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# 23rd AUG: Leeds community unites to honour Gaza's children at powerful city centre memorial

The bustling heart of Leeds will become a place of mourning on Saturday 23rd August as thousands are expected to gather to remember Gaza's children – victims of a war that has shocked the world.

From 9am to 6pm, Briggate will be transformed into a vast open-air memorial where the names of young lives lost will be read aloud, one by one, in a haunting roll call of innocence destroyed.

Organised by a women-led group, the event comes as the United Nations confirms that more than 18,430 children have been killed in Gaza since October 2023. That's 28 children every single day - a full classroom wiped out daily

"This is brutal and heartbreaking," said Ed Carlisle, Green Party councillor for Hunslet and Riverside.

"Israel's actions long ago lost any pretence of proportionate response. It's hard to know what to do, but we can at least recognise and honour the innocent lives lost - and perhaps together, from a place of mourning, reach for a just and cooperative future."

Volunteers will spend the day reading aloud the names of the dead – a solemn act to ensure each child is remembered not as a number, but as a life, a face, a future stolen.

Retired priest Reverend Canon

Kathryn Fitzsimons added: "With such profound loss, numbers can feel overwhelming. This memorial is a sacred refusal to let these children vanish into statistics. By speaking their names, we hold them and their families in our hearts."

For organisers, the memorial is not only about grief but about unity - giving the people of Leeds a space to stand together in compassion, in outrage, and in hope.

The event is part of a growing wave of remembrance across Yorkshire, with Bradford and Huddersfield set to host similar memorials

# Mayors accuse government of undermining regional growth as not a single northern institution is chosen

# North frozen out

# Anger as region's universities miss out on £54m talent fund



### Cover story continued

New analysis by the Northern Powerhouse Partnership found that seven northern universities, including Manchester, Leeds, Newcastle, Sheffield, Durham, York and Lancaster, surpassed the fund's £5m research threshold.

Both Durham and Lancaster also cleared the requirement for at least 35% of academic staff to be international, with Manchester missing by just 0.3 percentage points.

Henri Murison, the partnership's chief executive, said: "The principle behind the Global Talent Fund is absolutely right - attracting world-class researchers is essential to our future prosperity.

"But it is deeply disappointing that not a single northern university will benefit, especially when the selection criteria were both arbitrary and inconsistently applied. The North is not pleading – it is simply asking for fairness."

Eight metro mayors, including Andy Burnham, Tracy Brabin and Steve

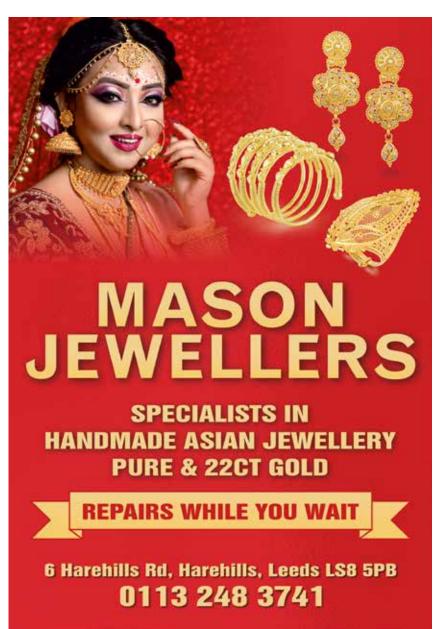
Rotheram, have signed a joint statement warning that the decision "undermines" the North's role as the UK's only credible economic counterweight to London and the South East.

"The North is home to some of the UK's most innovative, high-performing universities," the statement reads.

"Their exclusion from the Global Talent Fund undermines their contribution to the UK's economic success and the government's stated commitment to rebalance our economy."

The mayors have called for urgent reform to ensure research funding is distributed more fairly and transparently, warning that concentrating investment in the south risks stifling growth across other parts of the country.

UKRI defended the process, saying the awards were based on clear criteria. Science minister Lord Vallance insisted that "genius is not bound by geography" and said the UK remained "open to the bold and the brave" in research, wherever they are.



# WORD POWE

## **Leeds teen joins World Literacy** Foundation to get kids reading

When Emmanuel Jah walks into challenges like knife crime, mental the Youth Parliament of Leeds meeting room, he brings with him the same energy he plans to channel on the world stage.

This year, the 18-year-old has been named a Youth Ambassador for the World Literacy Foundation (WLF) a role that will place him alongside young leaders from 90 countries, united by a single mission: to ensure every child has the chance to read

Globally, the stakes are stark. Around 770 million people cannot read a single word, while a further two billion struggle to read a sentence. In low-income households, 72% of children face difficulties with basic reading.

For the WLF, the goal is nothing less than the eradication of illiteracy by 2034, an ambitious target that Emmanuel is determined to help reach.

'I want to give a platform to young people who haven't had the opportunity because of their background," he says.

"A crucial part of addressing

health and the cost-of-living crisis is improving access to education and promoting literacy.

For Emmanuel, the fight for literacy is deeply personal. He grew up seeing how barriers to education could shape, and limit, a young person's future.

His determination to break down those barriers led him to become a Youth Ambassador for the Children's Commissioner for England, helping launch the Big Ambition survey, which gathered the voices of thousands of young people across the country. In Leeds, he played a key role in the Make Your Mark ballot campaign, encouraging civic participation among teenagers. Now, with the WLF platform,

Emmanuel hopes to shine a spotlight on the lived experiences of young people from displaced and immigrant backgrounds.

"We are the future," he says. "I want to foster a more inclusive society where those experiences are recognised in shaping policy, especially around education.'

The obstacles are considerable. Literacy gaps are not just an issue in the Global South: in the UK, charities warn that children from disadvantaged areas can start school already 19 months behind their more affluent peers in language development. The long-term effects can ripple through a lifetime affecting job prospects, health outcomes and social mobility.

The WLF believes the solution lies in grassroots advocacy as much as global policy. Emmanuel's role will see him working locally in Leeds to promote reading initiatives, distribute educational resources, and speak to policymakers about the link between literacy and wider social

"I want to challenge the stereotypes that limit young people's capabilities," he adds. "With the right support and access to literacy, every young person can achieve their full potential.

"If we can make literacy a priority, we're not just teaching children to read - we're opening doors to opportunity, equality and hope."



### The literacy crisis in numbers

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# Britain on Alert

Emergency mobile test next month branded one of UK's largest drills

Britain is braced for unprecedented chaos next month as millions of mobile phones across the country will suddenly erupt with a deafening alarm in what ministers are hailing as "one of the biggest drills in UK history."

The emergency test, designed to prepare the nation for terror strikes, natural disasters and wartime threats, will see every 4G and 5G phone in the UK flash and scream simultaneously, even if devices are on silent or locked.

For up to ten seconds, mobiles will blare out an ear-splitting warning and

display an urgent message ordering the public to take immediate notice. The shrill sound cannot be stopped, switched off or silenced - leading critics to brand the plan "reckless scaremongering."

Commuters fear mayhem on packed trains and buses, where the mass alarm could spark panic. Parents have raised concerns that classrooms full of children will be thrown into confusion, while charities warned the system risks traumatising vulnerable groups, including the elderly, dementia patients and victims of domestic abuse hiding

secret phones.

The Government insists the drill is vital. A Cabinet Office spokesperson said: "This system could save lives. We are unapologetic about testing it at scale to ensure it works in a real crisis."

The technology, already used in America, Japan and the Netherlands, is designed to send location-specific alerts warning of dangers such as terror incidents, industrial accidents, floods and even nuclear threats. Ministers say the alerts will only ever be used in the gravest of circumstances.

The drill is scheduled for 3pm on Sunday 7th September, the test marks only the second nationwide trial of the system, which was officially launched in 2023. The alert will trigger phones and tablets to ring and vibrate for approximately ten seconds, accompanied by a message clearly stating that it is a test.







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# Groundbreaking Muslim youth summit hailed

a success

More than 80 delegates came together for what organisers hailed as a "landmark moment" for young Muslims across the city.

The first Muslim Youth Summit, hosted by the Leeds Muslim Youth Forum (LMYF), took place at Weetwood Conference Hall last month, offering a platform for dialogue on issues ranging from social cohesion to faith-based leadership

Opening the day, LMYF co-founder Hanif Malik reflected on the forum's twodecade iourney.

'This forum was established to support our youth in developing their potential and taking up leadership roles in their communities," he said.

The event featured keynote addresses from two trailblazers. Dr Hany El Banna OBE, founder of Islamic Relief, urged attendees to centre prophetic values while tackling modern challenges

Meanwhile, Safiya Saeed, the first Black Muslim woman to serve as Lord Mayor of Sheffield, shared her story of resilience and stressed the need for young people to take ownership of community

Workshops throughout the day explored topics including crime, the role of mosques, prophetic values, and belonging. Facilitators included community activist Wahida Shafi DL and former Deputy Chief Constable Mabs Hussain.

One of the summit's most striking moments came from the LMYF Youth Ambassadors, who delivered spoken word performances and a passionate call to action. Their words, organisers said, gave voice to the hopes and frustrations of a new generation of Muslim leaders.

The event was planned with significant input from young people who had completed LMYF's leadership programme.

Project worker Zara Nasir said: "Now more than ever, it's vital that we listen directly to young people and respond to their needs. We need to recognise the skillsets they bring and be more inclusive of them in community life."

Following the success of the summit, organisers are now seeking funding to make it an annual fixture in the city's calendar.







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# Mosques threatened, women targeted, leaders demand

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British Muslim
Trust awarded
government
funding to tackle
rise in antiMuslim hate

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 'Combatting 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 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.

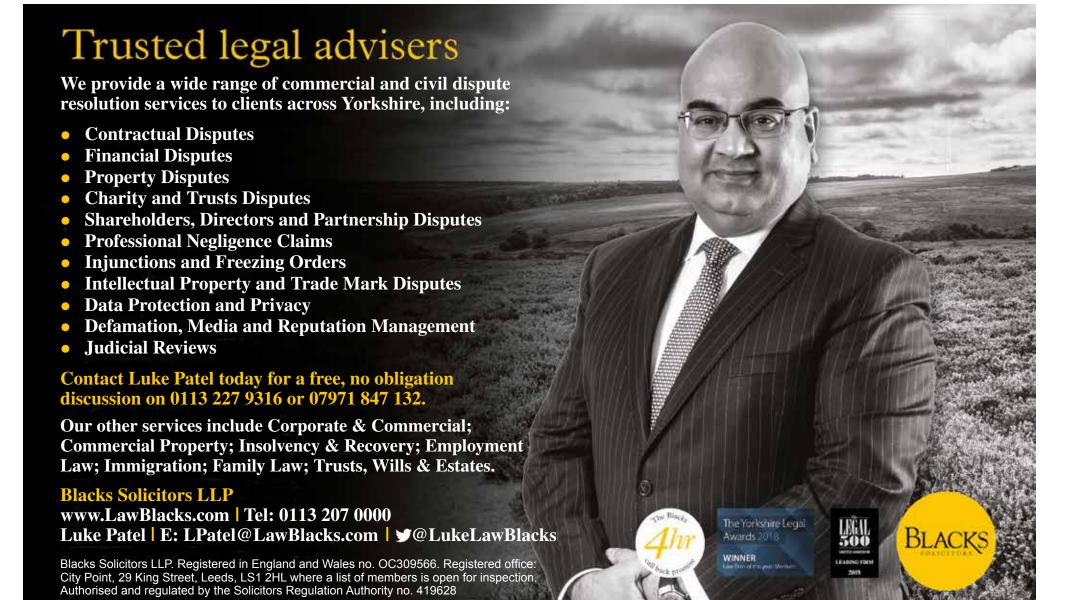
The British Muslim Trust draws on over two decades of community-led experience

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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# The never been so ashamed to be a journalist'

# 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.

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."

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."

- 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

## **Key Findings**

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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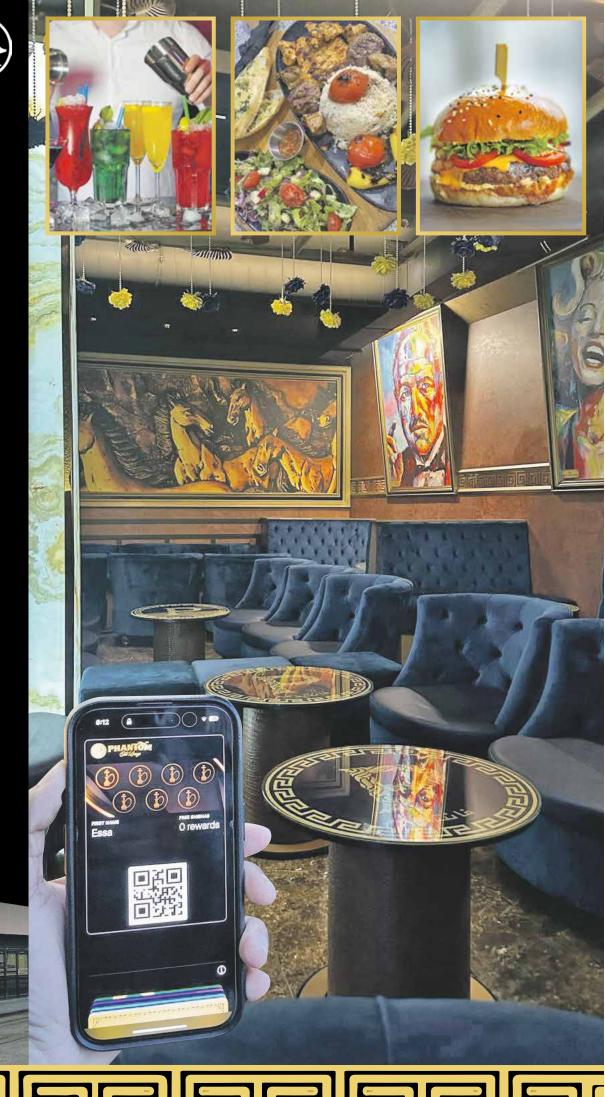
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Tickets have now been released for Turner Prize 2025, which is taking place at Cartwright Hall Art Gallery from 27 September 2025 to 22 February 2026 as a major moment in the Bradford 2025 UK City of Culture celebrations.

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.

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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.

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

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# She pushed her children into huge danger and has allowed their futures to be effectively destroyed.

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 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 wellplanned 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."

### Consider T-Levels after GCSEs

Thousands of students across the district received their GCSE results Thursday 21 August, and began thinking about their next steps in education.

Bradford Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust is encouraging young people to consider T-Levels—a relatively new qualification introduced in 2020 in collaboration with employers to ensure students are work-ready when they leave education.

Laura Gornall, Education Manager for Professional Education at the Trust, said: "T-Levels are a vocational qualification for 16–19-year-olds that combine classroom learning with significant industry placements over a two-year course.

"Equivalent to three A-Levels, they equip students with the skills and knowledge needed for skilled employment, higher apprenticeships, or further study, including university.

university.

"They offer a blend of 80% classroom learning and 20% industry placement, giving students practical experience alongside theoretical knowledge."

T-Levels focus on practical subjects and consist of three components: an occupational specialisation, a minimum 315-hour industry placement and an employer-set project and final exam.

Students from Shipley College and Bradford College currently complete their practical placements at the Trust.

"We've supported T-Level placements for the past two years and are now entering our third," Laura, a trained midwife, continued. "Students complete 315 hours in their chosen industry, attending our hospitals one to two days a week during term time.

"They're not paid employees, but they gain valuable, hands-on experience in departments such as Emergency, Maternity, Radiology, Physiotherapy and IT.

"Health students help with patient feeding and observations, learning what it takes to become a health care assistant or registered healthcare professional, while business students support admin teams with spreadsheets, diary management, poster design, email communications, and more."

Last year, T-Level students studying accountancy also joined the Trust's finance department and "really enjoyed the experience," although that course won't be offered this academic year.

In 2023–24, 60 students completed placements at the Trust. That number is set to rise to 80 in the coming year, reflecting the growing popularity of T-Levels across the district. The students who qualify this year are the first cohort to gain their T-Level qualifications.

"The Trust benefits just as much as the students," Laura added. "For those not pursuing higher education, there are opportunities to join us as healthcare assistants or administrators.

Many students go on to university to study nursing, business, or accountancy—and we hope they'll return to work with us. They already know us, and we know them. It's a great way to grow our own workforce."

"To students receiving their GCSE results this Thursday: please consider T-Levels. We look forward to welcoming many of you to Bradford Teaching Hospitals in the future."

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# "They gave me a family again"

On a bright spring afternoon, the campus of the Kashmir Orphan Relief Trust (KORT) filled with applause, laughter, and pride.

The Annual Prize Distribution Ceremony, held on April 19th, 2025, was no ordinary event. Beneath the flutter of banners and the joy of music, hundreds of young lives stood in the spotlight - celebrated for their academic and extracurricular triumphs.

Among the distinguished guests were the Minister for Higher Education, Malik Zaffar Iqbal, alongside respected community leaders and philanthropists. Their presence underscored a truth long known to families across the region: KORT has become a cornerstone of hope, education, and resilience for orphaned children in Pakistan-administered Kashmir and beyond.

But behind the grandeur of prizes and accolades lies the heartbeat of KORT's mission - stories of children whose lives have been reshaped by the institution's compassion.

Among them is 13-year-old Ahmad Talal Banyan, whose journey captures both the fragility of loss and the strength of perseverance.

Ahmad was just a boy when he lost his father. The grief that followed was sharpened by uncertainty, until

KORT opened its doors to him. It was here, within the embrace of dedicated teachers, mentors, and peers, that Ahmad found not just a home but a renewed sense of purpose.

"They gave me a family again," he reflects quietly, his voice carrying the gratitude of someone who knows the weight of absence and the gift of belonging.

For Ahmad, that purpose crystallised in an ambition many might find daunting: to commit the entire Holy Qur'an to memory. Day after day, with the gentle guidance of his teachers and his own steadfast determination, he poured himself into study.

For two years, he worked with the focus of someone determined not to let sorrow define him. In 2025, Ahmad's effort bore fruit - he emerged not only as a proud student of KORT, but as a Hafiz of the Our'an.

His achievement was more than personal. It resonated with the wider celebration at the prize ceremony, symbolising what KORT itself strives to achieve: transforming loss into resilience, hardship into honour.

As dignitaries applauded the top performers in science, literature, and sport, Ahmad's story stood quietly among them, proof that KORT's impact reaches far beyond certificates



and medals. It touches the soul, shaping futures with dignity and faith.

"KORT is not just a school," one guest remarked. "It is a living promise to children who have lost everything—that they will not walk alone."

As the day drew to a close, the applause still echoing, Ahmad offered

his own reflection. He spoke of gratitude - for the teachers who guided him, for the supporters around the world who make KORT possible, and for the chance to turn his personal tragedy into a triumph of faith.

His story, like those of countless others nurtured by KORT, is both

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## Childhood obesity rates fall again in Leeds



Childhood obesity rates in Leeds have fallen for the second year running, according to the latest figures from Leeds City Council.

Data from the National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP) shows 9.1% of reception-aged children (aged four to five) in Leeds were living with obesity in 2023-24 – the lowest level since 2016-17. Among year six pupils (aged 10 to 11), rates dropped from 23.3% in 2022-23 to 22.2% in 2023-24.

The NCMP, a statutory public health function, measures the height and weight of children in reception and year six each year. In 2023-24, 18,151 Leeds children were assessed.

Leeds's fall contrasts with both national and regional trends, where obesity rates rose In England, reception rates increased from 9.2% to 9.6%, and in Yorkshire and Humber from 9.9% to 10.7%.

Gender differences remain, with boys more likely to be obese than girls. Rates in the most deprived Leeds communities show a mixed picture: a slight fall in reception-aged children (12.3% to 12.2%), but a small rise among year six pupils (28% to 28.3%).

The council highlights the impact of the cost-of-living crisis on food insecurity, with many families forced to rely on cheaper, calorie-dense foods, potentially widening health inequalities.

Leeds has had a Child Healthy Weight Plan for more than 12 years, focusing on healthy pregnancy, breastfeeding support, post-natal programmes and delivery of the HENRY parenting scheme, which reaches around 400 families annually.

Through the Local Government Healthy Weight Declaration, the council works across departments on measures such as boosting active travel, improving green space access and restricting junk food availability.

Recent steps include banning junk food advertising on council-owned sites and introducing "Good Food Commitments" in council cafés to increase healthy menu options.

By using our cross-council powers, such as restricting junk food adverts and creating healthier menus, we can improve outcomes for children and families across Leeds.

Collaboration with schools, the NHS and the voluntary sector has been central to Leeds's progress.

Councillor Fiona Venner, executive member for health, said: "By using our cross-council powers, such as restricting junk food adverts and creating healthier menus, we can improve outcomes for children and families across Leeds."

Victoria Eaton, director of public health, added: "While it's encouraging to see rates fall for the second year running, there is always more to do. Our goal is for every child to be a healthy weight and to grow up in an environment that supports healthier lives."



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## New technology to help reduce stillbirths

Calderdale and Huddersfield NHS Foundation Trust (CHFT) has partnered with Health Net Connections LTD (HNC) to introduce crucial technology to help improve its foetal wellbeing reporting.

Calderdale and Huddersfield NHS Foundation Trust (CHFT) implemented ViewPoint 6, a state-of-the-art ultrasound reporting software that significantly enhances fetal wellbeing assessment across the Trust's maternity services to help significantly reduce stillbirths.

The software officially went live in May 2025 and will deliver a transformative upgrade from traditional paper-based ultrasound reporting to a robust digital platform ViewPoint 6, enabling sonographers to capture, graph and document foetal biometric data in a single digital report that's seamlessly integrated into the Trust's Electronic Patient Record (EPR) system.

The new technology brings a wealth

of benefits to patients and clinicians, including the Early detection of growth-restricted or slow-growing foetuses through detailed biometric analysis and the elimination of manual transcription errors with direct capture of foetal metrics in PDF reports.

Laura Chambers, Project Manager at Calderdale & Huddersfield NHS Foundation Trust said: "We would like to say a big 'thank you' to the team at HNC who have been instrumental in helping to make this project a success."

She adds: "Chris Khokhar, the project lead at HNC who supported us with the project, was instrumental in helping the team to a successful golive. His professionalism, knowledge and support was invaluable- not only to me, but also to the team, providing key information to enable the team to understand the future working environment and user requirements to support the integration build with several systems."

The implementation was a complex,

cross-departmental collaboration involving Obstetrics & Gynaecology, Radiology, Maternity, IT services, and project teams supported by HNC.

Jonathan Raife, Founder of HNC commented: "This project marks a significant milestone in our joint efforts to improve stillbirth reduction and foetal well-being. Replacing manual workflows with a data-rich digital reporting system enables more accurate, timely decisions and stronger continuity of care across the region."



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# Property owners can be bound by unknown boundary agreements

Boundary agreements are a way of agreeing the legal boundary on land with a neighbour. Such agreements can record the physical features on the land, as well as confirming who is responsible for maintenance of the boundary. As it is not a transfer of land it is not subject to the normal legal formalities relating to land transactions. A boundary demarcation agreement is a specific type of boundary agreement that focuses on clarifying the location of an uncertain or disputed boundary line. The purpose of these types of agreements is to minimise the potential for boundary disputes between neighbours. The recent case of White v Alder & Another confirmed that boundary demarcation agreements can bind successors in title even when they have no knowledge of the agreement.

In that case, Mr White and Mrs & Mrs Alder were neighbouring property owners who purchased their respective properties within days of each other in November 2005. One month prior to the purchase of the properties by Mr White and Mr & Mrs



and the agreement was recorded in writing in the form of some text and a plan. In 2016 Mr White demolished part of the boundary wall between the properties and began to construct an extension to his property. Mr & Mrs Alder claimed that the wall and the foundations for the extension trespassed onto their land and they issued proceedings seeking damages for the trespass, an injunction to remove the trespass and for a declaration as to the position of the boundary.

The County Court decided in favour of Mr and Mrs Alder finding that the boundary demarcation agreement was binding on Mr White. Mr White appealed the decision claiming that the Judge had erred in law due to his lack of knowledge of the boundary demarcation agreement at the time of his purchase of the property.

Mr White's appeal was dismissed. The Court of Appeal held that boundary demarcation agreements were binding on successors in title even though they were not parties to it and had no prior knowledge. The boundary demarcation agreement had been validly entered into by Mr White's processor in title and it effectively settled the boundary line for him.

This decision is perhaps unsurprising given that, generally, the courts do not like boundary disputes and have historically encouraged parties to resolve such disputes amongst themselves without resorting to litigation.

This decision highlights the importance of raising specific boundary enquiries when purchasing a property. Whilst there is a

section within the Property Information
Form which asks about boundaries,
the Form does not specifically ask
if the seller has entered into any
boundary agreements or boundary
demarcation agreements with any
neighbouring property owners or
is aware that a predecessor in
title may have done so. It would
be advisable to raise a specific
enquiry in respect of this when
buying a property.

If you are considering buying or selling a property or are facing a boundary or property dispute, then Blacks Solicitors can assist. Please contact Luke Patel on 0113 227 9316 or email him at "LPatel@ LawBlacks.com"

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# Yorkshire's women lead a new movement

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

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, Rukhsana 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 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 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.

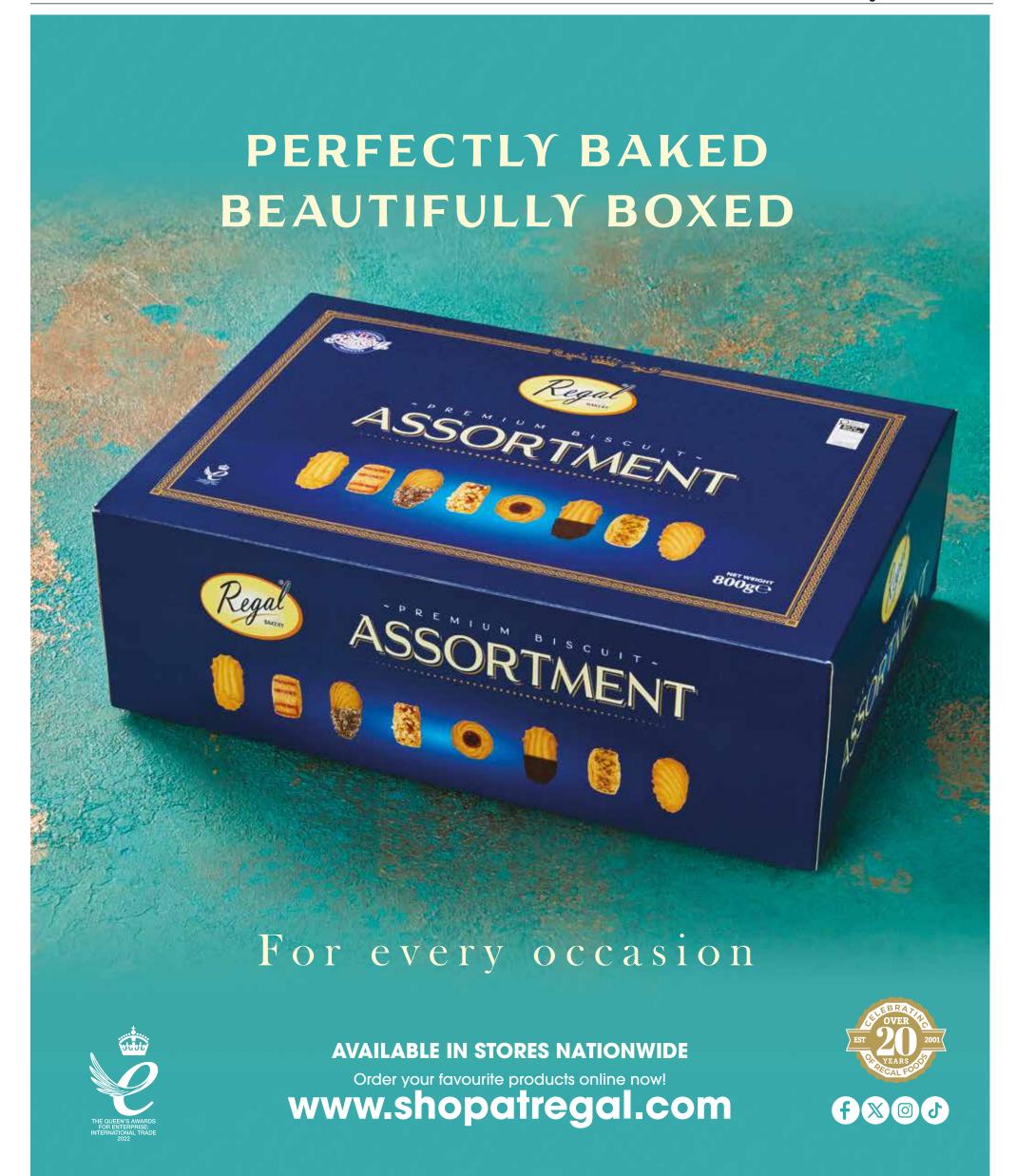
"The BPA Empowering Women movement is now an annual, living commitment to equity, inclusive leadership, and systemic change. And it will grow with the help of every woman it uplifts, every ally it engages, and every young girl who sees herself in the stories shared."

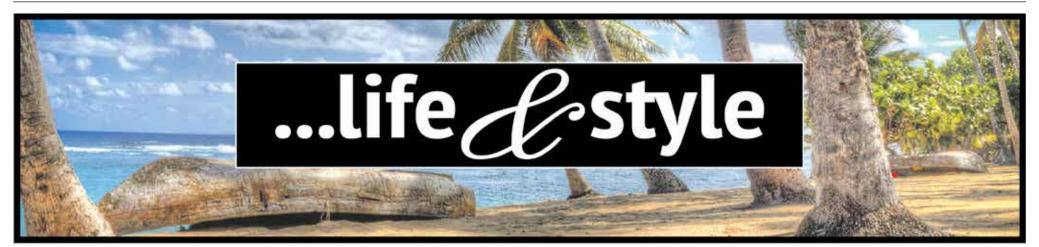
The #BPAEW hashtag gained momentum across social platforms, but the organisers insist this isn't about visibility for its own sake. The goal is a sustainable and growing platform that champions inclusive leadership, equity, and representation at all levels of society.

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.

# business power









# Breaking taboos, one episode at a time

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

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,



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

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

The podcast's diverse topics range from navigating divorce and parental responsibilities to tackling taboo subjects like **CONVERSATIONS** 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 Fervial 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 Lahorebased 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.



The boy who grew up hunting gold in the carpet... and turned it into a glamorous jewellery empire

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That father is Surinder Kumar, a skilled craftsman celebrated for his intricate hand engraving. Today, his legacy lives on in DBS Jewellery, the glittering brand Deepak has built in his honour. The initials -DBS – combine both their names, meticulously engraved on every

And what pieces they are 22-carat gold bridal sets, statement dress rings, stunning pendants, all encrusted with dazzling stones that catch the light with every movement -DBS is fast becoming a name to know.

With each ring available in ten sizes, from I to R, and delivered free nationwide, the brand is making pure gold glamour feel effortlessly within reach

But it's not just tradition that sets DBS apart. Deepak has brought 22-carat jewellery roaring into the digital age.

Harnessing cutting-edge CAD design software alongside his traditional bench training, he creates styles that blend timeless elegance with contemporary flair – high-end jewellery that no other 22-carat retailer in Britain can match.

And the modern touches don't stop there.

Customers can shop for DBS Jewellery online, spread payments with Klarna and Clearpay, and rest assured that every piece is hallmarked and certified with the Birmingham Assay Office and be safe in the knowledge that DBS Jewellery is also a proud member of the National Association of Jewellers.

It's a remarkable journey for a man who only began his formal training in 2013, armed with little more than determination, vision, and the lessons passed down from his father.

"Some competitors are still stuck in the past," he says. "But consumers today expect flawless jewellery and the ease of having it delivered direct to their door. That's where DBS stands out."

The results speak for themselves. Since launching the website at the

end of 2023, DBS has won fans across the UK, and even secured the endorsement of a nationally recognised TV personality, a moment Deepak describes as "like stepping into a dream."

For him, DBS is more than a business, it's a family legacy reimagined for a new generation.

"I'm so thankful for everyone who has believed in me," he says. "This brand is about more than jewellery – it's about honouring history, creating beauty, and building something that lasts."

From childhood "gold hunts" to creating one of Britain's most exciting new jewellery houses, Deepak Bagga's story is proof that some treasures are truly timeless.

# Discover the DBS collection at dbsjewellery.co.uk DBS Jewellery, Jewellery Quarter, Birmingham, B18 6ND



# Feel beautiful inside and out: How counselling can help ease anxiety

### By Prity Farooq

Prity Beauty & Aesthetic, Bradford

In today's fast-paced world, stress, anxiety, and emotional strain have sadly become the norm for many - especially for women juggling work, family, and cultural expectations.

But what if we told you that just like a good skincare routine, you can take care of your inner self too? Counselling is one of the most powerful tools available to help manage anxiety, and yet, many in our community still suffer in silence.

At Prity Beauty & Aesthetic in Bradford, we're breaking that silence by offering free counselling sessions every Wednesday, so that no one has to suffer alone.

### How Counselling Supports Mental Wellness

Understanding Your Anxiety: Counselling helps you identify the triggers and patterns behind your anxious thoughts and physical symptoms. This insight is often the first step toward feeling more in control.

Challenging Negative
Thoughts: Many people
with anxiety have unhelpful
thought loops—worrying
about the worst-case scenario
or doubting their worth. A
counsellor

can help reframe these thoughts into something more balanced and constructive.

Learning to Cope: From deep breathing to mindfulness and progressive muscle relaxation, counselling introduces simple but powerful techniques to manage symptoms as they arise.

Healing the Past: Anxiety doesn't always start in the here and now. Therapy allows you to work through past experiences - such as relationship issues, grief, or trauma, that may still be influencing your mental health

Boosting Resilience: Life throws curveballs, but counselling can help you become more resilient—better able to bounce back when anxiety comes knocking.

Social Confidence: If social situations make you uneasy, therapy can help you build confidence, improve communication, and feel more at ease around others.

Tailored Approaches:
Different people respond to different methods. Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (CBT), exposure therapy, and other models can be adapted to suit your personal needs.

Long-Term Results:
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provides lasting tools and
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## Bradford 2025 to host internationally renowned African music festival this September

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### The line up announced includes:

Bensoul: Grammy award winning singer, songwriter, multi-instrumentalist, and producer. Known for his soulful melodies, heartfelt lyrics, and genre-defying artistry, he effortlessly blends afro-pop, R&B, and reggae influences into his music.

Boutross: A major force in the East Africa, who has performed in various countries such as the UK. He is known for being a leading force in Shrap (a unique fusion of trap and Kenyan slang), the rapper and producer is also known for experimenting with afrobeat and dancehall on his recent album Mtindo and has collaborated with UK artists Backroad Gee and OGD (NSG).

**Njerae:** A rising Kenyan singer, songwriter, and producer whose music is a captivating blend of afro-indie, soul, and R&B. Following the success of her debut album, Unintentional, she signed with Universal Music East Africa and has become a standout

performer at major festivals.

Muthoni Drummer Queen or MDQ: Award winning, genre-bending, internationally collaborating and touring singer, rapper, and drummer whose sound fuses hip-hop, reggae/dancehall, and soul with electronic and traditional Kenyan drum patterns. As an acclaimed creative entrepreneur, she is the founder of the groundbreaking African festival Blankets & Wine and music sector skilling programme perFORM Music incubator.

Blinky Bill: Kenya's leader of the alternative scene and internationally collaborating, producing and touring musician, producer, and DJ. His experimental style combines African influences with hip-hop, jazz and funk. A former member of the pioneering electronic collective Just A Band, Blinky has made a global impact with his solo work, including three acclaimed albums.

**Coster Ojwang:** A multi-talented creative whose art and music transcend boundaries and celebrates African

culture. His music, deeply rooted in his Luo heritage, is a distinctive fusion of African rhythms and heartfelt storytelling which have earned him over 1.5 million global streams

Elsy Wameyo: Award winning Kenyan Australian singer-songwriter, producer and rapper, who has quickly become a force in the music scene with her unique blend of soul-infused hiphop and alt-R&B.

**Euggy:** A pioneer in the Kenyan electronic music scene known for his dynamic and immersive sets. Euggy is a co-founder of the Gondwana KE record label and the iconic Gondwana Parties in Nairobi, which have become a premier destination for electronic music in East Africa.

Tina Ardor: A Kenyan singer, songwriter, DJ, and composer known for her high-energy hybrid sets that blend DJing with live vocal performance. Drawing inspiration from the cultural diversity of Kenya, she is celebrated for her ability to incorporate local dialects into a modern fusion of Afro-rhythmic melodies and beats.

**DJ Remmy:** A Kenyan DJ known for his electrifying sets that bring together a signature blend of afrobeat, Amapiano, dancehall and hip-hop. His performances, often featuring live percussionists, are a celebration of good vibes and non-stop dancing.

Dipak Mistry aka Mistryllaneous: A selector, broadcaster and a proud son of Bradford with Gujarati-Kenyan roots. A key member of the DisOriental and No Hands Collective, he has been an influential figure in the Bradford arts and music scene for over two decades. His sets are a vibrant journey through genres, from old-school Bollywood and afrobeat to funk, soul, and reggae.

**Mista ER:** UK-based experienced open format DJ. He brings genredefying blends that ignites dancefloors while seamlessly weaving between afrobeats, hip hop, dancehall, ragga, reggae, RnB, house, techno and Kenyan music.

Shanaz Gulzar, Bradford 2025

Creative Director, says: "We're thrilled that Kenyan based Blankets & Wine are coming to the UK, to bring their first ever European show to Bradford during our UK City of Culture year. Thanks to our partnership with the British Council, we're creating opportunities for local and international artists to collaborate. Blankets & Wine will be a joyous celebration of music and culture, bringing the vibrant and eclectic Kenyan music scene to audiences in Bradford this September."

Muthoni Drummer Queen, Creative Director of Blankets & Wine, says: "Over the last 16 years, Blankets & Wine has championed live & electronic artists from Africa and its diaspora, and built a community of music, culture and lifestyle enthusiasts. We are excited to bring the festival to Bradford to interact with new audiences and are looking forward to fostering lasting relationships between East Africa and UK music, festival and cultural scenes."

Director of Arts at the British

Council, Ruth Mackenzie said "At the British Council, we work alongside artists, creatives, and partners to bring international collaborations to life - linking Bradford City of Culture with countries such as Pakistan, Poland, Ireland, Northern Ireland, Sarajevo, Kenya, Ghana, and Togo. We are proud to support Blankets & Wine UK is part of our UK/Kenya Season, which celebrates the creative energy of both nations and builds stronger, lasting connections between them."

Blankets & Wine UK has been made possible with support from the British Council; international partner for Bradford 2025 UK City of Culture. They are supporting eleven projects throughout the year, enabling artists to work internationally and create new networks and cultural exchanges.

Tickets are available now from Bradford 2025



# 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

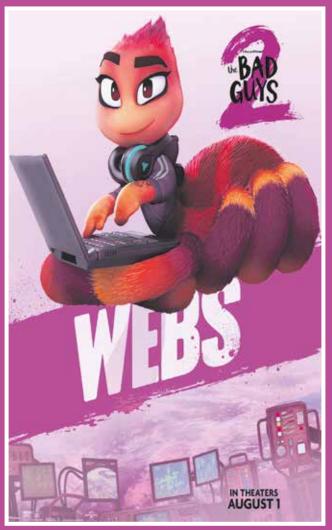
**Director:** Akiva Schaffer

Cert: 15 Genre: Comedy Release Date: 1/8/2025

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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

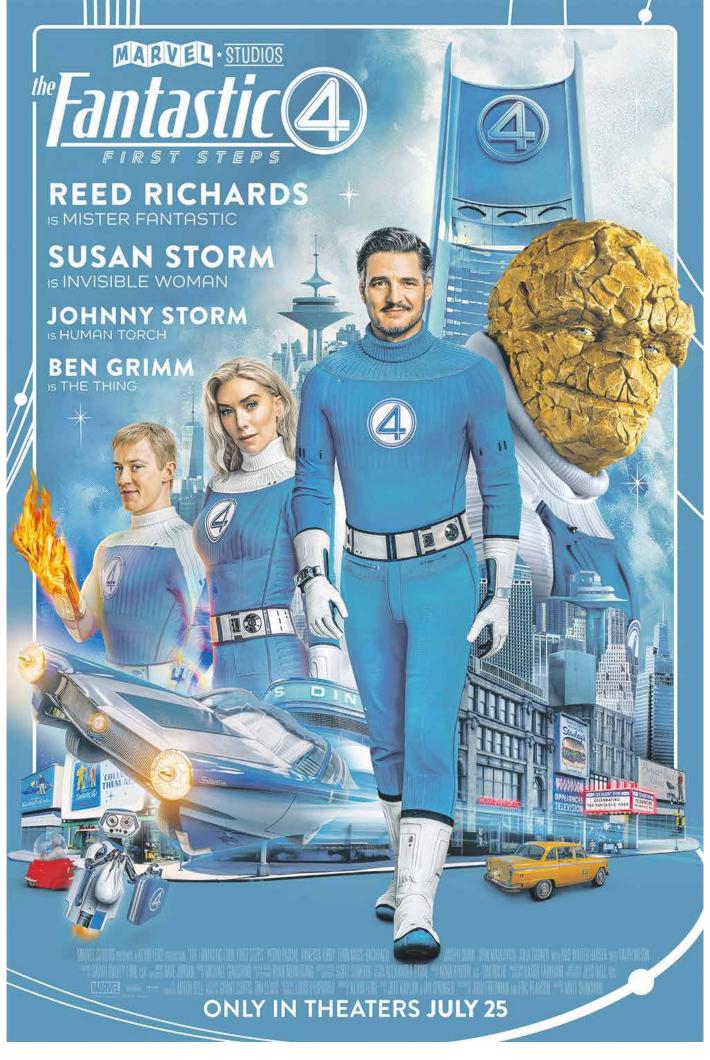
Genre: Animation/Comedy/Family

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.

# WHATSON

### 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, retrofuturistic 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,

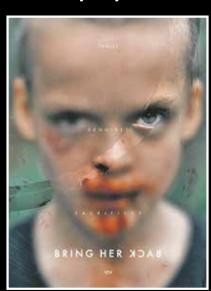
Michael Philippou

**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.





## 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

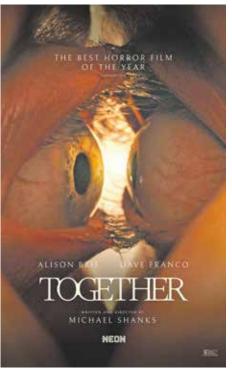
**Director: Michael** 

Shanks<br/>Cert: 15

Genre: Horror/Sci-Fi

**Release Date:** 15/8/2025

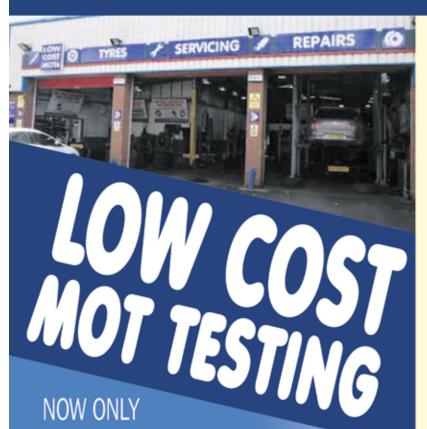
Years into their relationship, Tim and Millie (Dave Franco and Alison Brie) find themselves at a crossroads as they move to the country, abandoning all that is familiar in their lives except each other. With tensions already flaring, a nightmarish encounter with a mysterious, unnatural force threatens 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 decadeslong 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 standardperformance models with the EV4, the company's latest allelectric 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 fourthgeneration 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

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.





## Rugged, Refined, &

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

"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 allwheel drive, or the advanced plug-in hybrid system. This flexible approach

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

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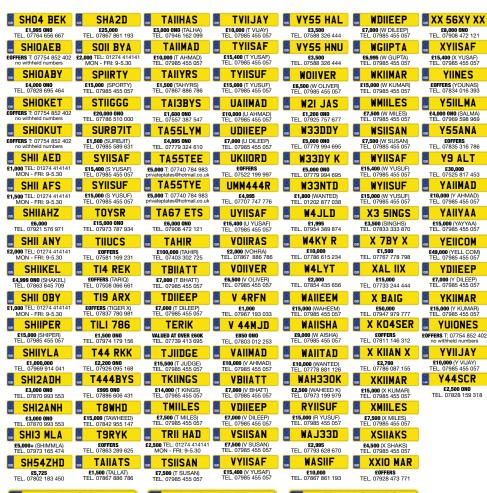
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Prices start at £30,115, with the hybrid model priced at £35,165.

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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Notice is hereby given that, we, **Omed Aras Ali,** have made an application under section 17 of part 3 of the Licensing Act 2003 for the grant of a premises licence for the premises known as:

Ali Shop, 24-26 Tong road, Leeds, West Yorkshire, LS12 1HX

We intend to conduct the following licensable activities on or from the premises:

Operate as Off Licence Sale of alcohol

We propose to conduct the said licensable activities subject to the following terms:

- Opening hours 08:00 until 23:00 Monday to Thursday
- Opening Hours 08:00 until 23:00 Friday and Saturday
  - Opening Hours 08:00 until 23:00 Sunday

Responsible authorities of any other person may make written representations to Leeds City Council about this application until **1st September 2025** which should be sent to Entertainment Licensing, Leeds City Council, Civic Hall, Leeds, LS1 1UR

For full details and to view a copy of the application please contact Entertainment Licensing on 0113 378 5029 or email entertainment.licensing@leeds.gov.uk

It is an offence to knowingly or recklessly make a false statement in connection with an application and the maximum fine for which a person is liable on conviction for this offence is an unlimited fine.

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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

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.

HEADER: Sport That Sticks "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.

Want to get involved? Community webinars begin 8th September. More information at www.birmingham26. com.





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### Asian Express S P O R T



# When football speaks louder than words

The atmosphere was part carnival, part cup final.

In the second half, Pakistan finally broke the deadlock - a crisp finish that sent their fans into raptures.

Bangladesh threw everything forward, hitting the post late on, but Pakistan held their nerve to lift the trophy.

The celebrations were loud, proud, and respectful - a reminder that in football, rivalry and unity can live side by side.

But the day wasn't just about silverware. Away from the touchline, the Sports Campaign Against Racism (SCAR)hosted a panel that hit just as hard as the tackles on the pitch.

Voices from across sport - former Sports Minister Gerry Sutcliffe, Desiballers' Zohaib Rashid, martial arts mentor Sensei Mumtaz Khan, Halifax Panthers' Kara Colvin, Chapeltown FC's Ahmed Elturabi, and Northern Premier League's Umar Ahmed, all spoke with honesty about racism, representation, and the urgent need for change.

"When we come together through

sport, we can challenge racism, empower underrepresented voices, and strengthen community ties," said Sutcliffe, to nods and applause

Matt Everett, Director of the Bradford Park Avenue Sports Foundation, looked out over the packed stands and summed it up: "Sport is more than just a game. It's a vehicle for opportunity, inclusion, and connection. Today showed the real power of football in our communities."

Humayun Islam BEM, founder of ISSE Ltd, added: "From the Kick Back youth sessions to the Champions Cup Final, every moment reinforced the message that sport can break down barriers and bring people together."

For Dr Ikram Butt, Executive Director of SCAR, the day marked a watershed: "This was a powerful example of what can be achieved when we centre inclusion and equity in sport. Seeing people from all walks of life come together in Bradford to listen, learn, and lead was deeply inspiring. We look forward to building on this momentum."



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The air at Bradford (Park Avenue) A.F.C. was electric drums beating, flags waving, children darting between stalls with footballs at their feet.

This was no ordinary Sunday afternoon; it was the Community Fun Day, a celebration of sport's power to bring people together.

From the opening youth skill sessions to the buzz around the new Kick Back Project, the ground brimmed with energy. But all eyes were on the pitch for the main event

- the ISSE Champions Cup Final, pitting Pakistan against Bangladesh in a clash that felt bigger than football.

From the first whistle, it was endto-end action. Pakistan carved out the early chances, their forwards testing the Bangladeshi keeper with sharp strikes, while Bangladesh responded with lightning counters that had the crowd on its feet. Every tackle drew roars, every shot drew gasps.

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