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Report exposes widespread discrimination faced by Muslim women in UK media

A major new report has exposed the scale of discrimination, exclusion and emotional distress experienced by Muslim women working across the British media industry, with many considering leaving the sector entirely.

The report, 'Muslim Women in Media: Breaking Barriers, Bearing the Burden', published by the Centre for Media Monitoring (CfMM), is the first large-scale study of Muslim women in UK journalism. It draws on the testimonies of 102 women working across broadcast, print, and digital media, revealing patterns of Islamophobia, stereotyping, and professional marginalisation.

Among the most alarming findings: 85% of respondents said they had considered leaving the media industry due to the coverage of Israel's war on Gaza, while 86% reported a decline in their mental health as a result.

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Family crime group boss

Bradford mum used her children in international cocaine plots



A mother from Bradford helped run an international crime group and used her own children to smuggle millions of pounds of cocaine into the United Kingdom.

Farzana Kauser, 54, was jailed for 13-years and four months after a National Crime Agency investigation.

Kauser worked with an unidentified accomplice in Pakistan known as 'Uncle' to mastermind the smuggling of cocaine from Cancun in Mexico to the UK.

She betrayed no outward signs of running the UK side of the crime group, and even when she was arrested on 11 November 2024 at Birmingham Airport, claimed she was only there to collect her children.

Kauser was there to collect her children – but they were carrying 180kg of cocaine with a street value of around £14.4m. Some of it was due to be passed to a courier from another OCG, with the remainder taken back to Kauser's home on Waterlily Road in Manningham and then moved on.

NCA investigators showed it was the fifth time the crime group – which included Kauser's four sons, one daughter, and daughter-in-law – had couriered high purity cocaine into Birmingham Airport between August and November 2024.

The offenders booked short one or two-night trips to Amsterdam or Dublin and travelled without any luggage.

They timed their return flights to Birmingham to coincide with flights from Cancun, Mexico, where a

corrupt insider loaded suitcases full of drugs onto the UK-bound flight.

After landing, Kauser's children headed to the Cancun baggage carousel. They had received photographs of the suitcases from an unidentified member of the crime group. They were full of cocaine and had been loaded unaccompanied onto the Mexico flight. The family would then walk through customs as though returning with their own bags.

Kauser pleaded guilty to importing 180 kilograms of cocaine at a previous hearing.

Her four eldest children admitted their roles in the conspiracy. Her youngest son and daughter-in-law pleaded guilty to participating in the activities of an organised crime group. They were all sentenced at Birmingham Crown Court on 18th July, apart from her youngest son who will be sentenced in October.

Rick Mackenzie, NCA senior investigating officer, said: "To her friends and people who thought they knew her, Farzana Kauser was a thoughtful, loving mum who seemed very normal.

"She was very well practised in her life as a high-end cocaine trafficker and she took great pains to delete any trail of evidence.

"She led this crime group with dedication and determination, often instructing her children on how to smuggle the drugs effectively and on what techniques to employ.

"She pushed her children into huge danger and has allowed their futures

to be effectively destroyed.

"Her youngest son was just 17 when he was encouraged to play a major role in couriering drugs into the country, drugs that wreck countless lives across the UK in their links to violence, addiction and other crimes.

"The NCA works side by side with partners at home and abroad to combat the threat Class A drugs pose to the UK."


Sarah Ingram from the Crown Prosecution Service said: "This was a sophisticated and well-planned operation to flood the UK with high-purity cocaine worth millions of pounds.

"What makes this case particularly concerning is the family nature of the conspiracy, with a mother recruiting her own children to participate in serious organised crime.

"The defendants thought they had devised a foolproof method to import drugs, but thanks to the vigilance and thorough investigation by the National Crime Agency and our prosecution, their criminal enterprise was brought to an end.

"By taking this organised crime group out of action, large amounts of drugs have been removed from circulation and can no longer reach our streets.

"This case demonstrates the commitment of the Crown Prosecution Service and law enforcement partners to disrupting drug supply chains and bringing those involved in serious organised crime to justice."



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Yorkshire Day cheers as Leeds hits 75% glass recycling in just one year

Yorkshire Day brings double cause for celebration in Leeds, as the city marks one year of its successful household glass recycling service - and a major environmental win.

Since the doorstep scheme launched in August 2024, residents have recycled nearly 12,000 tonnes of glass through their green bins, that's the equivalent of more than two million wine bottles a month.

That effort has saved 464 tonnes of carbon emissions, roughly the same as taking 170 cars off the road.

Leeds City Council says the new system has boosted glass recycling rates from 48% to 75% in just one year.

All glass bottles and jars, regardless of colour or contents, can now go straight in the green bin, alongside paper, cardboard, plastic containers and cans. Lids and labels can stay on, making the process simple and hassle-free.

Most of the glass collected

is sorted locally by HW Martin and sent to Yorkshire facilities to be melted down and turned into new jars and bottles - often within a month.

The council is urging residents to keep the momentum going, as around 25% of glass is still being wrongly binned.

For those who prefer not to use green bins, the city also has over 700 bottle banks, each able to hold up to 3,000 bottles.

Councillor Mohammed Rafique called it a "real success" and thanked residents for their efforts. British Glass and HW Martin also praised the local approach, which keeps carbon footprints low while supporting regional jobs.

Specialist glass like Pyrex, lightbulbs and drinking glasses still need separate handling, but they can be taken to local charity shops or recycling centres.

Leeds is leading the way - and on Yorkshire Day, that's worth raising a glass to!



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Students see through doctors’ eyes

University of Bradford students are gaining real-time clinical insight by observing GP consultations through RealWear assisted reality headsets.

The headsets, used by doctors at Spring Hall Group Practice in Halifax, allow students on the Master of Physician Associate Studies (MPAS) programme to remotely view live consultations, enhancing their understanding of clinical practice. So far, 288 students have taken part in the programme, which combines headset observations with follow-up discussions led by educators. The initiative, which

‘The approach is positively impacting student learning, patient care, and the wider healthcare team.’

requires patient consent and involves no recordings, gives students the opportunity to see directly through the clinician’s perspective in a live setting. Vikki Carter, Director of Practice Education and Engagement at the University of Bradford, said the approach is positively impacting student learning, patient care, and

the wider healthcare team. Student Sadia Khan described the experience as eye-opening and valuable for understanding how technology can support patient interactions. The RealWear headsets are seen as a complementary tool to traditional consultations, offering the potential for a hybrid learning model.

The University hopes to expand the use of the technology into other community healthcare settings, such as paramedic services and home visits. This innovative approach aligns with the University’s focus on student-centred, technology-enhanced education for the future of healthcare.



Happy 75th Birthday Cliffe Castle

Cliffe Castle Park in Keighley is marking its 75th birthday with a free celebration on Saturday 9 August from 12pm to 6pm.

Organised by Bradford Council, local community members and Bradford 2025, the event invites families from across the district to enjoy an afternoon of music, dance, art and entertainment in the historic park.

Since the 1950s, Cliffe Castle has been a cherished space for residents and visitors alike, and the birthday bash promises to honour that legacy with a vibrant community festival.

Highlights include performances from Punjabi Roots with their signature bhangra rhythms, and the feel-good harmonies of The Rock Choir. Yorkshire’s own viral sensation ADMT will also perform, bringing his soulful energy to the celebration.

Activities will centre around the Bradford 2025 Beacon, featuring interactive walkabout acts like STATUESQUE, including Bracewell the Dragon, the castle’s own mascot. Families can take part in creative workshops, then show off their crafts in a carnival parade led by a drumming squirrel.

The day will also include Bollywood dance, heritage exhibits, food stalls and play activities. Councillor Sarah Ferriby said the event is a chance for the community to come together during the city’s landmark year as UK City of Culture 2025.

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Mosques threatened, women targeted, leaders demand answers

The British Muslim Trust (BMT) has been selected to lead a new government initiative aimed at tackling the record rise in anti-Muslim hatred across England.

This comes following the gap left by the demise of Tell Mama, after funding was pulled, at a time when Islamophobic incidents had surged to record levels.

The 'Combating Hate Against Muslims Fund', launched this year in response to mounting concerns over religious intolerance, will be delivered in partnership with BMT - a consortium made up of the Aziz Foundation and the Randeree Charitable Trust.

The fund is part of a broader government strategy to address the growing number of hate incidents targeting Muslim communities, both online and in public spaces.

Under the scheme, BMT will build a new system to log incidents of

British Muslim Trust awarded government funding to tackle rise in anti-Muslim hate

anti-Muslim hate, including those that may otherwise go unreported to police or official bodies.

The initiative will also provide direct support to victims, raise public awareness about hate crime, and encourage greater reporting from within affected communities.

Lord Khan of Burnley, the Minister for Faith, described the increase in anti-Muslim hatred as "alarming and deeply concerning".

He said: "That's why we established this new fund: to ensure we're doing everything we can to deeply understand

the situation our Muslim communities are facing, provide them with the support they need and give us the tools needed to tackle this unacceptable hatred."

He added that the government would work closely with BMT to help build "a safer, more tolerant society for everyone" as part of its Plan for Change.

BMT will also analyse the data it collects to identify trends and the underlying drivers of anti-Muslim incidents. That information, the government said, will play a key role

in shaping future policy, and feed into wider efforts to improve community safety under the Safer Streets programme.

The British Muslim Trust draws on over two decades of community-led experience from its founding partners. Shabir Randeree, CBE, will chair the board of directors, bringing with him a background in business, philanthropy, and long-standing advocacy for ethnic minority rights.

Randeree said: "Tackling anti-Muslim hatred is essential to building safer, more inclusive communities, and

we are proud to have been appointed to deliver this important work.

"The British Muslim Trust will work closely with partners across the country to support victims, listen to communities, and help ensure that every person can live free from fear and hatred."

The launch of the fund comes amid a growing focus on religious hate crime across the UK, with Muslim advocacy groups and community leaders calling for more targeted support and resources.



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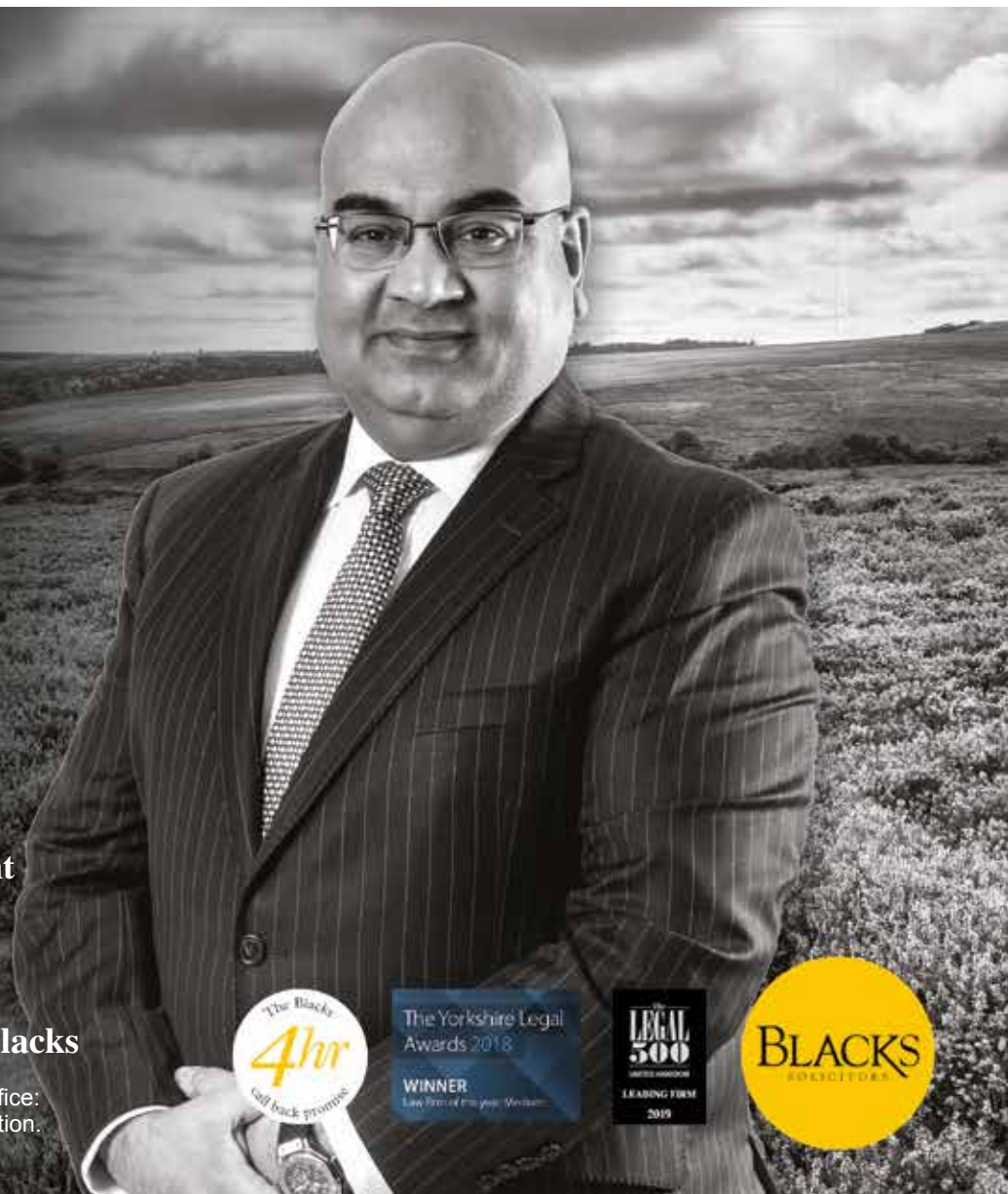
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Key Findings

- 92% said negative views about Islam and Muslims are embedded within media organisations
- 72% experienced direct discrimination linked to their Muslim identity
- 86% said coverage of the Gaza war negatively impacted their mental health
- 85% questioned their future in media following October 7th reporting
- 60% have considered leaving the industry altogether
- 81% believe Muslim women are unfairly represented in the media
- 35% are dissatisfied with their roles, citing tokenism and lack of progress

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More than 90% said negative attitudes towards Muslims were embedded within media organisations. The report describes Muslim women being treated as token hires for diversity optics, then excluded from editorial decision-making and advancement.

The Gaza war emerged as a “breaking point” for many, with several women recounting how expressing empathy with Palestinians or raising concerns over biased coverage led to isolation, silencing or threats to job security.

One respondent described feeling “ashamed to be a journalist,” while another said newsroom narratives were “straight out of the Israeli army playbook.”

Among the most alarming findings: 85% of respondents said they had considered leaving the media industry due to the coverage of Israel’s war on Gaza, while 86% reported a decline in their mental health as a result.

Hijab-wearing journalists reported heightened scrutiny, with visible Muslim identity often being conflated with political bias. One said: “I face Islamophobia every day.

The newsroom doesn’t feel safe.” Women described being hired to source “diverse” voices but denied permanent roles or promotion.

Others said they were limited to reporting on so-called “Muslim stories” with little agency over content.

The report finds that diversity rhetoric within the media often masks systemic exclusion. “Representation isn’t enough,” said Mehreen Khan, Economics Editor at The Times. “The real issue is retention. Getting Muslim journalists into decision-making roles - that’s the test.”

More than 60% of respondents said

they were actively considering leaving journalism. Many described suffering from burnout, anxiety and stalled careers. A majority felt they were being asked to “blend in” or downplay their identity to survive professionally.

The Centre for Media Monitoring warns that British journalism is facing a retention crisis. It calls for urgent structural reform: equitable pay, editorial inclusion, formal protections during political crises, and mental health support, to prevent the further loss of Muslim women from the industry.

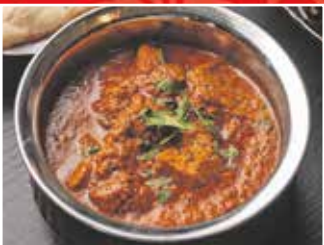
“This report is both a warning and a roadmap,” said CfMM director Rizwana Hamid. “If the media wants to reflect the society it claims to serve, it must not only include Muslim women, but empower them.”

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Turkiye's President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, on Tuesday 28th July, drew attention to the starvation in blockaded Gaza, which has been under Israel's relentless attacks for 22 months now, saying that Gaza shows scenes "worse than Nazi camps" with people being starved and deprived of water before the world's eyes, Anadolu reports.

"The terrorist state of Israel has been committing genocide against our brothers in Gaza, brutally massacring them for 22 months in a 360 km² area," said Erdogan during a news conference with his Kazakh counterpart, Kassym-Jomart Tokayev, in Ankara.

"Israel's use of hunger as a weapon against Palestinians is the clearest indication that they have no humanity," he added.

On the ties between Turkiye and Kazakhstan, Erdogan said that projects that will take the Turkish-Kazakh military and defense industry cooperation to the next level were discussed with Tokayev during their meeting.

"In a joint declaration with President Tokayev, we underlined respect for Turkish Cypriots' equal and inherent rights," Erdogan added.

Turkish President
Recep Tayyip Erdogan

Gaza shows scenes 'worse than Nazi camps': Turkish President Erdogan



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One of the world’s best-known prizes for the visual arts, the Turner Prize aims to promote public debate around new developments in contemporary British art.

Established in 1984, the prize is named after the radical painter JMW Turner (1775-1851) and is awarded each year to a British artist for an outstanding exhibition or other presentation of their work.

This year, the shortlisted artists are, Nnena Kalu, Rene Matić, Mohammed Sami and Zadie Xa.

Turner Prize 2025 is part of Bradford

2025 UK City of Culture, a year-long celebration of Bradford city and district – the fourth UK City of Culture following Derry/Londonderry, Hull and Coventry.

Running from January to December, Bradford 2025 features performances, exhibitions, events and activities inspired by the district’s history and heritage, its breathtaking countryside and industrial past, as well as the local artists, creative organisations and the diverse communities who call Bradford home.

Produced by Bradford 2025. Delivered in partnership with Tate, Bradford District Museums & Galleries and Yorkshire Contemporary.

Turner Prize 2025 is supported by The John Browne Charitable Trust and The Uggle Family Foundation. Amplitude is a major supporter of Turner Prize 2025.

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Mohammed Sami by Sarel Jansen



Nnena Kalu. Courtesy of the Artist and ActionSpace



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From cakes to compassion

The rise of a 'Muskorteer' - how Nadeem Malik mobilised a volunteer army to transform lives

Once just a humble volunteer with a big heart, Nadeem Malik has now become the face of a fundraising movement that's quite literally taken the cake.

It all started in the summer of 2016. Nadeem, then a fresh-faced volunteer, joined the Muskorteers - a charitable team powered by UK-based humanitarian organisation KORT (Kashmir Orphan Relief Trust).

What began as a personal pledge to do good quickly spiralled into something far bigger: a journey of leadership, camaraderie, and staggering success.

Fast forward nearly a decade, and the numbers speak for themselves.

Under Nadeem's steady hand, this once-small collective of do-gooders has ballooned into a 100-strong army of everyday heroes - business owners, sports

"What truly inspired me was witnessing the genuine passion and tireless commitment of everyone involved... it wasn't just charity; it was a united mission to uplift lives and show that every person matters."

coaches, taxi drivers, techies - all rolling up their sleeves to help those in need.

Back in 2016, the team sold a respectable 5,200 cakes to raise funds. But now? They're dishing out a jaw-dropping 25,000 annually. That's right - KORT has earned the cheeky nickname King of Cakes, and it's no exaggeration. The sweet treat has become a fundraising icon, and Nadeem is the man behind the movement.

Appointed Chief Muskorteer in September 2021, Nadeem's leadership has turbocharged the group's efforts, not just in cake sales, but across all major fundraising campaigns.

From Ramadan drives to on-the-ground events, this compassionate cohort has proven time and again that charity is alive and kicking in Britain.

Speaking about his rise, Nadeem said: "Me becoming a Muskorteer

was driven by KORT's powerful vision to bring real change to those in need.

"What truly inspired me was witnessing the genuine passion and tireless commitment of everyone involved... it wasn't just charity; it was a united mission to uplift lives and show that every person matters."

From handing out essentials to organising eye-watering fundraising totals, Nadeem and his 'Muskorteers' are redefining grassroots charity work, putting people before politics and proving that when communities unite, extraordinary things happen.

Nadeem added: "I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the Muskorteers up and down the country, our donors, the KORT admin team, the management, and the trustees for their cooperation and collaboration."



Nadeem Malik pictured with KORT Chairman, Ch Mohammed Akhtar and trustees





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Lord Mayor of Bradford to receive a Rakhi as part of a traditional Hindu ceremony

The Lord Mayor of Bradford Councillor Mohammed Shafiq is to receive a Rakhi from a local Hindu group as part of a Raksha Bandhan ceremony.

Raksha Bandhan is a Hindu festival that promotes duty of care and the obligation to serve those in need.

The festival is steeped in history and is a celebration of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakum – which is the idea that ‘the whole world is one family.’

Members of the Hindu Swayamsevak Sangh (HSS) UK will meet with the Lord Mayor at Bradford City Hall on Tuesday, 5 August at 11am to

talk about the achievements of the HSS (UK) and explain the significance of Raksha Bandhan ceremony.

As part of the ceremony the group will offer some Mithai which are traditional Indian sweets and will tie a Rakhi to the wrist of the Lord Mayor.

A colourful Rakhi is made up of many threads that are intertwined and is a reminder that although one string on its own may be easy to break when combined and intertwined with other strings they become strong and difficult to break, symbolising the universal oneness to serve and protect one another.



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Man sentenced to 18-years for raping woman in Bradford park

A man from Bradford has been sentenced to 18 years for raping a woman in a Bradford Park.

Ifzal Hussain aged 35 of Lynfield Drive was found guilty rape and sexual assault on at Bradford Crown Court. On 17th July 2025, he was sentenced to 12-years imprisonment with a six-year extended licence period on his release. He was also made to sign the sex offenders register for life.

The sexual assault happened in a taxi in May 2024 and the rape happened on October 2024 on Howarth Road, when Hussain followed the woman into a park at night.

Senior Investigating Officer Detective Inspector Jodie Hayes of the Homicide and Major Enquiry Team said: "Hussain is a

dangerous sexual predator who took advantage of a vulnerable women on two occasions.

"His actions have had a significant impact on the victim, who has shown immense courage in coming forward and reporting these crimes to us.

"She has stayed with the court process, and I hope the sentence gives her comfort in knowing that he has been punished for his actions.

"Women and girls should be safe to live their lives free from the fear of violence and harassment, we remain fully committed along with our partners to making the county a safer place for women and girls.

"I hope this sentence goes to show how seriously we take offences like this and gives people the courage to report these offences to us."



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Jailed for life after stabbing wife in broad daylight as she pushed baby in pram

A man has been sentenced to life in prison for the brutal murder of his estranged wife, Kulsuma Akter, who was stabbed multiple times in broad daylight while pushing her baby in a pram through Bradford city centre.

Habibur Masum, 27, was convicted by a jury at Bradford Crown Court and must serve a minimum of 28-years before he can be considered for release.

The attack took place on Saturday 6 April 2024, just after 3.20pm, on Westgate, a busy area of the city. Kulsuma, 27, had been walking with her baby son when Masum approached and carried out the fatal assault using a kitchen knife.

Shocked members of the public rushed to help her and

called emergency services, but despite their efforts and those of paramedics, she later died in hospital. A post-mortem confirmed she had suffered multiple stab wounds, including to the neck.

Masum, from Burnley, had previously subjected Kulsuma to violence and domestic abuse, which led her to flee their home and seek refuge in a safehouse in Bradford.

According to police and prosecutors, Masum was unable to accept the end of their relationship. He tracked her down and murdered her in a calculated and shocking act of violence, carried out in full view of passers-by.

Following the attack, Masum calmly walked away from the

scene. He fled the city and was the subject of a nationwide manhunt. He was eventually tracked to Aylesbury in Buckinghamshire, some 175 miles away, and arrested by armed officers in the early hours of 9 April. He was brought back to West Yorkshire and charged with several offences, including murder, assault, threats to kill, and stalking.

In a statement issued after the sentencing, Kulsuma's grieving family said her death had left them with "a deep and painful void." They described her as a generous, kind, and loving woman who touched the lives of everyone around her. "Her beautiful smile could light up any room," they said. "We will never forgive the monster who took her from us. Her baby son will grow

up without knowing her, except through the memories we share with him. He is the only light in this darkness, and she radiates through him."

The family thanked West Yorkshire Police and the investigation team for their support throughout the case and asked for privacy as they continue to grieve.

Detective Chief Inspector Stacey Atkinson, who led the investigation, called it a "brutal attack in broad daylight" and condemned Masum's actions. "He showed no remorse," she said. "He murdered Kulsuma while her baby was just inches away, then left the scene without a second thought. I hope today's sentence brings her family some measure of justice."



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Asian Express celebrates 25-years with launch of BPA Empowering Women Awards



Yorkshire's women lead a new movement

On Sunday 13th July 2025, more than 350 guests gathered in Bradford for what many are now calling a defining moment in the region's push for gender equity and inclusive leadership. The BPA Empowering Women (#BPAEW) awards, hosted in the grand ballroom of Cedar Court Hotel, Bradford, was far more than an evening of accolades - it marked the birth of a movement. Yes, there were gowns and speeches. Yes, there were cameras and standing ovations. But beneath the glamour was something raw, real, and electrifying: the ignition of a movement.

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This year, Asian Express celebrates a landmark: 25 years of independent journalism, community advocacy, and platforming unheard voices. For decades, they've told the stories that needed telling, publishing tens of thousands of pieces and over 6,000 features on businesses, entrepreneurs, disruptors and visionaries.

But this year, they've brought that storytelling to life. "From page to stage" wasn't just a slogan - it was a declaration.

This milestone was celebrated not with a retrospective, but by amplifying the very people the publication has always championed - Yorkshire's trailblazing women.

The evening was attended by a host of dignitaries, including the Lord Mayor of Sheffield, Safiya Saeed, Mayor of Rotherham, Ruksana Ismail, and MP Naz Shah, alongside civic leaders, creatives, businesswomen, and entrepreneurs. They, along with Harleen Kaur - CEO of Club Ekta, Sharon Milner, CEO at Leeds Children's Charity at Lineham Farm, and Sabbiyah Pervez - Senior Investigations Reporter



torchbearers. They are women who challenge norms, dismantle barriers, and build ladders where none existed. They are, in every sense, leaders - regardless of title, status, or recognition," she adds.

"The BPA Empowering Women movement is now an annual, living commitment to equity, inclusive leadership, and systemic change. And it will grow with the help of every woman it uplifts, every ally it engages, and every young girl who sees herself in the stories shared."

The #BPAEW hashtag gained momentum across social platforms, but the organisers insist this

isn't about visibility for its own sake. The goal is a sustainable and growing platform that champions inclusive leadership, equity, and representation at all levels of society.

The event also paid tribute to the power of community and allyship. Sponsors and supporters, many of whom have stood alongside Asian Express throughout its 25-year journey, were credited with helping build a platform that now empowers others.

BBC, inspired the audience with their speeches.

The nominees were women from all walks of life: professionals, founders, community builders, creatives, CEOs. Each one a beacon of resilience. Each one, a quiet revolution in motion.

"These women don't just rise," says Andleeb Hanif, Co-Founder and Editor of Asian Express, and Chairperson of the Business Power Awards.

"Our winners are not simply professionals or pioneers - they are



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Losing Your Property To The Crown

Bona Vacantia is a legal term referring to property that has no owner, which typically occurs when a company is dissolved or when a person dies intestate with no heirs. In such cases, the property is deemed “ownerless” and passes to the Crown. Property can include land, cash or other assets owned by the company or individual. In certain circumstances, it is possible to restore the company to the Register to reclaim the company’s assets.

The recent case of Robert Lulham and Nichola Lulham v The Crown Estate Commissioners demonstrates how property can be “lost” to The Crown. In that case Mr and Mrs Lulham were former directors and shareholders of a company called Matchmount Limited. In 2005, the company purchased the freehold interest in a property in Maidstone for £60,000 and was registered as the freehold proprietor. The property was divided into two flats and the Lulhams were the leaseholders of the flats.

Following the company’s failure to file annual returns, it was struck off by the Registrar in 2010. The Lulhams claimed that all relevant documentation relating to the striking-off and dissolution of the company was sent to their former solicitors, who had ceased to practice, and they were therefore completely unaware that the company had been dissolved for many years.



This meant that they failed to apply to restore the company back on to the Register within the 6 years period allowed under the Companies Act and the company’s dissolution became irreversible with its freehold interest in the property becoming Bona Vacantia and vesting in The Crown.

The Lulhams applied to the Court for a Vesting Order to recover the property’s freehold on the basis that they had an interest in the property as the company’s former sole shareholders and directors and, further, they continued to incur liabilities under the tenants’ covenants in the leases, meaning it would be just to vest the freehold to them.

However, the High Court rejected the application, finding that the Lulhams had failed to show any relevant interest or enforceable right in the property. The Court held that the Lulhams’ role as shareholders and directors of the company did not give them any proprietary interest in their personal capacities as to do so would require the piercing of the corporate veil. The Judge also rejected their argument that the tenants’ covenants in the leases were sufficient liability to justify a vesting of the freehold, finding that those obligations arose under the leasehold titles and not the freehold title. The Judge did however comment that given how the property was acquired and subsequently dealt with, it was understandable that the Lulhams “would have been forgiven for thinking that the Property was, to all intents and purposes, theirs”.

This decision clarifies that simply owning all of the shares in a company that owns land does not mean the shareholders have an interest in that land. It also demonstrates that once land is returned to The Crown, the courts will only reverse that process in exceptional cases.

If you are a director or a shareholder of a company that has been struck off the Register and dissolved by the Registrar of Companies and you need advice on your legal position or in respect of any property related matter, then Blacks Solicitors can assist. Please contact Luke Patel on 0113 227 9316 or email him at “LPatel@LawBlacks.com”

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WINNERS: BPA EMPOWERING WOMEN AWARDS 2025



Outstanding Woman in Arts, Media & Culture Shanaz Gulzar, Creative Director of Bradford 2025 UK City of Culture

Shanaz is an acclaimed artist, producer, and presenter leading the ambitious Bradford 2025 cultural programme. Her work reflects the district’s rich heritage, diversity, and creativity. With a career spanning visual arts, film, theatre, and media,

she has worked with Manchester International Festival and presented BBC shows like Yorkshire Walks. Formerly Chair of Bradford 2025, she collaborates locally and globally to shape a bold, inclusive vision of Bradford on the world’s cultural stage.



Businesswoman of the Year Rukhsana Siddique, Proprietor Crossley Cars

Rukhsana transformed her family’s transport business after the sudden loss of her brother in 2020. In a male-dominated industry, she rebuilt the company and now operates Halifax’s

largest private hire fleet, managing 135 drivers. A devoted mother of three, she balances entrepreneurship with community service, volunteering regularly for the local causes.



Entrepreneur of the Year Lois Monks, Director at JWP Solicitors

Lois specialises in care law, representing children to ensure their voices shape decisions about their futures. She founded free legal clinics with local children’s centres and Together Women, offering vital support to vulnerable women facing

abuse and poverty. Lois also co-led the launch of JWP’s Bradford office, expanding access to legal services in an underserved area. Her work champions justice, dignity, and support individuals in challenging circumstances.



Professional of the Year Dr Saira Ali FLI FRSA, President Elect of the Landscape Institute & Team Leader at CBMDC

Saira has 30 years of award-winning experience in landscape architecture and urban regeneration. A bold leader, she transforms cities through inclusive, climate-resilient design that promotes biodiversity. A passionate advocate for diversity, she mentors

emerging talent and speaks globally on sustainable placemaking. Her voluntary roles include the Yorkshire Regional Flood Committee, National Trust’s Advisory Board, and the Children’s Heart Surgery Fund.

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Outstanding Woman in Education
Rizwana Mahmood MBE, Headteacher/Educational Consultant

Rizwana is a transformational educational leader with over a decade of success turning around underperforming schools. Her current school ranks in the top 1–3% nationally and is recognised by the Department for Education as a beacon of excellence. Awarded an MBE in 2024 for services to education, she champions equity, innovation, and social mobility. Rizwana co-created initiatives like Oxbridge Minds and Operation GenZ, inspiring academic aspirations and safeguarding vulnerable youth.



Outstanding Woman in Public Service
Dr Saghira Sharif, Principal Genetic Counsellor NHS Trust

Dr Sharif developed a groundbreaking framework to reduce disparities and improve diversity in genomic medicine. She collaborates with Born in Bradford, PHE, Genomics England, and UK Public Policy Projects to shape healthcare policies and pathways. Internationally, she advances genomics education and establishes services in Pakistan and the Middle East, driving equitable genomic care worldwide and transforming the field through her commitment.



Empowerment Champion of the Year
Sobiya Jawaid, Leadership Coach

Sobiya is a dynamic leadership coach and keynote speaker, known for empowering others through confidence and authenticity. As the first hijab-wearing Muslim black belt kickboxer to represent England at European level, she embodies resilience and barrier-breaking courage. Working with global clients in film, finance, and healthcare, Sobiya champions inclusion, belonging, and fearless leadership, helping others unlock their potential and thrive personally and professionally.



Community Champion of the Year
Rifhat Malik MBE, Co-founder/CEO Give a Gift

Rifhat is a respected community leader with over 25 years' experience championing social justice. As Project Director at Give A Gift in Leeds, she supports refugees, asylum seekers, and disadvantaged families. She's helped raise over £250,000 for children's charities and volunteers with international causes. A former trustee of Martin House Hospice, she also contributes to race equality and health networks. In 2023, Give A Gift received the King's Award for Voluntary Service.



'Mover & Shaker' of the Year
Humma Nizami, CEO of Race Equality Network

Humma's leadership at REN, a Bradford-based charity supporting over 80 grassroots groups, has earned the organisation national recognition through impactful projects like Root Out Racism and the Covid-19 Prevention Project. A passionate advocate for equity, diversity, and inclusion, Humma has secured multiple awards and presented REN's CERD report to the United Nations in Geneva, amplifying local voices on a global stage.



Diversity Champion of the Year
Fatima Khan-Shah, Mayor of WY Business Advisor & Mayor's Inclusivity Champion

Fatima is a nationally recognised leader, advising the Mayor and regional leaders on reducing inequalities. Named among HSJ's top 50 health leaders from ethnic minority backgrounds, Fatima is known for her work in public involvement, compassionate leadership, and inclusion. Her award-winning initiatives have shaped national policy, and she serves on several boards, hosts a podcast, and contributes to the NHS Assembly and The King's Fund.



Young Achiever of the Year
Wania Ahmad, Member of Youth Parliament/Chair of Youth Select Committee

Even at 15, Wania embodies leadership through service, previously serving as Children's Mayor of Leeds. As Chair of the Youth Select Committee, she led a national inquiry into social media's impact on youth violence, producing a report now under government review. Passionate about amplifying youth voices, she volunteers with youth councils, charities, and boards, organising events and initiatives addressing critical issues facing young people. Whether speaking in Parliament or working locally, Wania dedicates her time and energy to empower youth, believing they are not just the future but the present, deserving to be heard in decisions that shape their lives.



Influential Woman of the Year
Noor Ali, Senior Commercial Manager P & B Foods Ltd

Noor Ali's journey from supermarket checkout to industry change-maker is nothing short of inspirational. She transformed UK retail by creating the world foods category, introducing cultural celebrations in-store, and championing diversity in powerful, tangible ways. Noor mentors women, businesses, students, and prisoners through her Noor's Den initiative. A passionate advocate for inclusion, she also serves as trustee for multiple organisations and charities.



Sport Champion of the Year
Aqsa Mushtaq, International Football Player

Aqsa Mushtaq is a dynamic attacker known for creativity, pace, and precision. Playing as winger or attacking midfielder, she has competed professionally across Europe, including Lewes FC in England and Napoli Femminile in Italy's Serie A, where she became the first player of Pakistani heritage. Now at OFI FC in Greece's Women's Super League, Aqsa represents Pakistan's National Team, inspiring South Asian women as a trailblazer in global football.



Excellence in the Legal Sector
Samreen Akhtar, Barrister at Aventus Chambers

Samreen Akhtar is a barrister and founder of Aventus Chambers in Huddersfield. The first in her family to attend university, she trained with the Crown Prosecution Service before specialising in criminal defence. Serving clients in the UK and UAE, Samreen is regularly ranked in The Legal 500. As a Social Mobility Advocate and Community Champion, she inspires the next generation by visiting schools and colleges to inspire the next generation of legal professionals and break down barriers to a career at the Bar.



Special Recognition
Naheed Akhtar, Head of Business Immigration at Batley Law Solicitor

In May, Naheed tragically suffered the heartbreaking loss of her 20-year-old son, Farhan Khan, who passed away unexpectedly in his sleep. Despite the immense grief, Naheed has shown extraordinary strength - supporting her husband, her two other sons, and Farhan's young wife, who is currently expecting. As a mother, her resilience in the face of such a devastating loss is nothing short of remarkable. Naheed has since returned to work, continuing to support her colleagues and clients with unwavering professionalism and grace. Determined to honour Farhan's memory, Naheed has embarked on a mission to lead charitable initiatives in his name, organised in partnership with the Batley Law Foundation.



Lifetime Achievement
Usha Parmar, CEO Sunrise Radio

Usha Parmar began as a teacher and later became a high-earning project manager before transforming Sunrise Radio (Yorkshire) into a respected voice for the Asian community. Her leadership earned national recognition and numerous awards. A tireless advocate for women's rights, Asian youth, and social issues, Usha launched training initiatives and pioneered digital advancements. She challenges cultural and gender barriers with vision, courage, and unwavering commitment, inspiring others through fearless leadership.

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Breaking taboos, one episode at a time

Award-winning podcast 'Family Matters with Sarah' tackles divorce in the South Asian community

In a world where divorce is still whispered about in many South Asian households, one woman is amplifying the conversation – and changing lives along the way.

'Family Matters with Sarah', hosted by leading family lawyer Sarah Khan-Bashir MBE, is an award-winning podcast that shines a light on the real experiences of separation and divorce within South Asian families.

Now in its fourth year, the podcast has earned its place among the Top 10 Divorce Podcasts in the UK and was recently highlighted in Clio's '5 Great Access to Justice Podcasts' list.

At the heart of the show is Sarah Khan-Bashir, a solicitor with over 25-years legal experience and the founder of SKB Law - a respected firm with offices in Bradford, London, and Cardiff, known for combining legal excellence with deep cultural insight.

Recognised as Lawyer of the Year by both the Yorkshire Legal Awards and Modern Law Awards, Sarah brings empathy, clarity, and practicality to every episode.

With a mission to inform and empower, each podcast features open, jargon-free conversations about issues many shy away from. Listeners gain insight not just into the legal side of separation, but also the emotional, cultural and social challenges that come with it.

More than a podcast

Sarah sees her work as part of a wider mission: to support people beyond the courtroom and break down the cultural silence around divorce. Through the SKB Law Academy, she also mentors the next generation of lawyers, promoting inclusive and compassionate legal practice.

"Divorce doesn't mean failure," Sarah says. "It can mean freedom, safety, healing and growth. The more we talk, the more we understand - and the less people suffer in silence."

A safe space for tough conversations

The podcast's diverse topics range from navigating divorce and parental responsibilities to tackling taboo subjects like financial independence, abuse, and cultural stigma.



Episodes include

Lenghas, Loans and Lamborghinis - Sarah and guest Zahida Ashraf, an award-winning makeup artist, discuss marriage trends, life after the Lamborghinis and why you need to protect yourself financially before your wedding.

Marriage: Expectations vs Reality

- Sarah and guest Ayesha Bhatti, an experienced therapist, explore the shifting perspectives around marriage, generational and cultural influences, and the challenges young couples face.

Child Bride to City Champion - Sarah talks to Inayah Sher about her divorce journey from child bride to city champion. Born and raised in Bradford, Inayah was married at five-years-old, sent to Pakistan at 14-years-old, released from two years' house arrest at 16-years-old and became a mother at 18-years-old. After raising her daughter, Inayah made the decision to leave her husband at 36-years-old.

Keeping Purdah: Navigating Divorce with Grace and Respect

- Sarah talks to Imran Manzoor, lead therapist at Breaking the Silence, an organisation he created almost ten years ago in response to the lack of mental health services for South Asian men. They talk about fatherhood, fast cars, the relationship between sons and mothers... and living life on your terms.

When You Know It's Over - How to deal with "lok kya kehange". Sarah is joined by her first client Fozia Naseem, co-founder of Hop-On, about how her experience helped her to build a stronger self.

Supporting You Beyond the Courtroom

- Sarah sits down with certified divorce coach Feryal Parvez to explore the emotional and practical support a divorce coach can offer during one of life's most difficult transitions.

Why Do Divorced People Look So Happy? - Sarah talks to Laleen Sukhera, a Lahore-based communications

consultant and the founder of the Jane Austen Society of Pakistan, about blended families, the Nikah Nama, and celebrating divorce

What You Need To Know About Mediation

- Sarah chats to experienced mediator, Derek Mason about the role of mediation in divorce and asks whether we need more culturally responsive mediators?

Love Practically - A Conversation with Adeem Younis - Sarah and guest Adeem Younis, founder of SingleMuslim.com, explore modern matchmaking, marriage trends, and the necessity of open conversations for healthy relationships.

Family Matters with Sarah is available on all major podcast platforms and continues to grow its loyal listener base across the UK and beyond.

For anyone navigating difficult choices, seeking support, or simply wanting to understand more, this podcast is a must-listen.

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'Sardaar Ji 3' is a global sensation - so why is it banned in India?

Diljit Dosanjh's latest Punjabi blockbuster is smashing records abroad, but political tensions have barred its release at home.

Diljit Dosanjh is no stranger to making history. Whether it's filling stadiums across North America or becoming the first Indian artist to headline Coachella, the multi-talented Punjabi star continues to redefine boundaries in entertainment.

His latest film, 'Sardaar Ji 3', became an international box office triumph, but audiences in India won't be seeing it anytime soon. The horror-comedy, which hit global screens on 27th June, has already earned over \$7 million worldwide.

In Pakistan, it's become the highest-grossing Indian film of all time, taking in \$1.4 million. Yet, back in India, Dosanjh's home turf, the film has been effectively barred from release.

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At the centre of the dispute is the casting of Pakistani actress Hania Aamir, who stars alongside Dosanjh and his long-time co-star Neeru Bajwa.

While cross-border projects once symbolised South Asian unity, growing hostilities between India and Pakistan have made such collaborations politically volatile.

The timing hasn't helped. Just weeks before the trailer launch, a deadly attack in Indian-administered Kashmir killed 26 people, including 25 tourists. India placed the blame on Pakistan, who denied the accusations. The diplomatic fallout was swift: digital bans on Pakistani entertainment, restrictions on artists, and tighter controls on cross-border media content.

India's Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC) has yet to grant 'Sardaar Ji 3' approval for release. The film's trailer has been geo-blocked within the country, and while the teaser and soundtrack are still viewable, Hania Aamir's scenes have been cut from official Indian platforms.

According to reports, on 8th May the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting issued an order instructing streaming platforms to remove all Pakistani-origin content, i.e. films, music, web series, from their platforms. In addition, 16 Pakistani YouTube channels, including major news networks like Geo News and ARY News, were banned for allegedly spreading "anti-India propaganda".

Tensions between India and Pakistan over cultural exchange are nothing new. But under the current BJP government, these restrictions have intensified.

Film organisations such as the Federation of Western India Cine

Employees (FWICE) and the All Indian Cine Workers Association (AICWA) have denounced Dosanjh, branding his work with a Pakistani co-star a "betrayal of the nation" and calling for a full industry boycott.

Dosanjh, however, maintains the film was made long before the latest political flare-up.

"At the time of shooting, everything was normal. Afterwards, things changed in ways we couldn't have predicted," he told the BBC Asian Network.

He explained that the decision not to release the film in India was taken by producers, citing financial and political risks. "They've invested heavily in the film. No one foresaw this kind of backlash during production," he said.

This isn't Dosanjh's first run-in with Indian censorship.

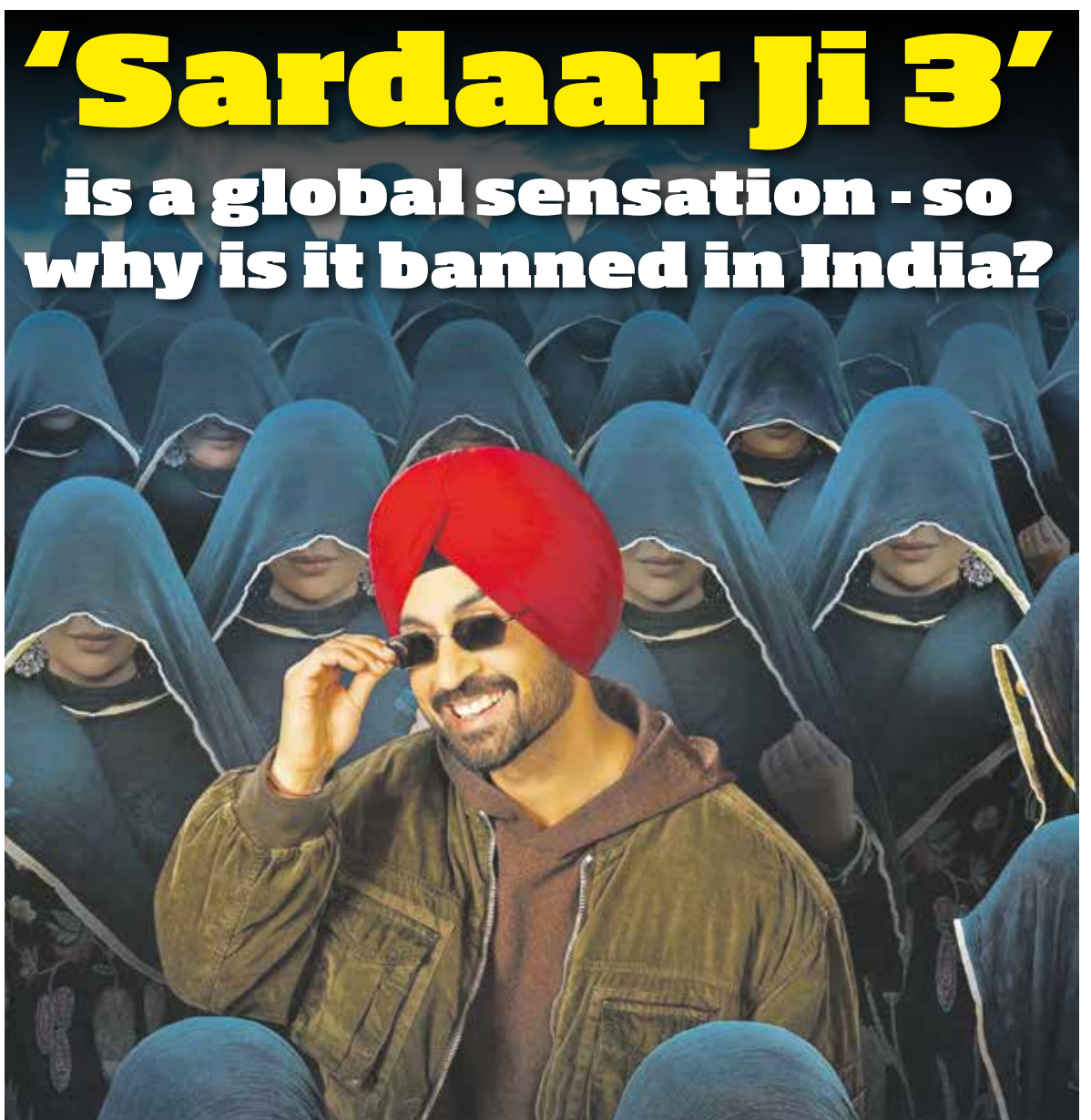
His earlier film Panjab '95, based on human rights activist Jaswant Singh Khaira, is still unreleased due to demands for over 120 edits, including the removal of political references and even the lead character's name.

Director Honey Trehan criticised the CBFC's handling of the case states the board should be autonomous, but the Indian government is using it to push its own agenda.

The irony is glaring. As Dosanjh promoted 'Sardaar Ji 3' in sold-out venues across the UK, Canada, and Pakistan, his Indian fans remain unable to legally access it.

Despite a shared language, culture, and cinematic tradition, especially in Punjab, political boundaries continue to deepen.

Nevertheless, Pakistani TV shows and music continue to thrive among Indian audiences through unofficial channels. And artists from both sides often find discreet ways to collaborate, be it through filming abroad or using aliases.



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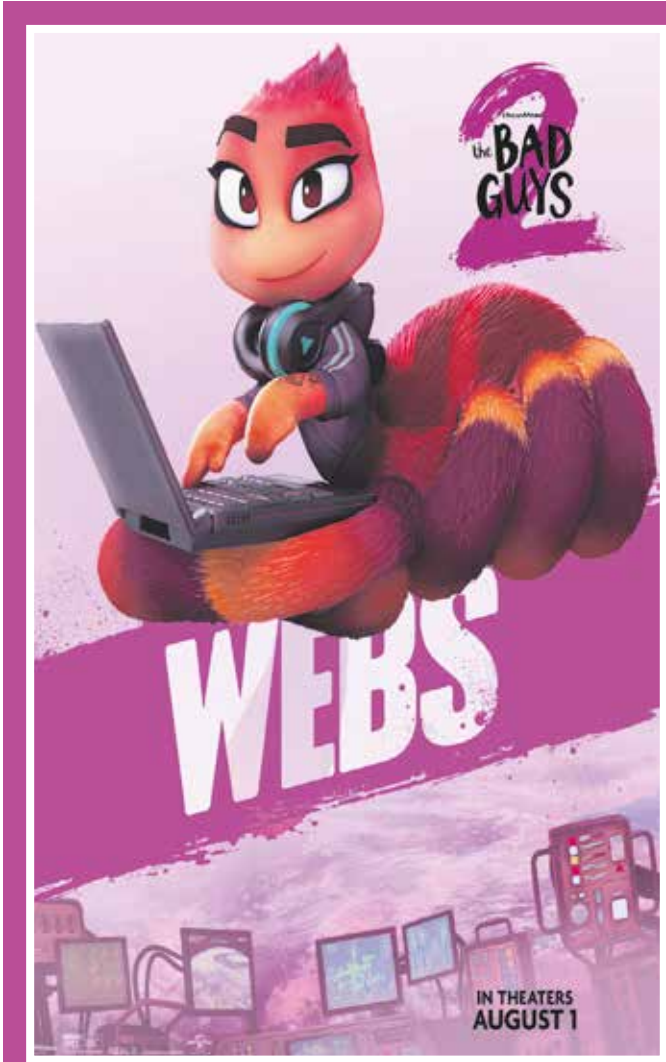
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WHAT'S ON

in cinemas this month

The Naked Gun
Starring: Liam Neeson, Pamela Anderson, Liza Koshy, Kevin Durand, Danny Huston, CCH Pounder, Cody Rhodes, Eddie Yu
Director: Akiva Schaffer
Cert: 15 **Genre:** Comedy **Release Date:** 1/8/2025

Only one man has the particular set of skills... to lead Police Squad and save the world! Lt. Frank Drebin Jr. (Liam Neeson) follows in his father's footsteps in THE NAKED GUN, directed by Akiva Schaffer (Saturday Night Live, Popstar: Never Stop Never Stopping) and from producer Seth MacFarlane (Ted, Family Guy). Joining the case are cast Pamela Anderson, Paul Walter Hauser, CCH Pounder, Kevin Durand, Cody Rhodes, Liza Koshy, Eddie Yu, with Danny Huston.



The Bad Guys 2
Starring: Zazie Beetz, Marc Maron, Richard Ayoade, Lilly Singh, Alex Borstein, Awkwafina, Sam Rockwell, Craig Robinson, Anthony Ramos
Directors: Pierre Perifel, JP Sans
Cert: 15
Genre: Animation/Comedy/Family
Release Date: 25/7/2025

Who's badder than The Bad Guys? The Bad Girls. In the new chapter from DreamWorks Animation's acclaimed 2022 action-comedy hit about a crackerjack criminal crew of animal outlaws, The Bad Guys are struggling to find trust and acceptance in their newly minted lives as Good Guys, when they are pulled out of retirement and forced to do "one last job" by an all-female squad of criminals.

WHAT'S ON

in cinemas this month

The Fantastic Four: First Steps

Starring: Pedro Pascal, Vanessa Kirby, Joseph Quinn, Ebon Moss-Bachrach, John Malkovich, Julia Garner, Natasha Lyonne, Paul Walter Hauser, Sarah Niles
Director: Matt Shakman
Cert: 12A
Genre: Action/Family/Sci-Fi
Release Date: 17/05/2024

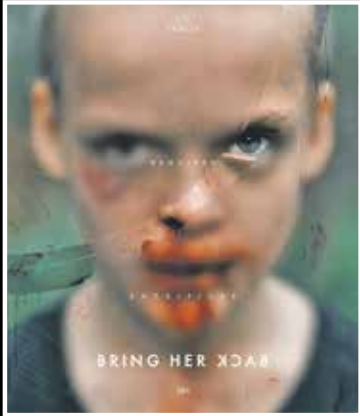
Set against the vibrant backdrop of a 1960s-inspired, retro-futuristic world, Marvel Studios' "The Fantastic Four: First Steps" introduces Marvel's First Family—Reed Richards/Mister Fantastic (Pedro Pascal), Sue Storm/Invisible Woman (Vanessa Kirby), Johnny Storm/Human Torch (Joseph Quinn) and Ben Grimm/The Thing (Ebon Moss-Bachrach) as they face their most daunting challenge yet. Forced to balance their roles as heroes with the strength of their family bond, they must defend Earth from a ravenous space god called Galactus (Ralph Ineson) and his enigmatic Herald, Silver Surfer (Julia Garner). And if Galactus' plan to devour the entire planet and everyone on it weren't bad enough, it suddenly gets very personal. The action adventure also stars Paul Walter Hauser, John Malkovich, Natasha Lyonne and Sarah Niles.



Bring Her Back

Starring: Sally Hawkins, Billy Barratt, Sora Wong, Jonah Wren Phillips, Sally-Anne Upton, Stephen Phillips, Liam Damons, Mischa Heywood, Olga Miller
Directors: Danny Philippou, Michael Philippou
Cert: 18
Genre: Horror
Release Date: 26/07/2025

A brother and sister uncover a terrifying ritual at the secluded home of their new foster mother. From the directors of 'Talk To Me' comes a soul-shaking possession horror that cannot be unseen.



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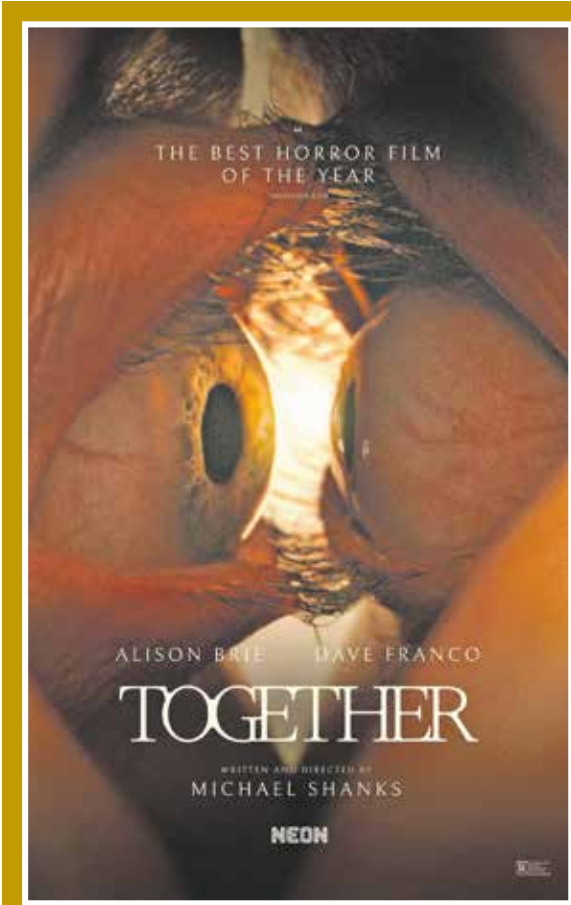
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Freakier Friday
Starring: Jamie Lee Curtis, Lindsay Lohan, Julia Butters, Sophia Hammons, Mark Harmon, Manny Jacinto, Maitreyi Ramakrishnan
Director: Nisha Ganatra
Cert: PG **Genre:** Comedy/Family **Release Date:** 8/8/2025

Anna Coleman and her mother Tess are in another predicament when they swap bodies with Anna’s daughter. Now it’s up to the three to reverse the body swap.



Together
Starring: Dave Franco, Jack Kenny, Sunny S. Walia, Damon Herriman, Alison Brie
Director: Michael Shanks
Cert: 15
Genre: Horror/Sci-Fi
Release Date: 15/8/2025

Years into their relationship, Tim and Millie (Dave Franco and Alison Brie) find themselves at a crossroads as they move to the country, abandoning all that is familiar in their lives except each other. With tensions already flaring, a nightmarish encounter with a mysterious, unnatural force threatens to corrupt their lives, their love, and their flesh.

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BMW M3 CS Touring becomes fastest touring ever at the Nürburgring with a blistering 7:29 laptime

BMW M has done it again. The Bavarian brand's newest beast, the first-ever BMW M3 CS Touring, has shattered the Nürburgring-Nordschleife lap record for Touring models, clocking in at a scorching 7:29.490 minutes.

That makes it the fastest Touring car ever to lap the 20.832-kilometre "Green Hell"

- a circuit feared, respected, and worshipped by performance brands worldwide.

This record isn't just about shaving seconds - it's about making a statement. The M3 CS Touring isn't here to compromise.

It's BMW M's ultimate "One Car Solution": a road-legal track missile that can haul

luggage, kids, and adrenaline in one go.

Under the hood lies a 550 hp straight-six engine mated to the M xDrive all-wheel-drive system, launching the car from 0 to 100 km/h in just 3.5 seconds and on to a top speed of 300 km/h.

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This record also puts the CS Touring within striking distance of the elite M stable: it sits just behind the M3 CS (7:28.760), M4 CS (7:21.989), and the ultra-focused M4 CSL (7:18.137). But here's the catch - this one has a boot that fits a bicycle and the weekly shop.

Born in the Green Hell

The Nürburgring isn't just a backdrop, it's BMW M's proving ground. With over 70 corners, blind crests, brutal compressions, and massive elevation changes, it's where M cars are forged. It's where lap times speak louder than spec sheets.

The CS Touring's lap, set by BMW development ace Jörg Weidinger, beat

the previous Touring record (set by the BMW M3 Touring in 2022) by over five seconds.

Built with track-ready hardware - M-specific engine mounts, a tuned exhaust for emotional resonance, specially calibrated DSC, and optional M Carbon-ceramic brakes, the CS Touring handles like a sports coupe but delivers daily usability.

Its 8-speed M Steptronic transmission paired with Drivelogic gives the driver full control, whether slicing through apexes or gliding through city streets.

And don't be fooled by its practicality. With up to 1,510 litres of cargo space, it still delivers the brutal, emotionally charged performance of a true M machine. On the inside, it

blends digital tech with motorsport DNA, including lightweight bucket seats and a cockpit that means business.

This latest triumph is another jewel in the crown for BMW M's decades-long Nürburgring partnership. From the BMW M Test Centre to the M Power Grandstand, the Nordschleife is more than a test track - it's home.

Kia EV4 proves endurance with battery and durability testing

Kia continues to raise the bar for EV endurance for standard-performance models with the EV4, the company's latest all-electric compact model.

Designed with durability in mind, the EV4 features innovations that ensure stable performance over long distances, challenging climates, and extended use.

The EV4's endurance can mostly be attributed to Kia's fourth-generation battery system. The system combines advanced thermal management with optimised coolant distribution over all cell units.

These enhancements ensure that the battery operates within safe temperature levels, even under high-stress conditions. By doing so, the system ultimately extends battery life and maintains consistent performance.

Following comprehensive endurance trials, including a 110,000-kilometre European road durability test and a 10,000-kilometre Nürburgring



campaign simulating 90-to-95% of the model's maximum performance output, the EV4 showed minimal wear and sustained battery efficiency.

Repeated hypercharging sessions

between laps at the Nürburgring added to the potential strain on the battery system. However, the EV4 maintained impressive performance throughout.

"To provide our customers a

reliable, everyday EV, we had to validate the EV4's durability both in real-world and extreme environments," said Stephan Hoferer, Manager Durability Development at Hyundai Motor

Europe Technical Center.

"With the rigorous testing - from icy roads to racetracks, we're confident the EV4 will deliver dependable performance well beyond everyday needs."

Engineers confirmed a battery State-of-Health (SoH) of 95% after 10,000 kilometres of track testing and 110,000 kilometres of road testing, Kia's extensive endurance testing programme proves the EV4 as a reliable, high-endurance EV for customers looking for confidence during long-term ownership.

On top of its battery performance, the EV4 benefits from regenerative braking. The system improves long-term efficiency by reducing battery strain and recapturing up to 25% of energy during deceleration.

Thanks to its robust design and intelligent energy management, the EV4 is guaranteed to retain at least 70% of its battery capacity after 160,000 kilometres driven or eight years of regular use.

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Jaecoo 7 reaches 10,000 UK orders in just seven months



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The Jaecoo 7 has reached an impressive milestone in the UK, with more than 10,000 orders placed since its launch in January 2025.

In just seven months, this all-new SUV has made a big impact thanks to its mix of bold design, modern technology, and everyday practicality.

Whether at events like the Goodwood Estate or the EPCR rugby final, Jaecoo has quickly become a brand to watch.

The Jaecoo 7 blends strong off-road ability with a smooth and confident drive in town. Its standout look, including the eye-catching waterfall grille, gives it a unique road presence.

A key part of its early success is the introduction of the Super Hybrid System, a plug-in hybrid setup that keeps battery levels steady during every drive. It never allows the battery to fully drain, helping to maintain performance

and efficiency.

That momentum helped Jaecoo and its sister brand Omoda reach a 2.1 percent share of the UK car market in June 2025. This made them the top performers by volume for the month. It's a huge leap for two brands that were not even available in the UK just one year earlier.

"To pass 10,000 orders in such a short time shows what's possible when

a new brand combines real product quality with cultural relevance," said Gary Lan, CEO of Jaecoo UK.

"We've worked hard to make it a brand people can see, feel and experience. This is only the beginning."

There are two engine choices. Drivers can pick a fuel-efficient petrol engine with either front-wheel or all-wheel drive, or the advanced plug-in hybrid system. This flexible approach

has helped the model appeal to a wide range of customers.

Prices start at £30,115, with the hybrid model priced at £35,165.

Next up is the Jaecoo 5, a more compact crossover that starts at £24,505 for the Pure version, or £28,000 for the Luxury trim. First deliveries are set for October 2025, and a fully electric version of the Jaecoo 5 will follow soon after, with more details to come.

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TRIBUTE:

Remembering Fauja Singh, the 'Turbaned Tornado'

The world has lost more than just a runner. It has lost a symbol of resilience, a beacon of inspiration, and a living legend who defied time itself.

Fauja Singh, famously known as the "Turbaned Tornado" and widely believed to be the world's oldest marathon runner, has passed away at the age of 114 after being struck by a vehicle in Punjab, India.

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The tragic accident occurred on Monday on 14th July in his ancestral village of Bias, where Singh, ever the independent spirit, was reportedly walking alone, crossing a road when he was fatally hit.

The news sent ripples of mourning through the global athletic community, Sikh diaspora, and millions inspired by a man who began his running journey at an age when most had long since retired from life's pursuits.

Fauja Singh's story is one of astonishing transformation. Born under British rule on April 1, 1911, in rural Punjab, where birth certificates were a rarity, he lived an unassuming life as a farmer. But tragedy struck late in life with the loss of his wife and son, and in those quiet moments of grief, a spark ignited. At the age of 89, Singh laced up his trainers for the first time after being inspired by televised marathons.



Asian Express covered Fauja's remarkable journey back in April 2012. At 101, he had just completed his final full marathon at the London Marathon, clocking in at 7 hours, 49 minutes, and 21 seconds.

"I don't think he has anything else to prove," said his coach, Harmander at the time, adding that Singh would continue to run shorter races. And he did - with passion and pride.

Fauja wasn't just a runner; he was a symbol. A symbol that age is just a number, and the body - when paired with an indomitable will, can go far beyond the limits of what we believe is possible.

Despite lacking a birth certificate, Fauja's age was documented on his British passport and validated by letters from Queen Elizabeth II on his 100th birthday.

Still, Guinness World Records declined to officially recognise him as the "world's oldest marathon runner," citing documentation rules—a decision that many, including his trainer, saw as deeply unjust.

"He was born at a time when there were no birth certificates," Harmander Singh told us in 2012. "If he wasn't issued one, it wasn't his fault. And we, the British, were in charge of India at the time."

Fauja took it in stride. He never needed a certificate to prove what he had accomplished - his achievements spoke louder than paper ever could. He ran eight full marathons, including in London, New York, and famously Toronto, where he ran himself into the record books unofficially as the world's oldest marathoner at 100.

Even after retiring from racing in 2013 following a 10K run in Hong Kong, completing it in an impressive 1 hour, 32 minutes, he continued to make appearances at major running events, including flagging off the Mumbai Marathon at age 104.

Beyond the Finish Line

Fauja Singh became more than a marathoner. He became a movement. He was a torchbearer at both the 2004 Athens and 2012 London Olympics, and he featured in campaigns alongside global icons like David Beckham and Muhammad Ali.

He carried the pride of his community, faith, and adopted nation on every run. A member of the "Sikhs in the City" running club, he proved that staying active and spiritually strong could extend not just your years, but the quality of those years.

The man who once showed up to his first training session in a three-piece suit and a pair of borrowed trainers leaves behind a legacy that will be impossible to match.

Fauja once said, "I hope people will remember me and not forget me, even if I don't run anymore."

Today, we remember. And we run - not in sorrow, but in celebration of a man who ran against age, time, grief, and convention. A man who, with every mile, reminded us that it's never too late to start. That sometimes, life begins at 89.

Rest in peace, Fauja Singh. May your soul sprint freely in eternity, forever cheered by the countless lives you inspired. The run may be over, but the footprints remain. Forever.

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'Beyond' the finish line

From Track to Community Transformation

'Beyond' isn't a slogan, it's a blueprint. With three core pillars (community benefit, environmental responsibility, and inclusion), the programme is already gathering momentum.

Backed by a £90,000 investment from UK Sport and the London Marathon Foundation, early projects include partnerships with Access Sport and StreetGames to deliver new opportunities for young people, especially those from disadvantaged backgrounds, to get active and stay engaged.

"These Championships are much more than a week of elite performance," said Royston Hoggarth, Chair of the Birmingham 2026 Stakeholder Board.

"With the right focus, we can build momentum around a legacy that lives on."

The plan includes everything from Daily Mile school events and inclusive junior park-runs to sustainable travel initiatives and apprenticeships.

Organisers have pledged to draw on local feedback from Birmingham

communities, particularly those who engaged with the 2022 Commonwealth Games, and translate that into practical impact.

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"This is about community first," said Chris Moss, Birmingham 2026's Project Lead for Impact.

"Beyond is a framework that

amplifies what's already working and inspires new action. Major events should fuel lasting change."

Esther Britten, Head of Events at UK Sport, agrees: "Events like this can power positive change. Our collaboration with London Marathon Foundation and community sport groups will help create real, lasting

impact."

Echoing those sentiments, West Midlands Mayor Richard Parker called Beyond "the real win" of Birmingham 2026. "When the cameras leave and the noise fades, what matters is the change we've created. This programme will improve health and wellbeing across the region."

Access Sport's Helen Rowbotham added: "This is a unique opportunity. We're supporting clubs to deliver accessible, inclusive offers in athletics, running and wheeling. We can't wait to get started."

Deputy Council Leader Cllr Sharon Thompson highlighted the importance of community voices: "We've made sure the lessons from 2022 have shaped this plan. Beyond is about building an inclusive, welcoming city experience—for residents and visitors alike."

Birmingham 2026 is setting out to be more than just staging a sporting event - it's building a movement. With Athletic Ventures (a collaboration between UK Athletics, London Marathon Events and the Great Run Company) leading delivery, and programmes now rolling out in schools, clubs and neighbourhoods across the West Midlands, the Beyond programme is laying the groundwork for a legacy that could redefine how major events serve their host cities.


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Birmingham 2026 sets sights on a legacy that starts now
European athletics championships announces game-changing community impact programme

With just over a year to go before the starting gun fires at the European Athletics Championships, Birmingham 2026 is already sprinting out of the blocks - not with medals in sight, but with a mission.

The Championships team launched 'Beyond', a bold and ambitious community

impact programme designed to make the European Athletics Championships more than just a seven-day spectacle.

Hosted at the iconic Alexander Stadium, the launch outlined how sport will power a wave of social change long before and long after the championships take place from 10th-16th

August 2026.

The UK will host the European Athletics Championships for the first time in its history, but organisers are determined that history-making won't stop at the track.

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