUSTICE & INTERSECTIONAL PRACTICE CONFERENCE 2025 AGENDA

TIME	
9:00 – 9:30 am	Arrivals & Registration
9:30 – 9:35 am	Welcome Remarks
9:35 – 9:55 am	Mollin Delve – Chief Executive Officer, PHOEBE Centre UK <i>Setting the Tone: Across Borders and Generations: Exploring the Continuum of Gender-Based Violence Among Women of African Descent in the UK through an Intersectional Lens</i>
	• Dr Jennifer Sheehan A reflection on volunteering and working with Phoebe Centre on domestic violence cases
9:55 – 10:10 am	• Reverend Cole Maynard <i>A Cry for Help: Faith, Struggle, and the Search for Safety (Reflection of personal experience)</i>
10:10 – 10:25 am	• Sudanese Women's Voices <i>Performance and Storytelling: Lived Experiences of Violence, Displacement, and Healing through Song</i>
10:25-10:30 am	• Enala Muturure- A Survivor's Story A survivor shares her powerful story, offering insight into lived experiences of abuse, resilience, and recovery.
10:30-10:35 am	<i>Report Presentation</i> • Pragna Patel & Faty Kane – Angelou Centre & Project Resist <i>"Why Do I Have to Hide Away?" Report on the Far-Right Riots: Gender, Race, and Resistance</i>
10:35 – 10:45 am	• Dame Nicole Jacobs – Domestic Abuse Commissioner <i>The National Landscape of Domestic Abuse: Why Intersectional Approaches Are Essential</i>
10:45 – 10:50 am	• H.E. Sahle-Work Zewde – Former President of Ethiopia Keynote Address <i>Intersectional Pathways to Justice and Healing: From Diplomacy to Grassroots</i>
	• Southall Black Sisters <i>A Report Presentation</i> <i>Recent Research and Findings on "Invisible Women Made Visible"</i>
10:50 – 10:55 am	• Anna Matteoli-Director CIDFF, Strasbourg <i>The prostitution exit program – a framework which carries both hopes and limitations, illustrated by the experience of women trafficked from Nigeria, in Strasbourg, France.</i>
11:00– 11:20 am	Question &Answers
11:20– 11:30am	Tea Break

Setting the Scene

Intersectional Policy & Advocacy	11:30 – 11:35 pm	Research Insight • Gahdah Alnesseri – Imkaan <i>“Why Should Our Rage Be Tidy?” Feminist and Structural Responses to Violence</i>
	11:35 – 11:40 pm	Academic Perspectives • Dr. Mirna Guha – Anglia Ruskin University Everyday Experiences of Gender Violence and Social Justice in Marginalised Communities
	11:40-11:45	Academic Perspectives Dr. Yemisi Sloane – <i>The Continuum of Violence: Intimate Partner Violence, Borders, and Migration Status. Exploring how migration status and border politics shape experiences of violence for women of African descent in the UK</i>
	11:45 – 11:50	Colonial and Migration Legacies • Caroline Phansi – Housing and Social Justice Advocate Housing Justice and Structural Inequalities in the GBV Context
	12:00– 12:30	Q&A
	12:30 – 1:30	LUNCH
Deep Dive: GBV Across the Continuum (13:30 – 15:30 pm)	13:30 – 15:00	Breakout Room 1: Building Strong Foundations: Governance, Funding, and Leadership for New Charity Leaders Chair : Franstine Jones • Panellists: Funders, Lucinda Leonard, National Lottery - Valerie Lolomari- Chief Executive Officer, Women of Grace - Stella Harris - Zenabe Kamara - Fungai <i>Exploring sustainability for women-led organisations, securing unrestricted funding, and strengthening governance frameworks.</i>
	13:30 – 15:00	Breakout Room 2: Reflections on Resistance through ‘Why Do I Have To Hide Away’ and ‘Invisible Women Made Visible’ research Chair: April Dawn Panellists: • PHOEBE Centre, Pragna Patel, Faty Kane A reflective session sharing insights from Pragna Patel and Faty Kane’s research on Far-Riots as well as Southall Black Sister’s “Invisible Women Made Visible” research.
	13:30 – 15:00	Breakout Room 3: Immigration and Domestic Abuse Practice Chair: Caroline Phansi • Dr Yemisi Sloane, Caroline Phansi, Dr Mirna Guha, Anna Matteoli and Ghadah Alnasseri <i>Exploring intersections of immigration status, NRPF, and domestic abuse practical guidance for frontline workers.</i>
	15:00 – 15:30	LUNCH
PLENARY	15:30 -16:00	<i>How can we build a stronger, survivor-led advocacy ecosystem across regions</i> <i>Discussion on expanding collective advocacy efforts</i>
	16:00 – 16:30	Questions & Reflections and Close