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My Volunteering Journey with Voice of Islam

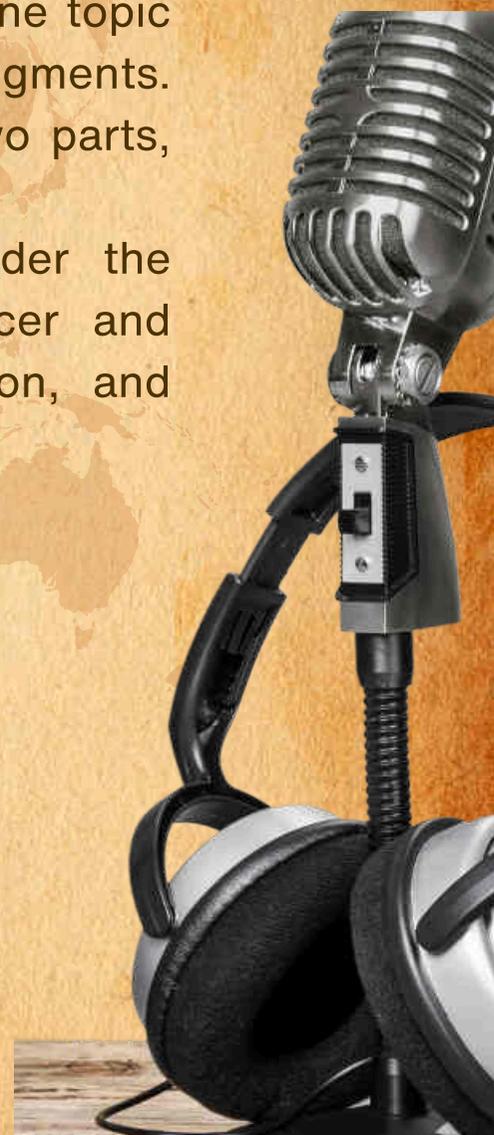
My name is Rubab Zafar, and I am a new convert to the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community.

Following my conversion, I felt a strong desire to serve the community and contribute in a meaningful way. This led me to Voice of Islam (VOI), a UK-based Islamic radio station run by the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community. Voice of Islam aims to promote peace, understanding, and informed discussion by presenting Islamic perspectives on contemporary issues through radio broadcasting.

I became involved with Voice of Islam because I strongly believe in community service and wanted to contribute my time and skills to something purposeful. The values and mission of VOI closely aligned with my own, which motivated me to join as a volunteer.

My **official role** was Trainee Producer for the Thursday Breakfast Show. The Breakfast Show is a flagship morning programme that discusses current affairs and everyday topics, presenting them through an Islamic lens. As a co-producer, I produced one topic each month, whether the show consisted of one or two segments. In one-segment shows, the content was divided into two parts, and

I independently co-produced one part. I worked under the guidance of Lead Producer, alongside my co-producer and mentor, and supported researchers, guest coordination, and interviews as part of my producer responsibilities.



Rather than one specific **memorable moment**, the most meaningful part of my volunteering experience was the learning process itself gaining hands-on exposure to radio production, research, teamwork, and live programme preparation.

Through volunteering at Voice of Islam, I developed and **strengthened key skills** including communication, teamwork, organisation, leadership, and problem-solving. Working with people from diverse backgrounds improved my confidence, empathy, and ability to understand different perspectives.

For anyone **considering volunteering with Voice of Islam**, especially new converts like myself, my advice is to step forward with an open heart and a willingness to learn. You do not need to have all the skills from the start sincerity, consistency, and a genuine desire to serve matter most. Volunteering with VOI is not only about giving your time; it is about learning, serving the community, seeking the pleasure of Allah Subhanahu wa Ta'ala, and contributing for the sake of our beloved Huzoor. It is also about personal growth, building meaningful connections, and being part of something that positively impacts the Muslim community. My experience as a new convert has shown me that volunteering is a wonderful way to learn, integrate, and give back to the community while growing in faith.

