

Mission Statement

Surviving Universal UK is a Black-led, survivor-led grassroots organisation dedicated to advocating for and uplifting Black survivors of spiritual abuse, cultural abuse, and coercive control.

We exist because Black survivors are routinely overlooked, misunderstood, and underserved within mainstream safeguarding, faith, and abuse-response systems. Our work centres the specific cultural, racial, and structural harms faced by Black communities, including the misuse of faith, tradition, and culture to justify abuse, silence victims, and evade accountability.

At the same time, we support all victims and survivors of cultic, spiritual, and cultural abuse, regardless of race, background, faith, gender, or sexuality. We will never turn anyone away. Our commitment to Black survivors is not exclusionary — it is corrective.

Surviving Universal UK is explicitly anti-racist, anti-oppressive, and LGBTQ+ inclusive. We recognise that abuse does not occur in a vacuum and that racism, misogyny, homophobia, transphobia, and spiritual control often intersect to deepen harm and block access to justice.

Through survivor-led advocacy, peer support, education, safeguarding-informed practice, and public accountability work, we challenge abuse carried out in the name of belief, culture, or tradition. We work to ensure survivors are believed, supported, and empowered to make informed choices about their safety, healing, and future.

Our mission is to shift power back to survivors, expose systemic failures, and build a society where no one is forced to choose between their identity, their faith, and their freedom.

Accountability is not persecution.

**Founder & Director,
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