

Interview took place at The Women's Resource Centre, United House, North Road N7 9DP. See also Interview UKLSE_CT1_SD01_001_001_0010_0001.wav, transcript UKLSE_CT1_SD01_001_001_0010_0001.pdf and photograph UKLSE_CT1_SD01_001_001_0010_0001.tif

Interview Summary.

0:00 mins:

Marai Larasi's experience of working in the women's voluntary and community sector to improve women's structural position in the UK. Marai was Executive Director of Imkaan until April 2019.

Marai's ancestry. Early activism. Working as a refuge worker. Women's sector as part of the women's movement. By and for minoritized women's services.

6.28 mins

Service users and co-workers. Marai's mother and grandmother. Black feminists. Marai's daughter. Marai's mother. Angela Davis' 'Woman, Race and Class'

16:00

Leadership as activism. Attending 2018 Golden Globes Award Ceremony. Acting for the collective good and occupying uncomfortable spaces. Transformation as a driver

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Socialization impacting on leadership approaches. Domination of male leadership approaches. Need for a more collaborative, caring style of leadership.

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Intersectional approach to violence against women and girls. Being more inclusive. Marai as a role model for young black women. Honesty and subjectivity in working practices. Speaking truth to power. Interrelationship between work and self. Black women's sector as home.

39:44 mins

Women's sector as a driver for change. Imkaan as the driver for BME women's services. Resistance and change. Succession. Sisterhood.