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Welcome to the YAYAs



Dr Mohammed Ali OBE, Founder and CEO of QED Foundation

Like so many people, we at QED are hugely relieved and thrilled to be able to present the second Yorkshire Asian Young Achievers (YAYAs) awards in person as a live event.

When we conceived the YAYAs, to mark the 30th anniversary of our charity last year, we never once imagined that it would be anything other than a spectacular celebration of the vast wealth of young talent among those of South Asian heritage throughout our beautiful and glorious county.

It certainly achieved its main goal – but in a very different way to that envisaged, as a live broadcast, streamed on the internet, instead of a gala awards presentation dinner in front of an audience of hundreds of people. So not only was it our first awards event but also our first event staged remotely, utilising the sort of technology which so many of us have been forced to learn and adapt to through the Covid-19 pandemic.

It was fun and exciting but no substitute for a live event and we are absolutely delighted to be able to stage the second YAYAs awards this year in a room full of people!

The YAYAs is the first scheme of its kind set up to recognise the efforts of young people aged 16-30, of South Asian heritage born or living and working in Yorkshire. Its special focus is on those socially-mobile young achievers who have overcome

deprivation and disadvantage, or have broken through traditional barriers to progress. The awards aim to promote social mobility among young South Asians, identify role models to help inspire others from the relevant communities and encourage young South Asians to seek out and take up further and higher education opportunities.

Our first year was hugely successful with scores of entries from right across the county and some amazing winners chosen from a stunning list of shortlisted candidates. We believe the awards will go from strength to strength and the courage, determination, skill and commitment displayed in this year's shortlist is surely a testament to that and should be a source of immense pride for all of us.

None of this, of course, would be possible without the fantastic and generous support of our array of sponsors and I would like to pay tribute to all those who have stepped forward to help us organise and stage the YAYAs. In doing so, I must make special mention of our headline partners, York St John University, who have been right behind the YAYAs from the very start and whose commitment to their success has been inspirational.

We hope that you, in turn, will be inspired by the talent on display and the remarkable stories of those whose achievements offer so much hope for all our futures.

Mohammed Ali

About QED



Transforming lives since 1990

QED Foundation is like a chemical catalyst, changing the lives of hundreds of thousands of people for the better while remaining unaltered itself. We have stayed true to our northern roots and our delivery of education, training, employment-related and health services at neighbourhood level continues to inform our campaigning and influencing work.

But we have always moved with the times and adapted to new challenges. In the early days our main focus was on helping people from disadvantaged communities struggling to find work against a background of high local unemployment levels, low educational attainment and the collapse of traditional industries. In more recent times, the Covid-19 pandemic and the tragic killing of George Floyd have presented very different scenarios for us to respond to.

Thirty-one years on we have three new priorities. Firstly, underemployment is becoming as much of an issue as unemployment. Ethnic minorities are still concentrated in low-paid jobs with little responsibility and few opportunities for progress, regardless of their skills and qualifications. We encourage and support employers to ensure that their workforces are representative of local demographics at all levels of seniority.

Secondly, we are focusing our efforts on improving the prospects of the most disadvantaged ethnic minority groups. Each faces very

different challenges and these cannot be overcome by one-size-fits-all solutions.

And finally we are helping to build bridges between diaspora communities in Britain and their countries of origin so that we can encourage trade and collaboration between the UK and our international partners. Times have changed but our commitment to helping create a fairer and more equal society remains the same.

When QED began its work in 1990, there were 3.5 million people from ethnic minority backgrounds in the UK. Today there are more than eight million and they make up 14% of the population.

The last three decades have seen these communities make great strides forward in all areas of public life. In 1990 all but four of our MPs were white. By 2017 a record 52 were from an ethnic minority background. Sadiq Khan was elected to one of the country's most high-profile political roles as Mayor of London in 2016. Sajid Javid has held two of the four great Offices of State, becoming Home Secretary in 2018 and Chancellor of the Exchequer in 2019.

Mishal Hussain and Faisal Islam break the news; Maggie Aderin-Pocock and Jim Al-Khalili are among our most well-known scientists; and Turner Prize winner Chris Ofili and director Steve McQueen have blazed a trail in the arts.

But we should not let these successes blind us to the fact that all too many still face an uphill struggle to survive. Some communities - including Indians, Chinese and African Asians - have made ▶

About QED



Opening opportunities to all

◀ great social and economic progress over the last 30 years. But others have been left behind. People from Pakistani, Bangladeshi and certain mixed-race backgrounds are still more likely to be out of work or trapped in low-paid occupations and live in housing that is not fit for purpose.

Poor health outcomes mean that they are more likely to suffer many years of chronic illness and die young. And their children under-achieve at school so they start adult life at a disadvantage.

As society becomes increasingly unequal, QED Foundation's mission to break that vicious circle and help everyone fulfil his or her potential becomes more important than ever. At QED, no-one is a number. We take our time to get to know each of our service users and design a customised support programme that meets his or her individual needs. For those who are long-term unemployed, we offer much more than help with looking for vacancies, writing CVs, filling in application forms and learning and practising interview techniques.

We specialise in giving people farthest from the labour market the self-confidence to make those difficult first steps, match trainees to suitable work placements and provide ongoing support to the companies that take them on. Inability to communicate effectively is the most difficult barrier preventing successful integration into British life for recent migrants and isolated members of settled communities alike.

Our English courses help people from ethnic minority backgrounds to improve their speaking, listening, reading and writing skills - even if they are not yet ready for college courses. As well as learning the language, our students are supported to use public services and become more involved in wider society. Formal education can be inaccessible and intimidating but we provide small classes led by professional teachers in a relaxed and friendly environment.

These are backed up by activities where students can practise their English in indoor and outdoor settings. Additional support can be provided by volunteers, who help learners by providing further opportunities for speaking and listening in everyday situations. Our digital inclusion training also gives people the skills they need to play an active part in British society.

These guide complete beginners through the basics of using a computer, browsing the internet and sending emails. After completing one of our courses, learners have the confidence to look for work, manage their money and access public services and health information online.

People from some ethnic minority backgrounds are more likely to be on low, irregular or insecure incomes than the general population. We run money management workshops to help them budget wisely and avoid falling into debt. In the long run, these courses can help families break out of the poverty trap and give their children a better start in life.

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our sponsorship of the Yorkshire Asian Young Achievers awards.

We want to recognise the achievements of our young Asian population and inspire them to keep pushing boundaries, breaking down barriers and making a difference in the world.

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Last year's overall winner

YOUNG ACHIEVER OF THE YEAR 2020 - Mohammed Ali Hussain

A university student who went into the care system at just 18 months' old, and is now studying to become a physics professor, became the first Yorkshire Asian Young Achiever of the Year last year.

Mohammed Ali Hussein, aged 20, was one of 13 winners at the YAYAs awards, which were announced in a special virtual event webcast after the planned awards dinner was cancelled due to the Covid-19 restrictions.

Mohammed, who was born in Bradford but is living and studying in Hull, said: "I want to dedicate this award to my first foster family, my auntie, my uncle and my brothers who gave me that initial push into education.

"They really helped me by taking me to the library and just getting me interested in the things I am. I definitely wouldn't be here today without them."

He said it was recognition of his hard work so far and he advised others who wanted to move forward to "continue writing their stories and working hard to be where you want to be."

Mohammed Ali Hussain's story is so remarkable and spans so many areas of achievement that the judges decided to place him in a category of his own for the Young Achiever of the Year Award. They had originally intended to choose an overall Young Achiever from the winners of the 12 award categories but unanimously decided that Mohammed, aged 20, stood out from all other entrants in this year's shortlist.



entirely independently while studying for his exams. He achieved 11 GCSEs and three A-Levels and he is now studying Physics with Astro-Physics at the University of Hull and plans to go on to study for a PhD. He hopes to stay in academia and go on to become a university professor.

Mohammed, who lives in Hull, has been chair of Bradford Children in Care Council (CICC), representing young people in care and care leavers. As chair, he has spearheaded many changes for looked-after and leaving care children from the installation of wi-fi in Bradford's residential homes to campaigns around young people's rights.

He has delivered training to all new foster carers in Bradford – training that has now been incorporated into the instruction all new foster carers complete before they enter the Bradford fostering service. He has also delivered training to students and social workers. He has challenged on behalf of Bradford's care population and is now a member of the young people's panel interviewing prospective employees, from directors to residential workers.

Dr Mohammed Ali OBE, founder and chief executive of Bradford-based QED Foundation, who launched the awards in conjunction with York St John University to mark the charity's 30th anniversary, said: "Mohammed is a truly remarkable young man who has overcome a very difficult background to become a shining star and someone who, we believe, will go on to do great things in the future."

Of Pakistani heritage, Mohammed overcame a very difficult childhood and chaotic home life to become a mentor, support and champion for the voices of children and young people in care.

He entered care himself at just 18 months old because of alcohol and domestic abuse issues in his family; he was moved to a number of foster placements, each of which broke down, until he was eventually placed in one family at age 10 for nearly a year.

He was then moved to a children's home where he suffered from bullying – both there and at school – and struggled to find the peace and space to study before discovering the solace he needed in libraries, where he used to go to learn on his own.

At 16, he began to live more independently and moved into a semi-independent household and, by the time he was 17, he was living

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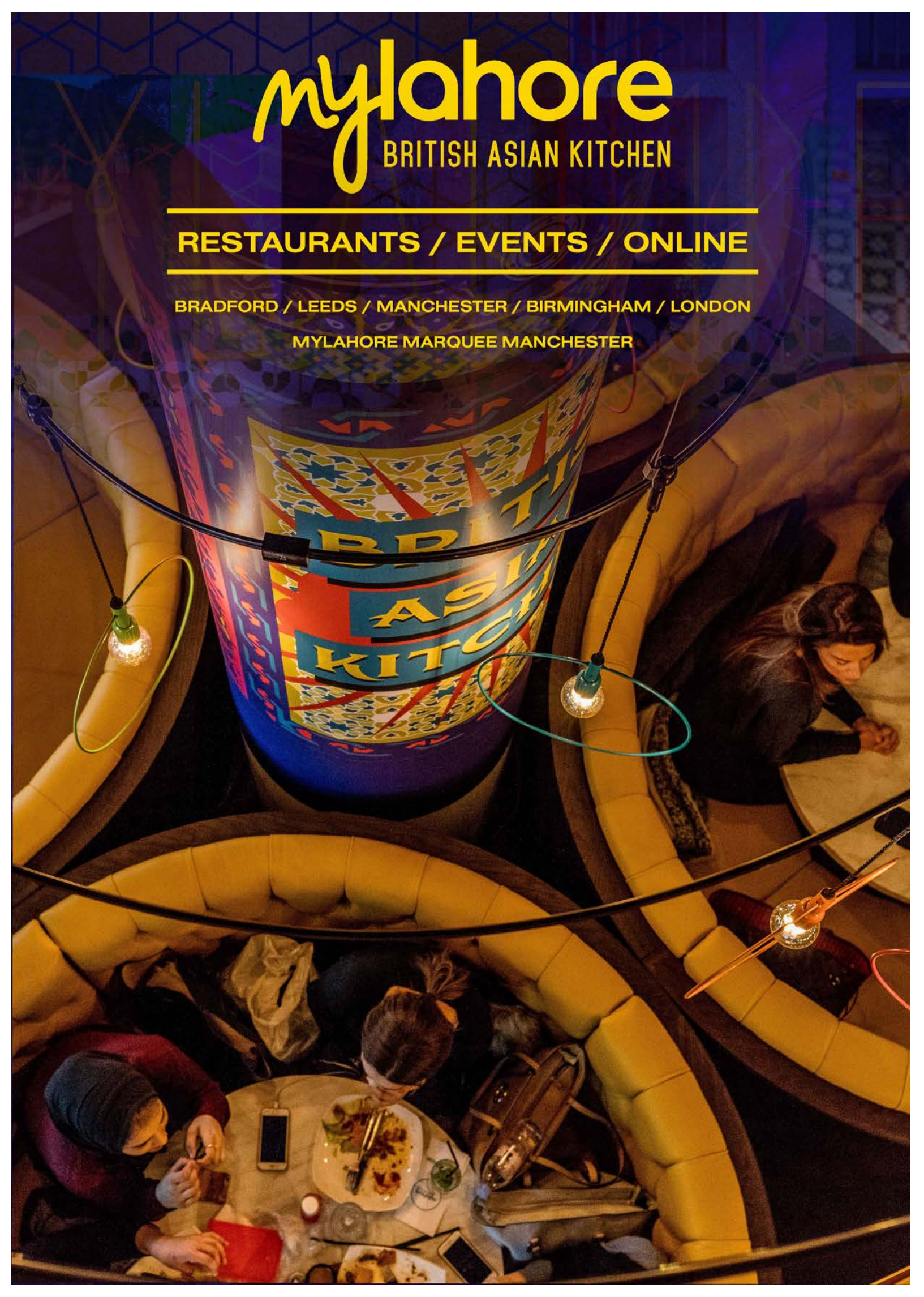
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Last year's category winners



SPORT

HARLEEN KAUR

aged 21, from Bradford



**HEALTH, MENTAL HEALTH OR
HEALTHCARE**

HALEEMA RAFIQ

aged 27, from Doncaster



**ARTS & CREATIVE
INDUSTRIES**

ISMAIL HUSSAIN

aged 18, from Bradford



MEDIA

ROMANA SHAH

aged 27, from Sheffield



EDUCATION

HARIS RASHID

aged 21, from Batley



**BUSINESS, MANAGEMENT, FINANCE
OR LAW**

SIMRAN KAUR BHOGAL

aged 27, from Wakefield



SCHOOL OR COLLEGE

WASJAH MEHDI

aged 17, from Bradford



PUBLIC SECTOR

ALI GUL

aged 29, from Bradford



NOT-FOR-PROFIT SECTOR

AASIM KHAN

aged 25, from Sheffield



**FEMALE IN A TRADITIONALLY-MALE
WORK AREA**

AMREEN IQBAL

aged 30, from Bradford



FEMALE ENTREPRENEUR

SANYA REHMAN & ZAHRA MAHMOOD

both aged 27, from Bradford/Keighley



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HASSAN HAYAT

aged 24, from Bradford



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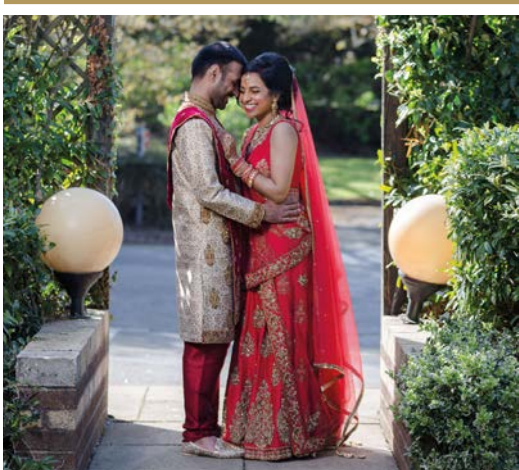


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Meet the Judges



DR MOHAMMED ALI OBE

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ADEEBA MALIK CBE

Adeeba Malik is the Deputy Chief Executive of QED. Born in Bradford to immigrant parents, she has been with the organisation for 28 years. Previously she was a teacher in Hull and Bradford. She has held numerous roles on various boards in Bradford, Yorkshire, and nationally, including Yorkshire Forward, Northern Ballet, and the Women and Work Commission. She is on the board of the Race Disparity Audit Advisory Group at the Cabinet Office, and a Member of the State Honours Committee and Member of Nurture Academies Trust. Adeeba was awarded the MBE in 2004 and the CBE in 2015.



ROBERT HICKEY

As Chief Operating Officer of York St John University, Rob's role spans the leadership of all of the University's Corporate Professional Services including Finance, HR, Estates, IT, Marketing & Communications, Student Recruitment, and Strategy & Projects. He also drives the University's widening participation, business growth and innovation agendas. Rob joined York St John University in 2016 after senior roles at Network Rail and PwC, Deloitte and GVA. He holds degrees from Lancaster and Leeds universities and the LSE. He is a Chartered Surveyor and a Member of the Association of Project Management.



ROZINA BREEN

Rozina Breen is Head of North for BBC England. Based in Leeds, she is responsible for bases from Cumbria to South Yorkshire. Previously, she was head of news at BBC Radio 5 Live, running the largest network newsroom outside of London. She spent more than a decade as a journalist with BBC Current Affairs Radio and was a Digital Editor for the BBC World Service. She was managing editor of BBC Radio Leeds for six years. In her role at 5 Live, Rozina oversaw all News programming, including breaking and rolling news. She chairs the assessments for BBC News' Journalism Trainee Scheme, which aims to bring in diverse talent.



PROF UDUAK ARCHIBONG MBE

Uduak Archibong PhD MBE is Professor of Diversity at the University of Bradford, where she directs the Centre for Inclusion and Diversity and provides strategic oversight for equality and diversity across the institution. She is a Fellow of the West African College of Nursing and a Fellow of the Royal College of Nursing. Her research, teaching, and knowledge transfer activities broadly cover the areas of workforce diversity, diversity competent leadership development, family-centred health care and cross-cultural negotiation of community/family access to, and engagement in health and social services.



JO QUINTON-TULLOCH

Jo Quinton-Tulloch became the director of the National Science and Media Museum in 2013. Her 23 years in museums started in the Learning Team at the Science Museum. She has delivered world class galleries and exhibitions, including as part of the team that created and launched the National Maritime Museum Cornwall. Jo's focus in Bradford has been to forge new sustainable partnerships which reposition the Museum as a centre of excellence in STEM learning. Jo led a major relaunch of the renamed and rebranded National Science and Media Museum in spring 2017. She is a Fellow of the Royal Society for the Arts.



SPECIAL GUEST JUDGE: HARLEEN KAUR

Harleen Kaur, aged 21, was the winner of the YAYAs award for Achievement in Sport in 2020. Of Indian background, she is a student at Leeds Beckett University. She lives in Bradford and excels at both karate and kickboxing. She won a Gold Medal at the 2015 British Championships and was the first British Asian female to represent Team England.

She won a kickboxing Silver Medal at the World Championships in 2015/16. In her spare time, she volunteers for a charity in India.

The awards event

THE SPEAKERS



PROFESSOR AKBAR AHMED, FORMER PAKISTANI HIGH COMMISSIONER TO THE UK

Professor Akbar Ahmed PHD is the Ibn Khaldun Chair of Islamic Studies at American University in Washington DC and the former Pakistani High Commissioner to the UK and Ireland. Named “the world’s leading authority on contemporary Islam” by the BBC and “perhaps the most influential living authority on contemporary Muslim societies” in the Saudi Gazette, Prof Ahmed is a member of the Washington Muslim-Jewish Advisory Council. He also serves as a trustee for the World Faiths Development Dialogue, chaired by Lord George Carey, the former Archbishop of Canterbury, and is a member of the International Advisory Board for The Senator George J. Mitchell Institute for Global Peace, Security and Justice at The Queen’s University of Belfast. He was awarded the Inaugural Gandhi Peace Award from the Gandhi Center in Washington DC. Prof Ahmed has served as a Non-resident Senior Fellow at the Brookings Institution, the First Distinguished Chair of Middle East and Islamic Studies at the U.S Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD, and the Iqbal Fellow (Chair of Pakistan Studies) and Fellow of Selwyn College at the University of Cambridge. He has taught at Harvard and Princeton Universities. He has produced a number of noteworthy films and authored more than a dozen award-winning books and is also a poet and noted playwright.

PROFESSOR KAREN BRYAN OBE, VICE-CHANCELLOR, YORK ST JOHN UNIVERSITY

Professor Karen Bryan joined York St John University as Vice Chancellor in April 2020. She was previously Deputy V-C (Academic) at the University of Greenwich. Prior to that she was Pro Vice Chancellor for Regional Engagement and Dean of the Faculty of Health and Wellbeing at Sheffield Hallam University. Professor Bryan qualified as a speech and language therapist from the University of Newcastle upon Tyne and also gained her PhD there. Her research interests are in communication difficulties in young offenders and in forensic populations, also the impact of communication difficulties on access to healthcare. She is involved in the development of Registered Intermediaries working for the Ministry of Justice, and was previously a member of the Health Professions Council. Professor Bryan is a Visiting Professor in the Department of Neuropsychology at the University of Warsaw, and is a Fellow of the Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists. She was awarded an OBE for services to higher education in 2018.



DR MOHAMMED ALI OBE, FOUNDER AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE, QED FOUNDATION

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KERSTEN ENGLAND CBE, CEO, CITY OF BRADFORD METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Kersten has been Chief Executive of Bradford Council since 2015. Her main priority is to deliver sustainable and inclusive growth. Kersten chairs the Yorkshire and Humber Chief Executive’s Board, the Serious and Organised Crime Strategic Partnership for West Yorkshire, the Bradford and Tower Hamlets ‘Act Early’ Partnership, is the lead Chief Executive for the Yorkshire Leaders Board and an advisor to the Resolution Foundation. She leads on innovation, business growth and the digital agenda within the West Yorkshire Combined Authority. Kersten is a trustee of the Young Foundation. She is also a member of the Council of the University of Bradford, a member of the advisory board of the Bradford Literature Festival and a lay canon of Bradford Cathedral. Kersten was made a CBE in the 2020 new year’s honours list.



The awards event

YOUR HOST

NOREEN KHAN BBC RADIO AND TV PRESENTER AND STAND-UP COMEDIAN

Noreen Khan is an award-winning radio and TV presenter.

She has been working in radio for more than 13 years and joined the BBC in 2007.

She currently presents her show on BBC Asian Network weekdays from 1-4pm.

Listening figures regularly show she has one of the most listened to Asian radio shows in the UK.

Her warm and natural presenting style has made her an instant hit with the audience and she is a highly sought after compere, hosting high-profile events up and down the country.

She's also won numerous awards for her show and presenting style, including best radio presenter, best radio show and best media personality.

Noreen has hosted numerous shows for BBC Red Button including the recent Asian Network comedy night which came live from Edinburgh Fringe Festival.

In 2016 she was part of an all-female presenter line up for a unique sports chat show called Ballsy Women. In the past she's also presented for



BBC's Midlands Today and produced/presented her own TV shows on sky channel Brit Asia TV.

In 2016 she tried her hand at stand-up comedy and has since started her own all-female comedy nights. These have proved to be highly successful and resulted in a UK city tour. Noreen

is also considered to be a social media influencer due to her impressive social media following.

Noreen is also a businesswoman, in 2014 she launched her own clothing label- Noreen Khan Couture and in May 2015 she expanded her brand by launching her NK Accessories line too!

INTERVAL ENTERTAINMENT

HUSSNAIN LAHORI, SINGER AND SONGWRITER

Born in Lahore, raised in Manchester, Hussnain Lahori is a British singer, songwriter and music producer.

He was always surrounded by music as his late grandfather, Akbar Lahori was a renowned poet and composer in the '70s and '80s. Some of his songs made their way to Bollywood including 'tujhe yaad na meri aai' from the film 'kuch kuch hota hai'.

Hussnain began his music career on YouTube in 2011 and today he has a huge following around the world. He has performed at many venues in the UK and internationally, including Wembley Arena

(London) and Athena (Leicester). Hussnain Lahori is also an Ambassador for a UK registered charity called 'Staying Put' helping and supporting women who have suffered from domestic violence. Every year BBC raises thousands of pounds in aid for Children In Need. Hussnain has been actively doing his bit to support this charity.

The latest was busking for the bear where Hussnain performed live outside BBC London to raise money for children in need.

You can find out more about him from his website at: hussnainlahori.com





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ACHIEVEMENT IN SPORT



the shortlist



ANAS TANVEER

Anas Tanveer was the first Asian player at Oxenhope Cricket Club and is a valuable member of the team and the club.

The 21-year-old, who lives in Bradford and is of Pakistani background, is now 2nd Team Captain. He continues to be a role model, encouraging, guiding and supporting juniors on the pathway to senior cricket and his support and encouragement is also helping to develop his fellow players.



JASMIN AKTER

Born in a refugee camp in Bangladesh, Jasmin Akter re-settled in the UK aged eight. Her father has passed away and, despite sharing the care of her mum with her siblings, Jasmin is studying for a business diploma and enjoys playing football and cricket.

She acted as a Young Leader in Miami for Street Child United and was the recipient of Sportswoman of the Year at the Bradford Sports Awards.



UMAYMAH MAKDA

Umaymah Makda is the first international hijabi Gymshark Athlete. The 22-year-old, who lives in Wakefield, is of Indian background and has collaborated with PureGym on a project enabling her to share her fitness experience. She is keen to raise the profile of Muslim hijab-wearing women in fitness – she proudly wears her hijab to the gym – and has posted videos attracting vast audiences across different social media platforms.

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ACHIEVEMENT IN HEALTH, MENTAL HEALTH or HEALTHCARE

the shortlist



DYLAN SINGH BHANDAL

Mental Health Practitioner Dylan has worked hard to achieve both personally and professionally. He lives in Wakefield, is of Indian background and believes in “Seva” – “Selfless Services.” Aged 24, he started volunteering with Sikh Alliance Yorkshire and has provided support to local communities and those in need during the Pandemic. He encourages local communities to speak out about and seek help for mental health issues.



HARPREET SINGH CHAGGAR

Former Ermysted’s Grammar School student Harpreet Singh Chaggar is completing his first year as a Foundation Doctor in Newcastle. The 25-year-old, who lives in Keighley and is of Indian Punjabi background, achieved outstanding grades to become a doctor. He was president of the Medical Society at Newcastle Medical School and captained the Newcastle Medics Hockey 2nd XI. He hopes to be a role model for young South Asians.



YASMIN KHANAGHA

Yasmin, a newly registered children’s nurse, was president of the Leeds University Nursing Society, which provides social and educational support for student nurses. The 24-year-old, from Wakefield, is of mixed white and Pakistani background. Passionate about racial inequalities in healthcare, she was involved in organising events for BAME and LGBTQ+ history months. She is studying for a Masters in healthcare.

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and support services as well as inclusive campus facilities, services and networks to support staff and students from diverse backgrounds.

We have a range of activities that engage with the wider community in which we live, work and learn, and pride ourselves on forging local partnerships within York and local counties, working particularly closely with schools, colleges and communities. Our new campaign, York Unlimited, highlights our mission to improve lives, drawing together our global community of staff, students, alumni and the people and businesses of our city. The campaign supports the delivery of projects that enable brilliant minds to break barriers, overcome limitations and think differently to solve the challenges of the world today. With six priority areas, it is important that these include ‘enabling every student to shine’ and ‘transforming mental health’.

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ACHIEVEMENT IN THE ARTS & CREATIVE INDUSTRIES

the shortlist



AQIB KHAN

Bradford actor Aqib Khan is known for playing Sajid in 'West is West,' aged 16, along with the late Om Puri. The 28-year-old has appeared in many TV programmes and is currently in the BBC One comedy 'Ladhood.' Aqib is of Pakistani background and from a traditional Pathaan family. He considers himself a role model for Bradford people and his ambition is to appear in Hollywood and Bollywood films.



SHAZIA BIBI

Shazia, aged 26, is an actor, writer, producer, evaluator and project manager from Bradford and has a Pakistani background. A creative investigator at Bradford Produce Hub, she has produced successful programmes for freelancers and creatives in the arts industry. She hopes to increase the city's art demographic and scene and is a mental health and equal provision advocate.



MYRA HUSSAIN

Through her determination in developing her singing skills and confidence, Myra has been a role model to other young Asian women in the performing arts. The 18-year-old, who is South Asian and lives in Bradford, was a founder member of Unity Girls, a drama group supported by The Girlington Centre. She continues to inspire young Asian women and encourage her generation to talk about their feelings.

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A visit to the museum will delight and surprise: Wonderlab is our fully interactive gallery which explores the scientific principles of light and sound, and recent temporary exhibitions have included In Pursuit of Perfection: The Yorkshire Photographic Union Competition and Above the Noise: 15 Stories from Bradford, both taking a closer look at fascinating aspects of our city and region through photography and multimedia.

This year we are exploring sound in two exhibitions, Sonic: Adventures in Audio and Boom: Experiments in Sound – the exhibitions are part of our Sound Season, exploring how sound fills our world, and how we can experiment and play with it.



The exhibitions, which are open until December, include fascinating interactive displays, objects and stories from the likes of the BBC's Radiophonic Workshop (which created the Doctor Who soundtrack among many others).

We are delighted to be supporting the YAYA award for Achievement in Arts and Creative Industries for two key reasons. Firstly, we want to ensure our region's creativity and culture is reflected and celebrated in the work we do – whether it is through exhibitions, making connections between our collection and people's personal stories, or in this case sponsoring an award celebrating excellence. Secondly, we are committed to inspiring, supporting and encouraging young people with opportunities in the cultural sector. It is essential for the future of our creative industries that we nurture the thriving talent that exists in Yorkshire.

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ACHIEVEMENT IN THE MEDIA

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SIVAPRIYA THIRUGNANARAJAH

Sivapriya has a passion for music and has been volunteering as a technical assistant and radio jockey for the British Indian online community radio broadcast from Bradford. Aged 21, she lives in Sheffield and has helped produce programmes on Mental Health Awareness, charity appeals, women's days and honouring NHS heroes. Of Indian/Sri Lankan background, she is studying Sociology at Sheffield Hallam University.



SROSH KHAN

Srosh, aged 23, has assisted BBC Sport, co-ordinating between nations and regions and helping provide footage and stories. As well as contributing to the media industry and the community, he is a regular commentator for Huddersfield Town premier league games. He lives in Bradford and is from a Pakistani background, and through volunteering has encouraged many young Asian boys to consider a career in the media.



HAMZA MUJTABA

Hamza is a practising doctor at Airedale Hospital but the 28-year-old, who lives in Bradford, is also a professional drone videographer and filmmaker and has worked with renowned agencies and hotel chains. In 2017, he was Graduate of the Year (British Bangladeshi Talent Awards). His filmmaking has taken him all over the world. From a Bangladeshi background, he has also created videos for Bradford Council.

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ACHIEVEMENT IN EDUCATION

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MOHAMMED NOMAN SAMIR

Education Outreach Fellow and Masters student at Leeds University, Mohammed Samir was the first of his family to go to university. The 23-year-old, who lives in Leeds, is passionate about raising awareness of higher education. He comes from an Indian background, is an #iwillchampion and campaigner for increasing opportunities for young people, especially those from under-represented and underprivileged backgrounds.



AYRA NAJEEB

Ayra's story demonstrates resilience, seizing opportunities and sharing kindness. The 17-year-old, from Bradford, is from a Pakistani background and volunteers in and outside school helping others overcome difficulties she once faced as a child. She believes everyone deserves fair and inclusive opportunities and encourages young people to speak out. She has a black belt in karate and teaches karate and fitness.



BADR BASHARAT

Against all odds, Badr Basharat had the opportunity to study medicine. Badr, who is heading into his final year, was inspired by his late father who motivated and encouraged him to pursue his ambition. The 23-year-old, who lives in Bradford, comes from a Pakistani background. His father was a taxi driver, his mother a housewife and Badr is the first of his family to go to university and to study medicine.

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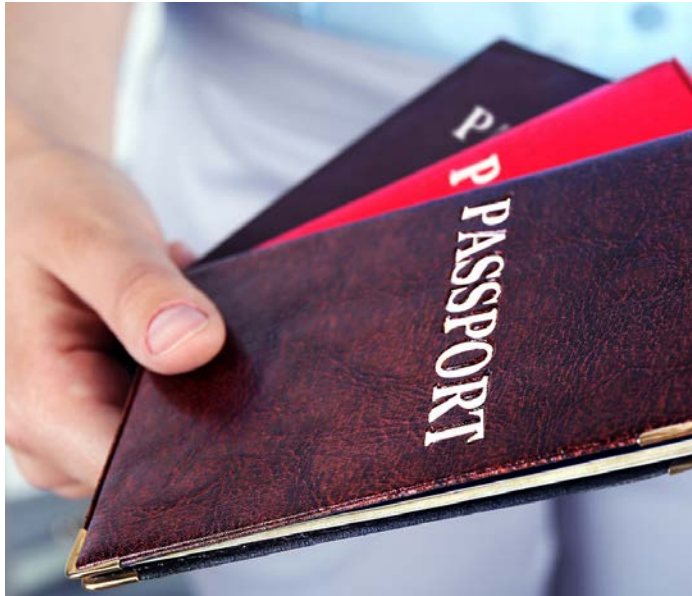
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ACHIEVEMENT IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR



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JAGJIT SINGH CHAGGAR

Jagjit is a 26-year-old British Indian living in Keighley. He suffers from ankylosing spondylitis, a disease affecting his back and leg movement. Despite the physical pain, he hasn't let it hold him back. His achievements include being the youngest Indian Society President at the University of Birmingham. He plays cricket, rugby and hockey and is currently production manager at a cereal factory in Poole, Dorset.



ANEESA EHSAN

One of the founding partners of Proctor & Hobbs solicitors, 28-year-old Aneesa Ehsan is also a visiting lecturer and member of the Law Advisory Board for Bradford University. Aneesa, who lives in Bradford and is of Pakistani background, ventured into law at a young age. During her career she has developed and maintained a culture of inclusion and is an advocate for encouraging women to achieve their ambitions.



ABDUL JABBAAR AHMED

Leaving school at 16, Abdul went to work at BKP Solicitors. He completed his NVQ levels 1, 2 and 3 in Business Administration and recently began a seven year apprenticeship in legal practice to become a qualified solicitor. The 21-year-old, who lives in Bradford, comes from a Pakistani background. He is keen to give back to his community through volunteering at a local boxing club and after-school club.

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We're thrilled to be supporting the YAYA Awards and celebrating our fantastic young people once again.

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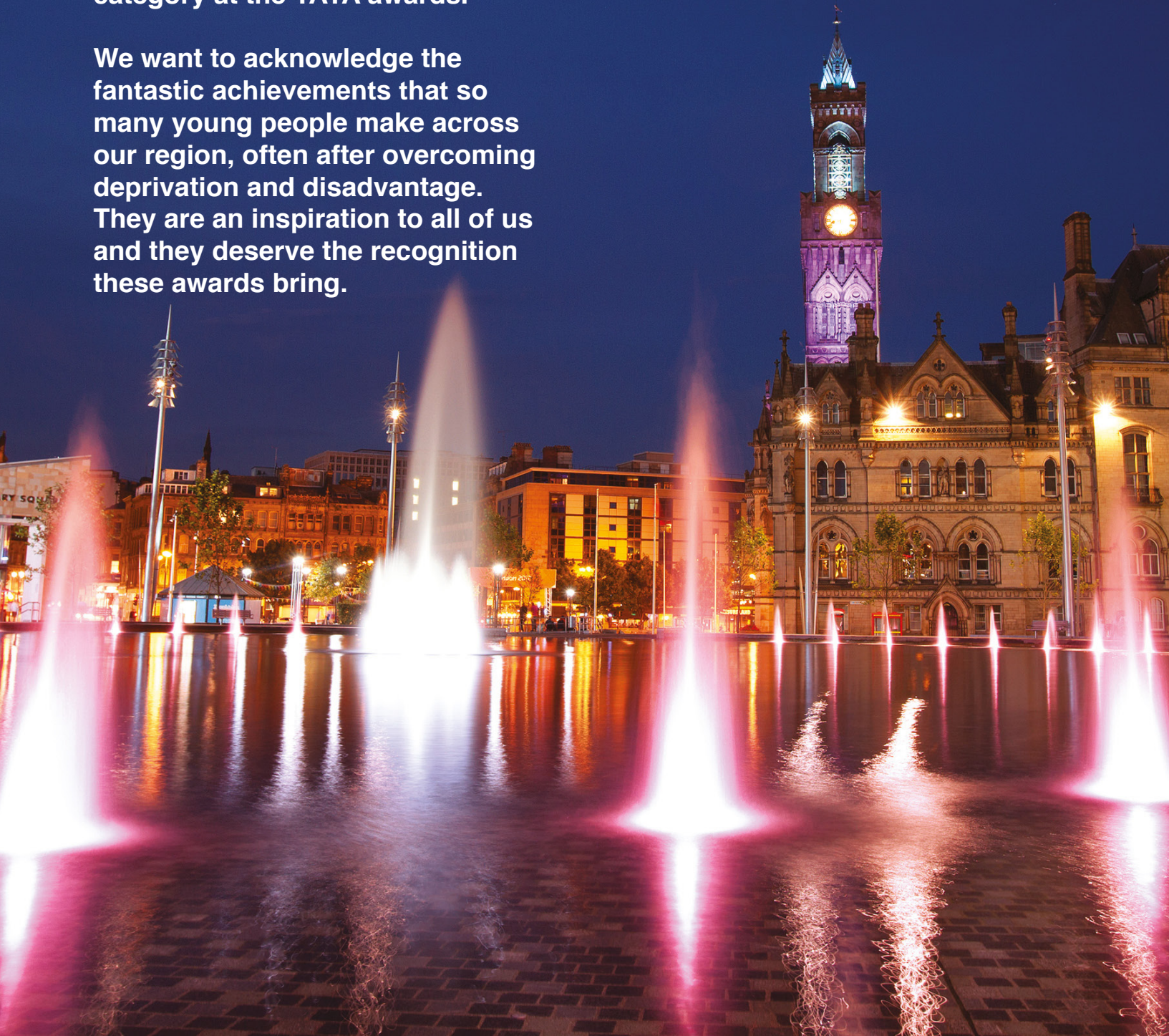
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ACHIEVEMENT IN SCHOOL or COLLEGE

the shortlist



HUSEN ALI

Arriving in the UK in 2017, Husen Ali was 16 and spoke little English.

Now 20, Husen, who is from a Bangladeshi background, has made significant progress with his studies.

Arriving in Keighley three years ago, he enrolled on an ESOL course at Keighley College and went on to complete five GCSEs. He is studying for his A-levels at Leeds City College and has been accepted to study law.



RUHEE DAWOOD

STEM mentor Ruhee was born and grew up in Kenya. The 23-year-old moved to York after being awarded a Sharifah Sofia Albukhary Scholarship to study Chemistry at the University of York. After completing her undergraduate degree, Ruhee was awarded a Whinfield Medal. She secured a full scholarship to fund her PhD and wants to be the next researcher to make a ground-breaking discovery in organic chemistry.



MALAIKA KHAN

Malaika Khan moved from Spain aged 14. English was a third language for her. The 17-year-old, who lives in Keighley, comes from a Pakistani background. She came to live with extended family to improve her English and study law. Despite her initial struggles with the language, Malaika passed her GCSEs and is pursuing her A-levels. Her commitment to her studies is inspiring. She helps young pupils with literacy and numeracy.

AWARD SPONSOR

We're proud to be sponsoring the Achievement in School or College category at the YAYA awards. They give much deserved recognition to the many incredible young people who attend schools or college and who are making outstanding efforts every day throughout the year. They are an inspiration to all of us, and these awards go some way to showing our appreciation for these young people and just how much they are valued by their school, college and communities.



Bradford is a vibrant, dynamic and diverse district. We have a rich history and a bright future: over half a million people live here and we have roots all over the world. We are a big economy with globally successful businesses. We are the youngest city in the UK, we have a growing population, and we're ambitious for our young people. We want all our young people to be able to add to our skilled and enterprising workforce, sharing in inclusive growth and creating prosperity and opportunity for all.

So the YAYA awards, with their special focus on promoting socially-mobile young achievers who have overcome deprivation and disadvantage, or have broken through traditional barriers to progress, is something that we really support.

This is a challenging time for education in our district. Our



children and young people have had to endure huge disruption due to COVID but have shown tremendous determination and resilience to continue their studies throughout the pandemic. We are determined to do all we can to support them through it.

Our Opportunity Area status continues to provide funding that enables schools to boost the life chances of pupils from disadvantaged backgrounds. One of its projects to boost literacy, 'Glasses for Classes' has won praise from government and been rolled out to other areas of the country.

We want to congratulate everyone who has supported the awards and those who have been nominated. We all need to acknowledge the fantastic work that many young people do, not just those who have been nominated, on their journey to achievement. They are all winners, and the YAYA Awards help us celebrate this.



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ACHIEVEMENT IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR

the shortlist



AAMIR KHAN

Despite encouragement from his family to go to university, Aamir Khan secured a role as a senior officer in management at HMRC.

The 28-year-old, who lives in Bradford, comes from a Pakistani background. He left school at 18 with basic BTEC level qualifications in IT and Business studies and at 19 joined HMRC as an administration assistant. During his decade with HMRC he has become a higher level manager.



YUSUF HUSSAIN

Award-winning Yusuf Hussain was Student of the Year 2020 at Leeds City College and Police Cadet of the Year in 2016. The 19-year-old's varied roles include community drugs awareness campaign worker. Yusuf, who lives in Bradford and is of Pakistani background, is working towards a role within the police. He volunteers his time for the benefit of others and his home city, and is an advocate of discipline and hard work.



HUMA MALIK

Huma Malik is a long-standing volunteer for NHS Bradford People's Board. The 27-year-old, of Pakistani background, lives in Bradford and is employed by NHS Leeds CCG as an Engagement Officer, helping to improve health outcomes in communities. She runs her own social enterprise, Music Talkz, providing workshops for young people and tackling mental health issues through creativity. She is a trained WRAP facilitator.

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With a population of over 790,000, Leeds is the third biggest city in the UK and it has a rich history of being a place of refuge to a diverse population with communities from 170 nationalities and many different faiths from around the world who contribute to the cultural, civic and economic success of our vibrant and modern city.



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Leeds City Council recognises the important and positive work that individuals, community groups and organisations do to make their local communities a better place and we celebrate these



achievements annually, through our Compassionate City and Child Friendly Leeds award events.

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ACHIEVEMENT IN THE NOT-FOR-PROFIT SECTOR

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TAYABAH PARVEEN

Qualified sports coach Tayabah helped set up Bradford Bears wheelchair basketball team, providing sporting activities for disabled people. She supports disabled people in hikes around the UK through 'Take a Hike.' The 30-year-old, who lives in Bradford and is of Pakistani background, set up the Bradford Jaguars female cricket team in 2020 at Bradford University. She is also a member of Bradford Park Avenue ladies' cricket club.



SAIF DIN

Saif Din opened a community boxing and fitness gym in a socially and economically deprived area of Rotherham. The 27-year-old was keen to encourage young boys off the streets and into a safe space to train. Muslim girls also attend. Saif, who lives in Rotherham and is from a Pakistani background, is keen to promote positive male Muslim role models. He runs sessions to suit the needs of the community.



ZAIN UL ABDIN

During the pandemic, Zain, aged 23, who has been the Sports and Wellbeing Officer at the University of Bradford (UBU) charity, organised food deliveries to self-isolating students, including one from England cricketer Adil Rashid. He lives in Bradford and is of Pakistani background. He helped improve the mental health and wellbeing of students and is an ambassador for promoting safety on streets near campus.

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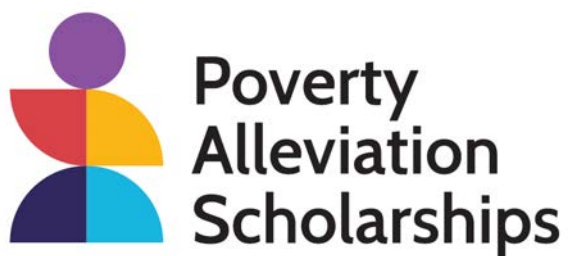
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ACHIEVEMENT AS A YOUNG ENTREPRENEUR

the shortlist



OMAR BAHADUR

After graduating from the University of Bradford in Mechanical Engineering, founder and CEO of Faraday Drinks Omar financed his vision to produce a naturally-flavoured water beverage with no artificial ingredients through various jobs. The 26-year-old, who lives in Bradford and is of Pakistani background, began production in 2020 and the drink, named after British inventor Michael Faraday, sold out its initial batch.



SABREEN AHSAN

In 2018 Sabreen launched a digital marketing agency, PIYA Media, which works with creative entrepreneurs from BAME backgrounds to redress the inequalities many face in terms of resources, funding, mentorship and networking. The 29-year-old, who lives in Keighley and is of Bangladeshi background, is the youngest trustee for Young Enterprise, a charity providing skills and financial training for youngsters.



HASEEB ARSLAN

Haseeb studied at air force school in Pakistan. He wanted to be a pilot until his mother became ill and he returned to the UK. Thankfully his mother recovered. The 27-year-old, who lives in Heckmondwike and is of Pakistani background, undertook an IT course at Kirklees College and a degree at Huddersfield University. He runs the charity Plate4humanity in Pakistan and a property business among others.

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Yet all too many aspiring young businesspeople across Yorkshire also have many barriers to overcome before they can fulfil their dreams.

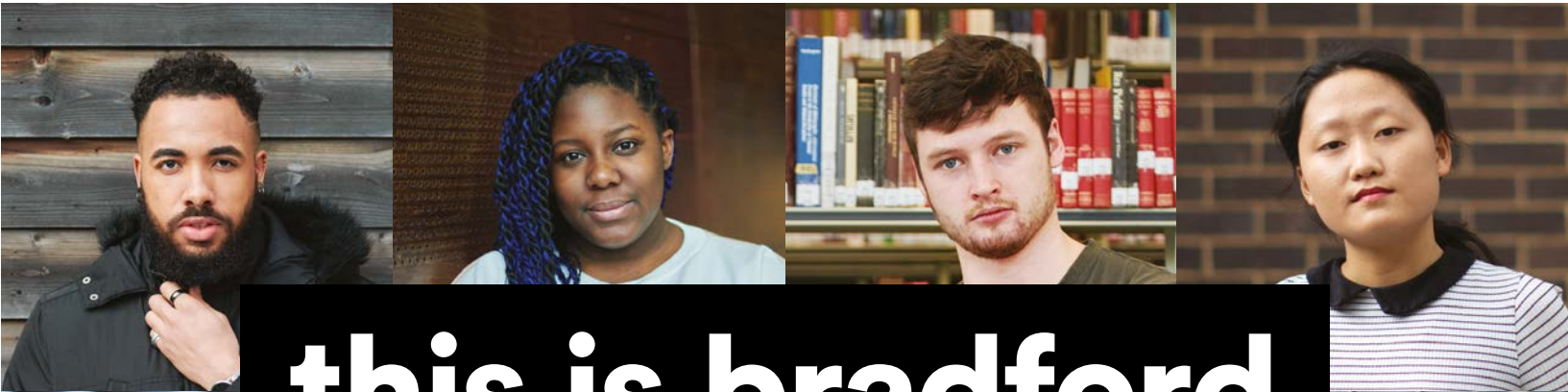
We know that Asian graduates are more likely to be paid less or under-employed than their white counterparts. But we are



also impressed by their entrepreneurial spirit – the very same can-do attitude that is shown by the students on our training programmes in Pakistan.

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ACHIEVEMENT IN OVERCOMING LIFE OBSTACLES



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SONIA HUNJAN

Sonia, who has the degenerative eye condition retinitis pigmentosa, graduated from Leeds Beckett University with a BA in English Literature. In 2018, the 23-year-old, who lives in Leeds, undertook part-time studies for an MA in Global Literature and Culture at the University of York for which she received a distinction. Sonia, who is of Indian background, started a blog 'The Blind Reader' to help raise awareness.



MUNEEB AKHTAR

Since being diagnosed with Crohn's disease in 2016, Muneeb, aged 24, has worked with numerous charities to raise awareness about hidden disabilities including Crohn's and colitis. Muneeb, who lives in Bradford and is of Pakistani background, was part of the national campaign 'Not Every Disability is Visual.' He works mainly in the Asian community speaking about the issues he has faced and supporting others.



SUFIYAN MOHAMMED

Despite his many disabilities and impairments, for the last four years Sufiyan has been involved in a number of inclusive projects for disabled people through the University of Bradford Union of Students. The 23-year-old, who lives in Bradford and is of Pakistani background, embarked on adapted hikes including Snowdon and Ben Nevis, raised over £2,000 for the NHS charity during lockdown and achieved distinctions at Bradford College.

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