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# Honour-Related Violence -Norwegian expert approach

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## Honour related abuse in a Norwegian context

- On the agenda for more than 20 years, in public debate and in policy
- 1988: Norway the first country in Europe to introduce an action plan on forced marriage
- Our current action plan entails negative social control, forced marriage and female genital mutilation



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# Interviews with experts

- Selection of interviews:
- Professionals, activists, social debaters and representatives of NGOs
- Focus in the interviews:
  - From experience to action
  - Challenges in the work against honour related abuse
  - Success factors in prevention work

# Understanding negative social control

*Myself, I did not know what negative social control was, to begin with.*

*Putting it into words helped me legitimize my own experience.*



# CHALLENGES



# STIGMA AND REPRESENTATION

*I feel that I am screaming at the top of my lungs without being heard. There is so much noise around us. There is a lot of 'I know better than you'. I am often told that I trivialize and downplay the problematic sides. Because I insist that what my family did was out of love for me, even though what they did still hurts me. I do not think you will get anywhere by further marginalizing an already marginalized group. Reaching out and embracing them is better.*



# STEREOTYPES

*There is a lack of knowledge about closed, Christian communities. All the examples you see in media are a subjugated Muslim woman in a hijab. The examples contribute to stereotypical attitudes and make it difficult for those who are exposed to it to understand that it is negative social control they are experiencing.*



# SUPPORT FOR SURVIVORS

*When you need help to cut the ties with your environment, you end up alone. Although in the beginning you are surrounded by social services, afterward it becomes difficult. No contact with anyone you had contact with before. Most of the network you had, the public network as well, gets lost with time. You must take care of yourself. It is always the victims who have to change their whole life, move to another place, cut their connection with their network. While the abuser still stays in that environment. We have to find a different way.*





# SOLUTIONS



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# COMPETENCE

*The help structures need to become even better. The schools, for instance. How early do they need to let the police know when pupils do not show up for school? Too many times it is too little, too late. Several young people tell me that they have been dumped in the parents' country of origin. Childcare services, schools and the health care system should know what to look for, and when to alert the police. Things are better now than in the 90-s, but there is still a need for change.*



# ALLOWING FOR NUANCE

*Honor itself is not something negative, but it is something positive. For me, it means self-confidence, self-respect. And it is not only a social problem in the immigrant communities. On the contrary, it is also found Norwegian communities, and to varying degrees in all societies.*



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