**Coaction Hub World Café Event**

The Coaction Hub is a partnership project between Asian Women’s Resource Centre (AWRC) and Standing Together Against Domestic Abuse (STADA) which aims to strengthen the Co-ordinated Community Response (CCR) to improve responses to Black and minoritized/global majority survivors of domestic abuse and harmful practices. Through mapping, research, creating tools and disseminating findings, the Coaction Hub explores areas including risk assessment, MARACs, and DHRs to ascertain their effectiveness for Black and minoritized victims and survivors and produce alternative models. This three-year (May 2022-May 2025) partnership, supported by the Esmée Fairbairn Foundation is unique in its approach to participatory research and creating equitable relationships across the VAWG sector to foreground the experiences and needs of global majority survivors.

In line with our collaborative framework, we invite you to be a part of a World Café event that brings stakeholders together in a space where views and experiences are shared and exchanged in a creative, reflective space. In the spirit of co-creation and conversational leadership where every participant feels included to express and opine, the World Café is a great tool to subvert power in participatory research. It encourages natural cross-pollination of relationships, ideas, and meaning as people move from one conversation to another. At the Coaction Hub we have made this methodology our own and have planned a free-flowing event, where along with you we will explore and understand how existing tools within the Coordinated community response model work for women from global majority communities.

World Café was a chance discovery for a group of corporate leaders and academics in 1995 when rain disrupted a bigger meeting, and smaller groups realized how effective spontaneous small group circular conversations were! Thus, was born a social innovation that has evolved with time and context. For the women’s sector, and feminist circles, small groups in a huddle, circles and roundtables in kitchens have often been the most empowering spaces for collectivism, activism and emancipation. As with other forms of participatory research, the process is as important as findings in a world café, so we welcome you to join us on the day with open mind and embrace the spontaneity and creativity that emerges from small group interactions and sharing.

You can read more about the methodology here [History :: The World Cafe](https://theworldcafe.com/about-us/history/)

**What to expect on the day**

Coaction Hub would have set up the rooms with roundtables, refreshments and everything you need for the day including stationery and props if any. We will ask you about any access needs and have arrangements made to the best of our ability. If we are unable to cater to your access needs, we will let you know and explore other ways in which you can participate in the research. The room will have tables, flipcharts, facilitating notes and signs so that you are able to contribute as you move around in the space. The key to this approach is movement and therefore participants will be encouraged to mingle, travel from one table to another and also find spaces to rest and join back in. During the day there will be opportunities to express through various creative medium including art, role play and doodling if participants choose to. The broader themes for sharing will be around the MARAC and risk assessments, including exploring alternatives to existing structures.

**Collaboration and Coaction**

While developing the Coaction Hub project, AWRC and STADA engaged in some difficult yet important conversations around what equal opportunities looks like in the VAWG sector. This brought up issues around historic disadvantage that the by and for sector experiences in terms of resource allocation and structural racism that have led to a system of short-term funding, lack of investment in core costs and most importantly denied women from global majority communities a VAWG response that is responsive to their specific needs around language, knowledge of their contexts, and their experience of intersectional oppression. Coaction Hub has been critically examining this in their own practice and invites colleagues from across the sector to reflect and develop practice around cultural competence and allyship. Contributions from the by and for sector as well as the VAWG sector has been invaluable for research and action within the project, and we would like to create relationships that are mutually beneficial and honest in strengthening each other. The final documents from this research will acknowledge all contributions, and also will be relevant to the work of the participating organizations. Additionally, we will have conversations around sharing capacity building opportunities, where relevant reimbursing costs of participation and invite participants to be part of the Coaction network for accessing any knowledge or opportunities for collaboration within the sector.

**Practical Details for the World Café Event**

**Date:** June 16, 2023

**Time:** 10 AM – 3 PM

**Location:** Hammersmith and Fulham Offices:3 Shortlands, Hammersmith, W6 8DA

**Themes:** MARAC AND Risk Assessment templates and processes

Please fill in the attached registration form to confirm your attendance, we look forward to welcoming you to the World cafe event on June 16th, 2023!