

Mum takes on forced marriages

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A brave businesswoman who refused to take part in a forced marriage is helping people who have had similar experiences.

Kelly Kaur from Darlaston set up the charity, Throughcare Housing and Support, last year to help those being made to marry someone against their will.

Mrs Kaur was just 16 when she was told of her impending marriage. Her refusal of the proposal was to have profound implications on the course of her life.

Now, 20 years on, the happily married mum-of-two is organising a gala event at the Second City Suite, in Birmingham, later this month to spotlight the work of her charity.

The event will be held on Friday, September 12, to raise funds to ensure the charity can continue its good work. "In this day and age people should be able to marry who they want," said Mrs Kaur.

"Forced marriages need to be tackled and this will not happen overnight but our aim is to make a start.





"We are working hard to lobby the Government to ensure that more will be done to raise awareness of the issue and to encourage action.

"Throughcare provides the emotional support people need to go on and make a valuable contribution to the society we share," she added.

For further information about the gala event and the charity call 0121 554 3920 or log on to www.throughcare.com



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