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"the best of you are those who benefit mankind"

- Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him)

Emerald x The Aziz Foundation 100 - Inspiring Muslims: Next Generation Edition list.

Dedicated to celebrating and inspiring the future leaders within the British Muslim community.

Since their inception, both The Aziz Foundation and Emerald Network have served as platforms to showcase the best talent within British Muslim communities, spanning a diverse range of sectors and professions.

In 2019, to mark its 15th anniversary, Emerald Network published the first Emerald 100 list, highlighting a remarkable array of talent within the network. This year, in celebration of its 20th anniversary, Emerald Network is honoured to collaborate with The Aziz Foundation to showcase inspiring next generation Muslims – aged 40 or under at 1 January 2024.

Drawing upon the talent within the Aziz Foundation past and present cohort of scholars, the overall list is in keeping with the Foundation's vision to 'recognise that Muslims make an invaluable contribution to the fabric of this country'. The list comprises 50 Aziz Foundation / 50 Emerald Network inspiring Muslims.





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Mohammed Aminoor Rahman / Mohammed Hannan / Mohammed Sinan Siyech / Naeem Mahmood / Nahim Ahmed мве / Nawal Abdisamad / Nazia Sultana / Niaz Azad / Nimra Shahid / Nusaiba Mohammad-Timol / Nusrat Uddin Anwar / Omar Nayaf Karim / Qasim Arif / Rafe Uddin / Romain Muhammad / Sabah Choudhry / Sabrina Jamil / Sabrya Carim / Sadaf Uddin / Safe Adam Sahra Dahir / Salma Hussain / Dr Salman Waqar / Samaira Iqbal Sarah Arya Fatih / Saywah Mahmood / Shabbir Mellick / Shaheen Mamun / Shaheena Uddin / Shahryar Khan / Sharin Hussain / Shahzad Younas / Tamanna Taznin / Tanjil Rashid / Tasnim Nazeer / Turab Shah / Unzela Khan Sheikh / Yasmin Abedin / Zainab Alema / Zainab Arian / Zainab Mahmood / Zara Mohammed / Zeba Qureshi







ABBAS KAZMI

Serial Entrepreneur & Founder of Venture Funds Incl. Sabah Fund, Collegiate Capital and Oxford Accelerator

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ABDEL MAHMOUD

Founder, CEO of Anterior an Al Healthcare startup Former graduate of Sandhurst, youngest military officer in the UK prior to Medical School





ABDIRAHMAN AHMED

Founder of UrbanRise, provides financial literacy to young people







ABDIRAHMAN ISMAIL

Structural Engineer – instrumental in designing new Euston Station for Crossrail









ABDUL-MALIK **TARAFDAR**

Philanthropy and Partnerships Manager – entered sector having witnessed conflicts and naving Witnessed natural disasters, initially invalid as a teacher for post-16 yr INSPIRING MUSLIMS sector NEXT GEN

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ABIGAYLE ANDRE

Journalist / presenter / Content creator @shetalkstars 'Neurodivergent northerner with a passion for cars and doing things a bit Differently!' INSPIRING MUSLIMS





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AFZAL KHAN

Manchester-based founder of the Muslim Arts Network - vision to redefine Muslim representation in the arts and culture sector INSPIRING





ALIA KHAN

Policy and Public Affairs Officer - expert for the Children's and Disability sector







AMALEEHAH ASLAM-FORRESTER

Student, gender equality activist and youth worker







AMRO MAHMOUD

Actor and Writer / Founded the National Youth Theatre's Drifted Nation / appeared in multiple hit TV / series, including 'HALO' and 'The Crown'

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ANAM ZAFAR

Award-winning translator of literature that foregrounds marginalised communities -Birmingham-based

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ANWAR HUSSAIN

Founder of Blackstone Wealth, Independent Financial Advisor - specialising in Shariah Compliance







AQSA AHMED

EDI Business Partner - Anti-Racism, Project management and Audience, currently working at the Barbican Centre and recently launched a centre-wide action INSPIRING MUSLIMS plan for anti-racism NEXT GEN





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ARFAH FAROOQ

Founder of Muslamic Makers, Co-Founder Muslim Tech Fest, Venture Capital Community Manager







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ARIF ALI

Corporate Lawyer at DLA Piper -Mentored many British Bangladeshi students in order to assist them into a professional career





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AYESHA ULHAQ

PhD at University of Cambridge, on Muslim women in Britain / Owner of a Modest Fashion business



BEENISH ALI

Pharmacist standing up for health inequalities / other roles incl. encouraging access to education

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CHIMA EL BIALY

Journalist - Al Jazeera English, Activist for Muslim Womens' Right to wear Hijab / World Hijab Day -Board member







DIANA **HYSENAJ**

Activist, campaigner, and UNHCR Champion, whose work centres Human Rights







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FAIMA BAKAR

Freelance journalist - covering the themes of faith, identity, gender, inequality, and joy





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FARIS ELSAYAD

Dentist & CEO of Auralyze.ai helped serve the student market by reducing the barrier of entry in receiving high-quality, Al based, Medical School interview prep INSPIRING MUSLIMS



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FEROZAN EASAR QASIMI

Co-founded the Afghanistan Judges Association / commitment to promoting judicial independence and gender equality







HABIBULLAH MUHAMMAD-KAMAL

Junior Doctor / Co-founder of QDR Health - software that triages heart failure patients for clinicians





HAMAD ALI

Senior Software engineer – creates content to inspire ethnic minorities to get into tech in addition to mentoring young people

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HAMMAD HAIDER

Junior Architect at Foster+Partners / Arabic calligraphist and Islamic Artist





HAMZAH ISMAIL

Policy Officer at the UK Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO)





HANNAN ALI

Funding Manager at City Bridge Foundation / Deputy Lieutenant of Bedfordshire, youngest appointment in the county

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HAROON MOTA

Founder of Active Inclusion Network - Championing Diversity in Outdoors & Fitness. Founded projects include Muslim Hikers, Muslim Runners & Muslim Cyclists. INSPIRING MUSLIMS





HASSAN VAWDA

Relationship Manager at Arts Council England and Doctoral Researcher at Tate/Goldsmiths







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HIBA **NOOR KHAN**

Multi-award-winning children's author of the acclaimed books Incl. One Home: Eighteen Stories of Hope from Young Activists



DR HUDA THAKUR

Executive Leadership Coach working with global senior executives and professionals to cultivate potential, optimise mindset and drive systemic change INSPIRING MUSLIMS NEXT GEN





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HUMAIRAA **DUDHWALA**

Assistant Editor, Manchester University Press – commissioning In Middle Eastern Studies / Politics and History lists



IBRAHIM HUSSAIN

Imam, Mediator, Arbitrator,
Entrepreneur and Author
Founder of Sulha Solutions –
the world's first Muslim
Global Online Dispute
Resolution Organisation INSPIRING
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Trainee solicitor at Farrer & Co
- empowering others and
promoting social mobility,
particularly at Oxbridge







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ILYAS NAGDEE

Racial Justice Director at Amnesty International UK leading the organisation's work on racial justice





IMAM IS'HAAQ JASAT

Imam, Author and Teacher /
Founder of the National Huffadh
Association UK - largest umbrella
body for those
memorised the Qur'an
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IMAN MUNEER

Founder of charity Pangea – empowering Muslims outdoors, incl hikes and cycling sessions for community building and mental health





IMAN RAZAK

Final Year Sociology Student /
Head Sister of the ISOC at the
University of Greenwich /
Youth bereavement
ambassador for
Winston's Wish



IQRA BABAR

Autistic & ADHD Advocate & Speaker, striving to amplify neurodivergent voices







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IRFAN SULEMAN

Civil Servant / Founder, director of Muslims in Public Policy (MIPP) connecting Muslims in local government and the Civil Service





ISA BOJAJ

Kosovar diplomat and world affairs journalist / revitalising global interfaith dialogue

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JAMAL AHMED

CEO at Privacy Pros Academy / Multi-award-winning Global Privacy Professional, privacy trainer and published author

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DR JAMILLA HEKMOUN

Research Fellow, Award Winning Community Activist and Muslim Mental Health Specialist - PhD insight into male Muslim mental health



KHALED OOZEER

Consultant, co-founder, mentor and triathlete / empowering underserved minorities to access top universities and corporates





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MAAHA ELAHI

Barrister at number one ranked Garden Court Chambers focussing on public law, human rights, immigration and asylum, housing and prison law.







MAGID MAGID

Founder and director of Union of Justice dedicated to racial and climate justice / Former Lord Mayor of Sheffield

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MAH-NOOR GHANI

MA student - Sociology of Childhood and Children's Rights / former secondary school and sixth form teacher

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MAMUNA FAROOQ

Partner, Keystone Law Award-winning London based Private Wealth and Tax lawyer / Multi-Family Office Consultancy in UAE INSPIRING MUSLIMS

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MARIAM AMINI

London-born Afghan journalist - covering diaspora stories, minority perspectives and unheard narratives around the globe





MARIAM SAYANI

Founder and academic director of the Arabic with Mariam Institute







MARIAN HASSAN

Marketing and Social Value Lead Managed multimillion-dollar humanitarian projects / co-researched peace programmes in Somalia



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MARYAM JAZEEM

Multi-award-winning prodigy / Quran reciter, public speaker, social activist - incl causes such as climate change, mental health, and religious tolerance INSPIRING MUSLIMS







MARYAM SYED

Physician Associate – background in Emergency Medicine and Primary Care / Henna Artist







DR MOHAMMED SATTAR

GP / Radio broadcaster / various
Roles incl. Chair of health
inequalities forum / Podcast / Writer
Speaker / Clinical
Director of primary care
network

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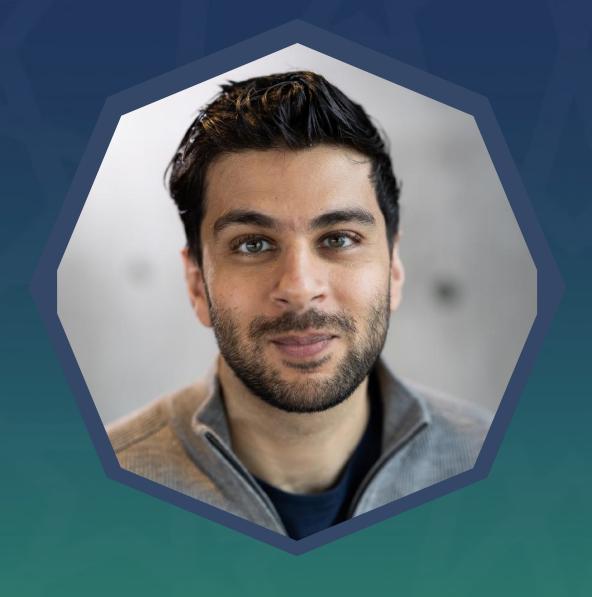


MOHAMED MOHAMUD

Founder of Somali Sideways - pioneering visual storytelling to reshape perceptions of the Somali region

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MOHAMED-ZAIN DADA

Playwright and screenwriter –
Debut play Blue Mist premiered
at the Royal Court Theatre /
Olivier Award
nomination

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MOHAMMED **AMINOOR RAHMAN**

Founder of Tarikhology, a non-partisan organisation whose primarily aim is to promote Da'wah, History & Philanthropy





MOHAMMED **HANNAN**

International Digital Oncology Director at AstraZeneca – Leads digital innovation / Postgraduate student at Control Contro Religion and Theology









MOHAMMED NABEEL ILLAHI

Trainee GP merging his passion and professional expertise to specialise in sports and exercise medicine to prevent illness

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MOHAMMED SINAN SIYECH

Doctoral Scholar who has written close to 150 publications on politics and Islam





NAEEM MAHMOOD

Creative Director specialising in brand development across physical and digital platforms /
Owner of a food
Franchising business

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NAHIM AHMED MBE

Strategic Engagement Manager,
Poplar HARCA / Multi-award
winning youth & community
professional serving
disadvantaged
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NAWAL ABDISAMAD

Journalist / Roles incl Assistant Producer at Talk Radio / political commentator / Stories affecting the black and Muslim communities





NAZIA SULTANA

Founder of Sustainably Muslim,
- pioneering CIC dedicated to
inspiring Muslims to serve
their environment and
communities

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NIAZ AZAD

Digital Change Manager at HSF / Co-Founder of Millennial Money a digital tech platform demystifying personal finance for millennials







NIMRA SHAHID

A multi-award-winning climate Journalist – incl. work focused on how money flows into the fossil fuel industry / featured work by FT, NY Times

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NUSAIBA MOHAMMAD-TIMOL

Founder and CEO of WAW Creative Arts, the world's first Muslim creative arts school for kids / Multi-disciplinary artist across the Faith, Fashion and Education sectors INSPIRING MUSLIMS





NUSRAT UDDIN ANWAR

Partner - Award winning Human Rights Lawyer, specialising in supporting vulnerable victims of trafficking, exploitation and forced labour

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OMAR NAYAF KARIM

B'ham-Toronto founder of O'KARIM, a culture research firm offering authentic insights & impactful strategies / Volunteers for charity / Runs marathons INSPIRING MUSLIMS





QASIM ARIF

Artist / Calligrapher
Under ILLM creates art reflecting
on his life as a Third Culture Muslim
Kid, being connected
to the East

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RAFE UDDIN

Reporter for the Financial Times incl. Westminster lobby team and covered retail investment for the FT Weekend's Money section



ROMAIN MUHAMMAD

Founder of Diversify World – bridge the diversity gap, build diverse teams and inclusive, equitable, anti-racist workplaces

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SABAH **CHOUDHRY**

Sky News correspondent – covering a range of national stories, breaking news and original exclusive stories





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SABRINA JAMIL

Sole UK delegate to the 12th Commonwealth Youth Parliament held in New Zealand / political sector work incl Advisory roles for MPs and Mayor of London INSPIRING MUSLIMS





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SABRYA CARIM

Public speaker / Scientist / Motivational speaker / PhD in Cell biology / Science editor at Springer Nature





SADAF UDDIN

Designer, creating social and climate impact through innovation and education, particularly young people

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SAFE ADAM

British-Iraqi singer and songwriter whose music is written in hopes of empowering and engaging community through the strength of Islam

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SAHRA DAHIR

Founder of Nimkkah - a Halal Wedding Planning service / London Regional Head of Events for the SYFI charity



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SALMA HUSSAIN

Management Consultant at Deloitte, specialising in Artificial Intelligence and Data / Mayor of London Identity Champion 2024 Award Winner INSPIRING





DR SALMAN WAQAR

Academic GP and founding member of BIMA, the British Islamic Medical Association – served Muslim health professionals and communities

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SAMAIRA IQBAL

First ever BAFTA Young Asian Presenter / Languages incl BSL / Undertaken charity work In Ramadan, fundraising at her school

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SARAH ARYA **FATIH**

Afghan journalist and Sky News producer, focusing on producing content related to international affairs and global issues

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SAYWAH MAHMOOD

Data Journalist at Sky News, amplifying voices and shedding light on pressing issues / untold stories and driving change





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SHABBIR MELLICK

Pharmacist independent prescriber / a multifaceted professional who wears many hats in his journey to support mental health





SHAHEEN **MAMUN**

Founder of Black Antelope Law pioneering justice / Rising Star and diversity advocate, specialising in Human Rights and Public Law







SHAHEENA UDDIN

A Gold Standard NCTJ Multimedia Journalist and founder of The Muslim Journalists Connect Network



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SHAHRYAR **KHAN**

A finance professional with experience at top investment banks and tech firms / Founded That Muslim Life addressing sector underrepresentation INSPIRING MUSLIMS





SHARIN HUSSAIN

Apprentice journalist at The Times Founded the News UK Muslim Network / A podcast host and a volunteer caseworker for Chameli UK

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SHAHZAD YOUNAS

CEO and Founder, Muzz the world's biggest Muslim Friends and Marriage app with over 10M members worldwide / Formerly career in investment banking INSPIRING MUSLIMS





TAMANNA TAZNIN

London and Nottingham based Deputy Director of Muslims in Public Policy - providing mentoring, outreach & networking







TANJIL RASHID

Journalist for Britain's top Newspapers / Producer of television current affairs programmes incl. BBC, CH4 and ITV



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TASNIM NAZEER

Journalist, TV Reporter, and Peace Ambassador, championing human rights and social justice through impactful reporting and exposes







TURAB SHAH

Co-founder of award winning London-based non-profit, Other Cinemas / making, sharing, and educating



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UNZELA KHAN SHEIKH

Race and diversity journalist - helped give platforms to migrant voices in mainstream media





YASMIN ABEDIN

Lead Product Manager at Google
Former NHS doctor / degree in
Computer Science leading Health
efforts at Google Fitbit
Published author in Al
x Healthcare
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ZAINAB **ALEMA**

British-Ghanaian Rugby Player / Founder of Studs in the Mud – raise money in Ghana for children's rugby equipment and to encourage access INSPIRING MUSLIMS





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ZAINAB ARIAN

CEO of Tower Hamlets GP Care Group / Trustee of Cycle Sisters – Role model and influencer for Muslim women in Cycling and sports



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ZAINAB MAHMOOD

Founder of South Asian sustainable fashion community Ahista Stories, and Fashion Editor of It's Freezing in LA! magazine.



ZARA MOHAMMED

First female, Scottish and youngest Secretary-General of The Muslim Council of Britain / Consultant in training Development

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ZEBA QURESHI

Head of Marketing Solutions UKI, TikTok / scaled impact and driven revenue growth across platforms like BBC, Google and TikTok / Volunteered incl Muslim Tech Fest INSPIRING MUSLIMS





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