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*"Muslim women must be visible in the feminist movement. Muslim Women's Network UK delivers this much needed balance and representation.*

Fozia Uddin, MWNUK Member

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# Trustees



In 2023, we marked two decades of the Muslim Women's Network UK. It is a source of great honour for me to have been involved in this remarkable journey since 2009.

Over the years, we have accomplished significant milestones. A personal highlight has been promoting organ donation awareness through a project dedicated to the memory of my late brother, Farhan, who sadly passed away in 2022. The initiative highlighted the crucial role that Muslim women can play in initiating conversations about a challenging topic. A special acknowledgment is owed to Baroness Shaista Gohir OBE, our founding member and current CEO, whose visionary leadership has been instrumental in steering our growth from an informal group to a national award winning charity.

Dr Iram Sattar MBE (Co-chair)



Serving as a trustee since 2011, I take great pride in being associated with the Muslim Women's Network UK. We are held in high regard by the media, by policy makers, politicians and by other charities and public bodies. We are proud to be now regarded as an authoritative voice on Muslim women in Britain. We have been thinking about the significant challenges confronting Muslim women in Britain. In light of this, we have chosen to commemorate our 20th anniversary by

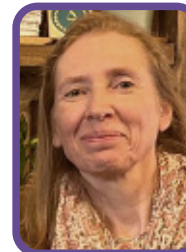
unveiling the Muslim Women's Manifesto - a call for safety, inclusion, and solidarity. We would also like to welcome our newest trustee, Ibtisam Belola, who joined us in May 2023. She brings a wealth expertise in user experience design and research across both the private and public sector.



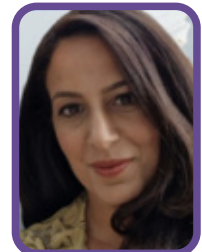
Nazmin Akthar (Co-chair)



Faeza Vaid MBE



Sophie Garner



Ibtisam Belola

# MWNUK Staff and Volunteers

- Baroness Shaista Gohir OBE **CEO**
- Shameem Hussain **Operations Director**
- Shahna Aowlad **Helpline Manager**
- Neelam Rose **Advocacy Officer**
- Rizwana Bi **Executive Assistant**
- Zeinab Abid **Communications**
- Aaliyah Gohir **Communications**
- Roukagia Afan **APPG Officer**
- Jawaher Omer **Advocacy Assistant**
- Faris Gohir **Volunteer**

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- Sumeina Hussain
- Nasseam Akhtar
- Sadia Tabassum
- Neelam Hussain
- Bibi Fatima Esakjee
- Ayesha Raja
- Shabana Mahmood
- Farah Iqbal
- Ruksana Khatun
- Shamim Akhtar
- Shanaz Akhtar
- Shazia Qureshi
- Sofina Razaq
- Umma Rahima Begum
- Mona Khan (Volunteer)



# About MWNUK

Muslim Women's Network UK (MWNUK) is a national membership charity based in Birmingham that works to improve social justice and equality for Muslim women and girls.

In August 2023, we had a board and staff away and refreshed our mission, vision, strategic objectives and actions to deliver on these. We also involved a Muslim student to provide a youth perspective.



## Vision

A society where Muslim women and girls fully utilise their rights, choices and voices.

## Mission

To achieve equality and justice for Muslim women and girls through support, education, research and advocacy.

## Strategic Objectives



### Safety

Upholding the right of Muslim Women and girls to be and feel safe.



### Inclusion

Upholding the rights of Muslim Women and girls to be and feel included.



### Solidarity

Building a solidarity movement for Muslim women and girls.

## Strategic Actions

1. Strengthen the Muslim Women's Network Helpline and Counselling Service.
2. Educate Muslim women and girls about their rights through campaigning and developing resources.
3. Challenge and change unjust policies, practices and behaviours through research and advocacy.
4. Increase membership and strengthen member engagement.
5. Develop and diversify partnerships and collaborations to maximise impact.
6. Invest in and capacity build Muslim women and girls.
7. Celebrate achievements of Muslim women and girls.



# Celebrations

In 2023 we celebrated our **20-year anniversary**



**Thank you**  
to our past and present funders, trustees, staff and volunteers who made our journey possible.

# 2003

Began as an informal group

# 2008

Became a community interest company

# 2013

Registered as a charity





# Testimonials

*"Muslim Women's Network UK ensures that the voices of Muslim women are heard. They are not just a support network but a movement for change. I am proud to work with them."*

**Caroline Nokes MP**



*"Muslim Women's Network UK treats all women with equal compassion and empathy and is non-biased."*

**Roxana Rais, Chair of Muslim Women's Advisory Council**

*"Muslim Women's Network UK continues to break ground when focussing on social justice and equality for women and girls. They dismantle barriers and foster inclusivity for those who otherwise would be left alone, disenfranchised and unable to gain support."*

**Razia Hadait, CEO of Himaya Haven**

*"They work tirelessly with passion and commitment to make a difference and improve outcomes for some of the most vulnerable women and girls in society."*

**Naz Shah MP**



*"I want my practice to be as inclusive and informed as possible, and you help me to become aware of issues I may not naturally know/understand/hear about."*

**Amber Marshall, Big Birthas**

*"MWN UK are fearless & courageous in seeking out and voicing the experiences of diverse Muslim women whose lives are steeped in inequalities both within and outside of Muslim communities. They seek out and represent these unheard voices within our communities to those in power. I am proud to be a supporter of this ground-breaking & life changing organisation."* **Zlakha Ahmed, CEO of Apna Haq**

# MWNUK ONLINE

Follow us on social media



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@Muslim Women's Network UK  
7,870 followers



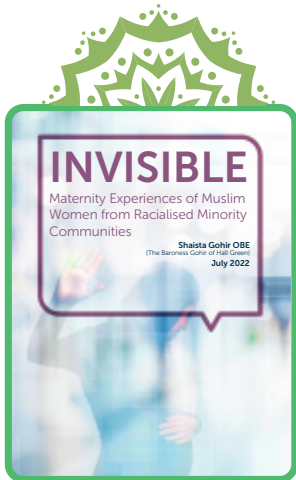
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@Muslim Women's Network UK  
445 subscribers  
@MWNTV  
234 subscribers



X  
@MuslimWomenUK  
8,596 followers



Instagram  
@muslimwomensnetworkuk  
4,315 followers  
@MWNHub  
746 followers



Our resources have been downloaded | an increase of  
**328,215 times** | **17%**

The Muslim Marriage and divorce booklet continues to be the most downloaded resource at **55,000 times**



TYPE OF MWNUK RESOURCE	DOWNLOADS UNTIL DECEMBER 2022	DOWNLOADS UNTIL DECEMBER 2023
Annual reports	17,046	20,426
Consultation reports	54,845	62,973
Evaluation reports	6,445	7,900
Information booklets	101,061	118,716
Media statements	72,582	82,929
Research	28,417	35,271
<b>Total</b>	<b>280,396</b>	<b>328,215</b>

# MWN HUB

[www.mwnhub.com](http://www.mwnhub.com)



The MWN Hub is a space for members to express their views and share notices of events or promote their own initiatives.



To receive updates from MWNUK, you can register on the platform [www.mwnhub.com/register](http://www.mwnhub.com/register)



## Read

**Health**  
**Q&A With Dr Nighat Arif: The Knowledge!**  
 Dr Nighat Arif, a Muslim GP who has just released her book 'The Knowledge', has kindly collaborated with us on a Q&A blog about her career.

MWNHub 20/10/2023

**Arts, Culture & Heritage**  
**Mothers and Daughters; Stories of Heritage by Muslim Women**  
 As part of South Asian Heritage Month (SAHM), I bring you the stories of our women folk...

Ushrah 01/10/2023

**Politics**  
**Muslim Women Mayors of 2023-2024!**  
 It is lovely to see Muslim women representation in such influential positions!

Aaliyah 25/10/2023

**Lifestyle**  
**The Safest Destinations Every Solo Muslimah Traveller Should Visit**  
 The safest countries for solo Muslimah to explore while enjoying the world!

MuslimTravelKit 22/10/2023

**FAITH & SPIRITUALITY**  
**History of Muslim Women Reciting Quran**  
 This video explains how Muslim women are reviving long lost traditions of reciting the Quran in public.

MWN TV 01/01/2023

**WORLD (Third Party Content)**  
**Justice and Beauty in Muslim Marriage Seminar**  
 Panelists in the seminar discuss insights from 'Justice and Beauty in Muslim Marriage: Towards Egalitarian Ethics and Law'.

MWN TV 20/10/2023

**HEALTH**  
**Taking Care of Your Mental Health & Emotional Wellbeing**  
 Khudija Sattar discusses the importance of caring for your wellbeing in a holistic way.

MWN TV 06/10/2023

## Watch

**Health and Wellbeing**  
**Polycystic Ovarian Syndrome (PCOS) Awareness Month 2023 - BE PCOS AWARE**  
 Dr Iram Sattar (GP & Co-Chair of MWNUK) explains the importance of being Polycystic Ovarian Syndrome (PCOS) aware this PCOS Awareness Month.

Ushrah

## Listen

# MWN HELPLINE

[www.mwnhelpline.co.uk](http://www.mwnhelpline.co.uk)

 **0800 999 5786** (free from landlines and mobile phones)

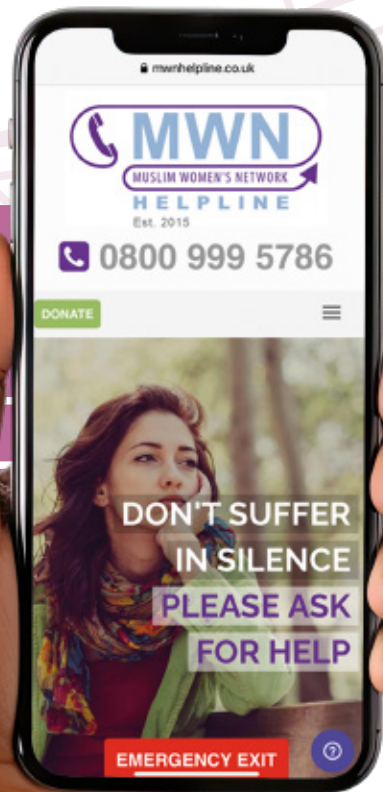
 **07415 206 936**

 **info@mwnhelpline.co.uk**

 **www.mwnhelpline.co.uk**

**Open Monday - Friday (10am-4pm)**

All messages and calls received outside of opening hours will be responded to as soon as possible during opening hours.



*"I wanted to express my gratitude for the frequent calls from the MWN team, checking on my situation and that of my children. Your support has been invaluable to me during this difficult time."*

*"I genuinely appreciate every single help you offered and I feel so empowered having you on my side while all my family and most of my friends were against me and my decision."*

*"I'll always remember you in my prayers and recommend you to every woman I come across who needs support just like I did."*

*"I have become a very strong and powerful woman now."*

2023 DATA

**1,473**

Individuals helped

Number of times contacted

**3,800**

**409**

Counselling sessions provided

Some of the issues we are called about

- Anxiety / Depression
- Bereavement
- Coercive control
- Domestic abuse
- Economic abuse
- Forced marriage
- Honour base abuse
- Sexual abuse
- Stalking
- Suicidal thoughts
- Tech facilitated abuse

*"We are so grateful for the incredible support from MWN. As you know, we asked for assistance in relation to two of our women clients, both extremely vulnerable who had been stranded abroad by their husbands."* Islington Law Centre



Helpline Data Dashboard

Our helpline statistics can be accessed on our data dashboard which also allows searches broken down by demographics



# PROJECTS

## Wellbeing Walking Project

We completed a 12-month walking project in September 2023 to help reduce the negative impact of inactivity and to improve health and wellbeing particularly of Muslim women.



Volunteer walk leaders **22** | Walking participants **210** | Age range **17-79**

Walks completed **331** | Locations **8 cities (66 green spaces)**



### Testimonials

*"I found this to be a very beneficial group because I am interested in improving my health but find it difficult to find time for exercise."*

*"It's not only a physical activity but also spiritual connection with other like-minded women. We have shared our love, our passion, our desires, our thoughts on all types of things."*

*"I found myself bonding with a group of Muslim sisters from all walks of life. It took away from feeling loneliness and the stress of daily life made me think clearly."*

*"I was 3 months postpartum when I joined the walk, my fitness level wasn't brilliant and it was the first bit of exercise I started to do. It definitely helped with a gradual return to exercise."*

*"I feel good to be a part of a group who is doing something positive to our mental and physical health."*

## Organ Donation Project



Sadly, in December 2022, Dr. Iram Sattar (Co-Chair of MWNUK) lost her younger brother while he was waiting for a heart transplant. Farhan Sattar was aged 43 and leaves behind a wife and four children.

The organ donation project is therefore dedicated to Farhan and raised awareness about organ donation including the Islamic perspectives. We believe Muslim women can play a key role in having these conversations. The project resulted in 10 small coffee morning events and two online events, blogs and online recorded content including one video sharing Farhan's story which will be promoted in 2024.

People from Black, Asian, Mixed or Other minority ethnic backgrounds have to wait longer for an organ transplant due to low number of people from these communities registered as organ donors.

**18%** on the organ transplant waiting list were of Asian heritage but only made up **3%** of the deceased donors (2021-22).

**10%** of people on the organ donation waiting list were of Black heritage but only made up **2%** of the deceased donors (2021-22).

**Organ Donation Webinar**  
Tuesday 10th December 2023

HEALTH

Organ Donation Webinar - Tuesday 10th December 2023

We hosted an informative webinar with guest speakers who discussed their own experiences with organ donation.

MWNUK TV 19/12/2023

**ORGAN DONATION & MUSLIM WOMEN**

"WE ARE MORE REACTIVE AS A COMMUNITY THAN PROACTIVE"

HEALTH

Organ Donation and Muslim Women

MWNUK hosted an online talk on 'Islam & Organ Donation - Muslim women share their experiences' on 22nd November 2023.

MWNUK TV 06/12/2023

*We would like to thank Mehvish Goheer for sharing her young daughter's story who had a successful kidney transplant.*

HEALTH

**How Organ Donation Saved my Mum**

It made me rethink the concept of donation, and I personally have now registered as an organ donor knowing first hand what it means...

MWNUK TV 15/11/2023

# CAMPAIGNS



## Muslim Marriages in Britain - Know Your Rights

Approximately **25%** of women who contact the MWN Helpline about marriage and divorce are not in a legally recognised marriage (i.e. nikah only in the UK with no additional civil marriage).

We therefore produced a short video to raise awareness about the importance of being in a legally recognised marriage and the consequences of not being in one when a marriage breaks down.





## Women of Colour in Politics



In June 2023, we partnered with Centenary Action Group to hold an event in the House of Lords to encourage more women of colour to become councillors and MPs. Women shared their experiences and aspirations. The tips that emerged were published in a blog on the MWN Hub.



## Campaign Letter - Let cyberflashing legislation protect victims

On 15 May, Muslim Women's Network UK signed a joint letter with Bumble, Refuge and Grazia UK, which was published in the Telegraph. The letter called for the cyberflashing clauses in the Online Safety Bill to be strengthened.

"We welcome legislation against cyberflashing. However, we believe this Bill does not do enough to protect victims. If a consent-based approach to cyberflashing isn't included in the Bill, women will continue to feel unsafe, violated and vulnerable in both online and offline spaces."

# Islamophobia Awareness Month



On 14 November, Muslim Women's Network UK partnered with Afzal Khan MP, Muslim Council of Britain and Amnesty International to mark Islamophobia Awareness in parliament. MPs across the main political parties dropped in where MWNK staff informed them about the Muslim Women's manifesto actions, especially around safety



There are a series of worrying social attitudes about Muslims:

- 33% Believe that equal opportunities have gone far when it comes to Muslims
- 43% Concerned if a mosque is built near them
- 47% Would not be willing to accept Muslims as members of their family (the worst figure in Europe after Italy)

#IAM2023



# Muslim Women's Manifesto

To mark our 20-year anniversary, we published a Muslim Women's Manifesto, which converts our strategic objectives to three calls to action:

## Muslim women want

**SAFETY**

**INCLUSION**

**SOLIDARITY**

for Muslim women and girls.

The manifesto which can also be downloaded from our website shares advice on:

- how Muslim women can join the movement, mobilise and take their own actions
- how power holders in every sector can respond and be more supportive of Muslim women and girls

SAFETY	INCLUSION	SOLIDARITY
<p><b>MANIFESTO ASK</b> Create environments where Muslim women and girls are safe and feel safe when accessing services, in the workplace, on public transport, in public spaces and online.</p> <p><b>ACTIONS REQUIRED</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Amplify the experiences of discrimination to create more awareness about the impact of hate.</li> <li>• Improve cultural intelligence and establish anti-Islamophobic, anti-racist, and anti-xenophobic practices.</li> <li>• Promote complaints and reporting mechanisms, make them accessible and act upon concerns.</li> </ul>	<p><b>MANIFESTO ASK</b> Provide environments where Muslim women and girls are valued, respected, able to be their authentic selves and experience equal rights and opportunities.</p> <p><b>ACTIONS REQUIRED</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Embed values of inclusion, respect, dignity and fairness into organisational structures.</li> <li>• Have enabling policies and practices that ensure: equitable access to services, opportunities and human rights; involvement in decision making, and representation in leadership roles.</li> <li>• Collect equality monitoring data, make it accessible and act upon it.</li> </ul>	<p><b>MANIFESTO ASK</b> Demonstrate an informed, empathetic and visible allyship towards Muslim women and girls.</p> <p><b>ACTIONS REQUIRED</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recognise and celebrate the contributions and achievements of Muslim women and girls.</li> <li>• Challenge biases and stereotypes of Muslim women and girls and condemn racism and Islamophobia.</li> <li>• Create an enabling environment by supporting their wellbeing and investing in them through training, mentoring, partnerships, in kind support and funding.</li> </ul>

# ADVOCACY

## APPG on Muslim Women

To support social justice and equality for Muslim women and transform their lives by debating, scrutinising, investigating and raising awareness of issues affecting them to influence practice, policy, legislation and attitudes.

**APPG Officers** elected in January 2023

- **Naz Shah MP** (Labour) - Co-Chair
- **Caroline Nokes MP** (Conservatives) - Co-Chair
- **Afzal Khan MP** (Labour) - Vice Chair
- **Baroness Pola Uddin** (Non-Political) - Vice Chair
- **Baroness Sayeeda Warsi** (Conservative) - Vice Chair
- **Tahir Ali** (Labour) - Vice Chair
- **Baroness Shaista Gohir OBE** (Cross bench) - Officer
- **Jess Phillips MP** (Labour) - Officer
- **Baroness Hussein-Ece** (Liberal Democrats) - Officer
- **Mark Logan MP** (Conservatives) - Officer
- **Anum Qaisar MP** (SNP) - Officer
- **Sir Peter Bottomley** (Conservative) - Officer
- **Lord Qurban Hussain** (Liberal Democrats) - Officer
- **Lord Wajid Khan** (Labour) - Officer
- **Kim Leadbeater** (Labour) - Officer
- **Imran Hussain** (Labour) - Officer



## Muslim Women on the Move (January 2023)

The theme of the APPG event in January 2023 was Muslim Women on the Move. Three inspirational women shared their stories: Sehr Akbar (Strategy and Operations, Facebook), Atikah Amalina Zaini (Senior Programme Manager, Amazon) and Kamila Sidiqi (Afghan Entrepreneur and former Afghanistan Government Official).



## Supporting Refugee Women (July 2023)



The APPG hosted the 'Balqis Initiative' (Muslim women in public life) with the Three Hijabis and Mary and the Salon. The event celebrated the achievements of migrant and refugee women.

## Muslim Women's Advisory Group

The Muslim Women's Advisory Group of 12 women was launched on the 31st January 2023 to help to inform the work of Muslim Women's Network UK. The members act in their independent capacity and provide additional insights into how attitudes, policies, practices and laws may be adversely impacting the lives of Muslim women and girls. In May 2023, Ibtisam Belola left the group to join the MWNUK board as a trustee.



Further information about our advisory group members can be found at [www.mwnuk.co.uk/muslim-womens-advisory-group](http://www.mwnuk.co.uk/muslim-womens-advisory-group)



## Consultation Responses

- **Impact of the Rising Cost of Living on Women Inquiry** (Women and Equalities Committee) Nov 2023
- **Sexual Offence Prosecutions Consultation** (Law Commission) Sept 2023
- **Escalation of Violence against Women and Girls Inquiry** (Women and Equalities Committee) Sept 2023
- **Women's Reproductive Health** (Women and Equalities Committee) Sept 2023
- **Victims and Prisoners Bill** (Joint Committee on Human Rights) July 2023

# STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

## MET Police

We sent a joint letter with the Fawcett Society, Runnymede Trust and Agenda Alliance, to Sir Mark Rowley, Commissioner of the MET Police, which resulted in a meeting with him.

We raised concerns about how the police were tackling violence against women and girls.



## Leader of the House of Commons



A round table meeting was hosted by Penny Mordaunt which Muslim Women's Network UK attended to discuss what more Parliament can do as an institution to support women both domestically and internationally.

## Judges Handbook

MWNUK were asked to provide feedback on areas where a Judges Handbook, The Equal Treatment Bench Book (ETBB), could be strengthened. The handbook helps judges to understand the different circumstances of people appearing in courts and tribunals. We made a number of recommendations.

## Law Commission Law Commission Reforming the law

A meeting was held with the Law Commission to discuss financial remedies in divorce. This provided an opportunity to share experiences of the financial hardship that some Muslim women experience when going through a divorce and the barriers they face.

## Maternity and VAWG Stakeholder Engagement

MWNUK engages with a range of stakeholders to raise awareness of maternity inequalities and VAWG. Some of these include:

- Birmingham Council VAWG
- Birmingham Midwifery Group
- CPS stakeholder group
- College of Policing DA Group
- DA Commissioner engagement
- DA Stakeholder hosted by MET
- Faith and VAWG Coalition
- Forced Marriage Unit
- Hate Crime Working Group - London Mayor
- HBA Stakeholder hosted MET police
- Independent Police Conduct Authority
- NHS England Maternity Service Users Equality Group
- NHS Race Observatory - Neonatal Working Group
- Tommys and Sand Maternity Consortium
- VAWG Working Group London Mayors Office

## Events

MWNUK Advocacy Officer, Neelam Rose spoke at the **Fawcett AGM on Women in Public Life**.



### Iftar event

Co-Chair, Dr Iram Sattar attended an iftar event hosted by Archbishop, Justin Welby.



### Pro Bono Economics

Co-Chair, Dr Iram Sattar, spoke at an event about women working and volunteering in the charity sector

# IN PARLIAMENT



In her role as a Crossbench Peer, MWN UK CEO, Baroness Shaista Gohir, has asked questions and has spoken on a range of debates and Bills going through parliament.

Some of these have included:

- **Afghan Women and Girls (question)**  
Jan 2023
- **Hate Crime (question)**  
April 2023
- **Online Safety Bill**  
May 2023
- **Illegal Migration Bill**  
May, June and July 2023
- **Israel – Gaza (debate)**  
Oct 2023
- **Mental health (Kings Speech debate)**  
Nov 2023
- **Victim's Bill**  
Dec 2023
- **Home-schooling and safeguarding (question)**  
Dec 2023



## Gaza

During the debate she condemned the collective punishment of innocent Palestinian civilians and raised concerns about the misinformation being used to suppress legitimate expressions of solidarity with them.



## Illegal Migration

During the various stages of the bill she raised concerns about the proposed indefinite detention of pregnant migrant women. She along with Baroness Lister, Baroness Sugg and Bishop of Gloucester successfully managed to challenge the government and persuaded the House of Lords to maintain the 72-hour time limit that had existed previously. This amendment will protect pregnant women and their unborn babies from the harms of indefinite detention.



# INTERNATIONAL

## Saudi Human Rights Commission Delegation

(Sept 2023)

Muslim Women's Network UK hosted a delegation from the Saudi Human Rights Commission, which included its President Dr. Hala Al-Tuwaijri.



A roundtable discussion was held in the House of Lords. The rights of Muslim women both in the UK and Saudi Arabia were discussed.

## COP28 Fringe Event UAE (Dec 2023)



MWNUK CEO Baroness Gohir was a guest speaker at a fringe event during the COP28 Climate Change Conference hosted by the Global Citizen Forum where she spoke about what it means to be a global citizen particularly emphasising the lack of empathy amongst world leaders today.

## Doha Forum

Qatar (Dec 2023)

MWNUK CEO Baroness Gohir attended the Doha Forum, which is a global platform that brings together leaders from different fields to discuss the pressing issues facing the world such as security, climate change, women's health, human rights, AI and data.

However, a key theme during the two days was the Gaza situation. Baroness Gohir along with Baroness Warsi, Naz Shah MP and Lord Purvis had a meeting with HE Lolwah Al Khater, Assistant Foreign Minister of Qatar to discuss the ongoing situation.



*Note: Charity funds were not used for any international engagements.*

# MEDIA ENGAGEMENT

## Print, Online and TV

Some of the news pieces and articles where MWNUK have commented or have been mentioned:

### The Asian Connect

1 February 2023

MWNUK launches the Muslim Women's Advisory Group

### Sky News

11 April 2023

Muslim groups urge Suella Braverman to withdraw 'irresponsible and divisive' grooming gang comments

### GEO TV

12 April 2023

Unprecedented condemnation of UK Home Secretary's racist anti-Pakistan rhetoric

### Eastern Eye

18 April 2023

Maternal healthcare: MPs slam 'appalling' racial disparities among blacks and Asians

### Huffington Post

20 April 2023

Suella Braverman considered posing as Radio caller to defend herself against racism accusations

### The Muslim News

21 April 2023

Home Secretary faces unprecedented condemnation over "racist rhetoric" targeting British-Pakistanis

### The Northern Echo

5 May 2023

Womble Bond Dickinson's Nazmin Akhtar receives volunteering award

### The British Medical Journal

12 May 2023

Ethnic inequities in maternal health

### The Law Society Gazette

26 June 2023

Network to empower South Asian women in law

### Charity Digital

29 November 2023

How charities are tackling suicide risk

### British Muslim Magazine

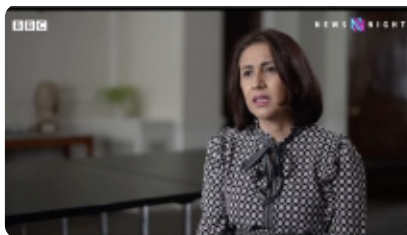
23 November 2023

Nikaah Marriages and Their Impact on Women

### BBC News and BBC Newsnight

22 June 2023

Arthur's Seat killer told wife to stop being like a 'British woman'

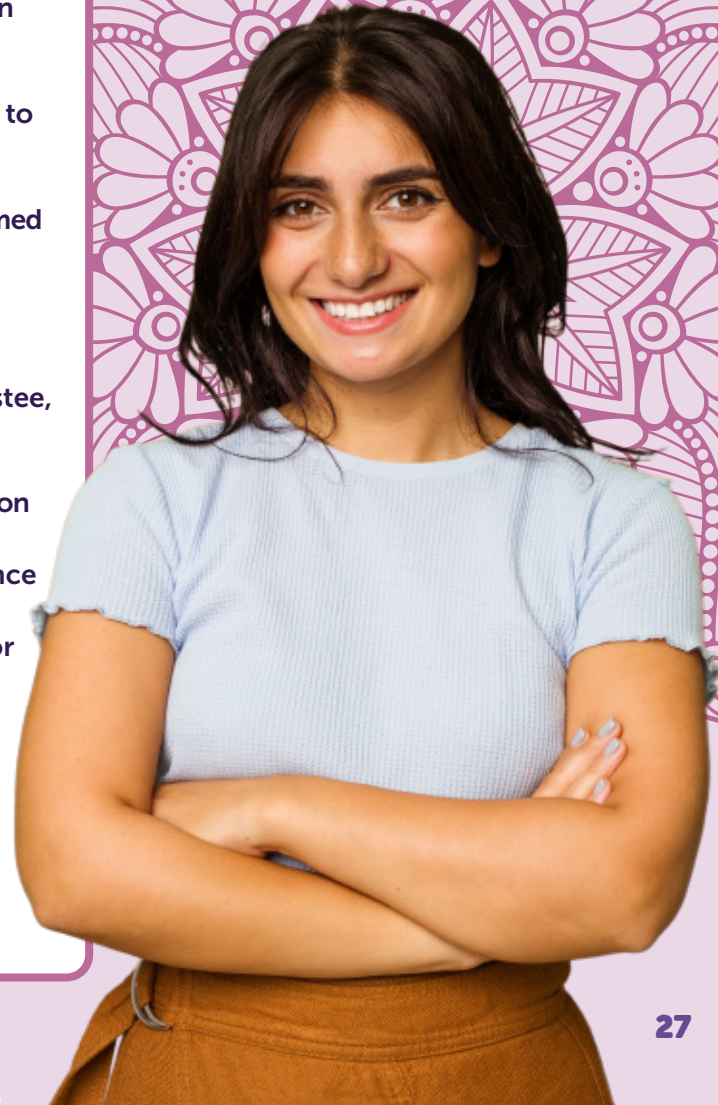


The impact of coercive control & manipulation in abusive relationships was highlighted, particularly in reference to Fawziyah Javed's domestic femicide case. Fawziyah was a member of Muslim Women's Network UK and had previously been a volunteer.

## Media Statements

The following media statements were issued which are available to download on our website:

- **MWNUK launch Muslim Women's Advisory Group**  
31 January 2023
- **Shamima Begums citizenship should not have been removed**  
22 February 2023
- **The Muslim Women's Advisory Group is not linked to Baroness Cox**  
6 March 2023
- **Fawziyah Javed: Guilty verdict of her murder welcomed but sentences for femicide need toughening**  
6 April 2023
- **Muslim Women's Network UK 20 Year Anniversary**  
6 May 2023
- **Muslim Women's Network UK announces new trustee, Ibtisam Belola**  
15 May 2023
- **Muslim Women to Raise Awareness of Organ Donation**  
20 May 2023
- **Another attack on the rights of Muslim girls in France**  
6 September 2023
- **Sara Sharif's death raises safeguarding concerns for home schooled children**  
5 October 2023
- **Muslim Women's Network UK Calls for Peace**  
17 October 2023
- **An Open Letter on the Situation in Gaza**  
23 November 2023
- **MWNUK Response to the Autumn Budget**  
2023



# FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND ACCOUNTS

	2023 (£)	2022 (£)
<b>INCOME</b>		
Voluntary Income (grants and donations)*	369,706	432,976
Activities Generating Funds	4,623	7,217
Investment Income (Interest Receivable)	0	0
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>374,329</b>	<b>440,193</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
Cost of Running Charitable Activities	362,241	364,447
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>362,241</b>	<b>364,447</b>
<b>RESERVES</b>		
Retained Surplus for the Financial Year	12,088	75,746
Total Reserves Brought Forward	212,554	136,808
<b>Total Reserves Carried Forward**</b>	<b>224,642</b>	<b>212,554</b>

\* Of the £369,706 voluntary income, £5412 is donations.

\*\* Of the £224,642 reserves, £102,980 is restricted.

# OUR SUPPORTERS



Thank you to all of the organisations that have provided grants and the individuals who have made donations which make our work possible.



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# Help Us



There are many different ways you can support **MWNUK** so we can continue.

## Make a Donation

As a registered national charity (1155092) your donations go a long way. You can:

- Donate by via PayPal  
Go to [www.mwnuk.co.uk](http://www.mwnuk.co.uk) and click DONATE.
- Donate by Cheque  
Make cheque payable to:  
Muslim Women's Network UK  
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## Fundraise

There are many way you could fundraise for MWNUK, the MWN Helpline, or the Hardship Fund:

### Organise an Event

You could raise funds by organising a local charity dinner, bake sale, or show.

### Do a Sponsored Activity

You could try something new, have fun and carry out a range of activities such as marathons, fun runs, cycle races, mountain climbing, sky diving etc. and get people to sponsor you!

## Spread the Word

Help spread the word about our work:

- MWNUK
- The MWN Helpline
- The MWN Hub

### You can raise awareness through:

- Sharing and using our work
- Disseminating our resources
- Inviting others to join in
- Connecting and sharing on Social Media

If you are interested please email [contact@mwnuk.co.uk](mailto:contact@mwnuk.co.uk)





## Member Comments

*"I am proud of what you do. Really proud. Thank you for existing, making time to think and listen to the women of our community."* **Sultana Begum**

*"MWNUK is data driven and also connects and advocates for women through the APPG on Muslim Women."* **Iram Woolley**

*"I have been a member for over 12 years and I have observed how MWNUK has made a significant impact on people's lives on diverse issues. The organisation's commitment to equality also extends beyond religious boundaries and gender."*  
**Nadia Ilyas, Member**

*"Muslim Women's Network UK plays a crucial role in educating the public and stakeholders about the issues faced by Muslim women leading to greater understanding, empathy and positive changes that benefit Muslim women."*  
**Hajji Laird Mostafa M Karim**



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