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Supporting Sistah Space to safely return to their crucial work after abuse and threats of violence against staff

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History

- Sistah Space, a domestic and sexual violence charity, was founded by Ngozi Fulani in 2015, following the 2014 murder of Valerie Forde and her daughter.
- The charity was established to support women and families of African and Caribbean heritage experiencing domestic and sexual violence who had been failed by the system.
- Through their work, Sistah Space aims 'to ensure that cultural barriers and biases are removed and that our service users are given equal support from us and any other agency they go to for help'.
- The charity attracted attention in November 2022 when its founder, Fulani, was subject to racist questioning by Lady Susan Hussey, a royal staff member, at a Buckingham Palace function.
- After speaking out about the encounter, Fulani has suffered horrific abuse on social media.
- In December 2022, the charity temporarily stopped much of its work and made a statement on Instagram that online abuse and safety concerns drove the decision to close so that they can ensure the safety of their service users and their team.

What we want to do

- We want to raise funds to support Sistah Space to reopen in a safe way because of the important work they do.
- The work Sistah Space does is complex. Women of African and Caribbean heritage are reluctant to report domestic violence to the Police. Some fear deportation due to the Windrush scandal. Continued distrust between the Black community and the Police makes things even harder.
- Though the charity is small, Sistah Space operates on an almost national scale. However, Ngozi explains that they still have to fight in order to be heard.

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- We cannot stand by and allow the abuse and trolling to prevent this vital service from continuing.
- The Equality, Diversity, Inclusion and Belonging Commission support Sistah Space in their aim to safely reopen in the very near future.
- We support their aim to support ethnically diverse women experiencing Domestic Abuse and Violence.
- We look forward to Sistah Space reopening their service and re-establishing these relationships swiftly and again showing that they are a strong, safe and cohesive service for ethnically diverse women.
- Help us to raise funds to help them return to their work which is much needed and let us work together to support them in their time of need and their experience of threat and violence