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Faculty of Health and Social Sciences CeASR/Psychology Seminar Series

'Building female dignity and self reliance in the conflict zones of north west Pakistan'

Wednesday 4th November 15:00-16:30
Rose Bowl Lecture Theatre E, Leeds Beckett University

This is a rare opportunity to hear first-hand about Khwendo Kor's remarkable work with women and girls. As well as talking about their hugely important humanitarian work with Internally Displaced People (IDPs), Maryam will describe Khwendo Kor's model of 'Viable Villages', which is proving very effective in engaging whole village communities in building sustainable educational, economic, health and civic futures with women and girls centrally involved. Khwendo Kor's work and that of Maryam Bibi has been widely praised within Pakistan and internationally and yet they, like other NGOs and activists, live with increasing daily threats and financial insecurity. Khwendo Kor's approach is distinctive in its emphasis on involving local villagers both as employees and volunteer collaborators helping to shape and implement the development. As a result, they have been able to work in areas where few other NGOs can reach. Khwendo Kor is also unusual in combining its grass roots work with advocacy.

Maryam Bibi is the founder and CEO of Khwendo Kor (sister's home) (www.khwendokor.org.pk), an NGO for women and girls working in the highly conservative, dangerous yet strategically important Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Tribal Areas (FATA) of Pakistan. Accompanying her will be Laila Shahnawaz, Senior Program Manager-Civil Rights & Humanitarian at Khwendo Kor. The visit is hosted by the UK based charity, Friends of Khwendo Kor (FROK).

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