

YORKSHIRE CHAMPIONS GROUP



Faiza Ali

Magistrate (sworn in 2009)
Double Post graduate in Bar and LPC
LLB (Hons) Degree Mediation

Background Information:

Since juvenile years I have resided in Bradford.

I was the youngest Muslim magistrate in the country in 2009. It is almost 10 years since I was sworn in and unfortunately I have only seen risen crime. Over the past years I believe that the issue is due to a lack of education.

My passion is to encourage people to educate themselves. The focus is to raise awareness on the importance of education in society, children, our lives, women and all adults.

I believe education is fundamental, as it develops personality of the people, provides physical and mental standards and transforms people's living status, or constructs in nature which constructs our future forever.

Having education promotes good habits and awareness about corruption, crime, and other social issues in the society.

We all take birth in the same manner and on the same planet, we are not different to anyone and no one is born intelligent as intelligence is nurtured.

I want everyone to believe that they can be what they want to be and that is despite their sex, age or ethnicity.

I am currently working on my new project for the children within the community and gaining relevant qualifications to carry out my research effectively.

Sectors worked in and routes taken:

Magistrate (sworn in at Bradford Magistrates Court in December 2009)

Review detailed evidence and hear evidence represented by both crown prosecutor and defendants or defence lawyers. I make decisions on warrants, bail applications, mode of trial, Newton hearings, trials and sentencing. I ensure that an effective relationship is maintained with lay magistrates and also comply with Magistrates Judicial Council Guidelines, considering both the evidential burden and interest of justice to deliver agreed decision. I undergo training regularly to keep up to date with implementing law.

DLG Legal Services October 2014 – August 2021

Panel Member at Youth Offending Team, Bradford, September 2008 - July 2009

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Meetings with young offenders to explain the consequences of non-compliance with the contract agreed. Established when appropriate, whether the juvenile should be returned to court for a formal review of their order.

Senior Mediator at Community Accord, Bradford, July 2007 - July 2009

Leading agreements and negotiations associated with the role of a mediation service. Resolving disputes between parties with concrete effects and assisting them to negotiate a settlement.

Judicial Marshalling at Crown Court, Bradford June 2009

This experience gave a unique 'bird's eye view' of the legal system. I was fortunate enough to have the opportunity to sit in two murder trials.

Advocate at Advocacy Support Ltd, Leeds, March 2009

Provided advocacy for those people that struggle to make the best of the services they are entitled to i.e carers, elders, people with disabilities, victims of domestic violence and/or financial abuse.

Case Researcher at Manuel Bravo Project, Leeds, July 2008-March 2009

President of Student Law Society, Leeds Law School, Leeds September 2007-July 2008

What I would like to get involved in: (please tick)

Inspirational Talk	Visits to my place of work	Mentoring / Coaching young people	Other (please state)
✓	✓	✓	Assist to write articles for T&A to show the work carried out by The Community Champions and the benefits of the same.