



*Photo Caption: Amina Omid Khorasani, a recent graduate and Farkhunda Trust scholar, in the Ghour province raising awareness on the upcoming elections.*



**For Afghan Women's  
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# **2017/18 ANNUAL REPORT**

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# CHAIRPERSON'S MESSAGE

We are delighted to present the 2017 Annual Report for the Farkhunda Trust.

The Farkhunda Trust continues to grow from strength to strength, with invaluable support from our members, FT ambassadors, the Afghan diaspora, committed and passionate volunteers, trustees and all stakeholders who are advocates for women's rights and the right to an education. We all share common values in that we are dedicated to providing access to higher education to Afghan women who would not otherwise have had this opportunity.

Our scholars have proven how much lives can be improved through encouragement and freedom of choice. They have demonstrated the ability to empower oneself to excel in life which continued education provides.

The Farkhunda Trust was born out of a tragic and horrific event which raised international awareness of the fact that violence against women remains a huge threat to women all over the world. There are many drivers behind the barriers to women's rights and access to education, including poverty and social or religious mores.

There is much more work that we need to do to address these barriers, and the Farkhunda Trust will continue to build partnerships with higher education institutions in Afghanistan. These institutions not only share our vision of empowering women through education, but also, by collaborating with us to provide mentoring and support to our current and future scholars, they help build women's confidence and equip them to realise their dreams.

As Chair of the Board of the Farkhunda Trust I would like to extend our appreciation and heartfelt gratitude to our donors - V-Day, The Tides Foundation, St. Catherine's School Bramley and the Afghan community. We also greatly appreciate the support of the Embassy of Afghanistan in London, for helping to create the stepping stone, through political will and commitment, of what will grow and flourish into an important vehicle for many marginalised and vulnerable women, who now have renewed hope and new opportunities to live the lives that they choose, rather than the lives they were born into.

Final thanks must be made to the Executive Team and our Director Rahela Sidiqi, who not only work tirelessly to raise awareness of the work that the Farkhunda Trust is doing, but without whom we would not have seen such a small, young organisation making the huge strides in the field of supporting women's education in Afghanistan, which we all remain committed to.

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Kamini Paul  
Chair of the Farkhunda Trust  
18 October 2018

# OUR STORY



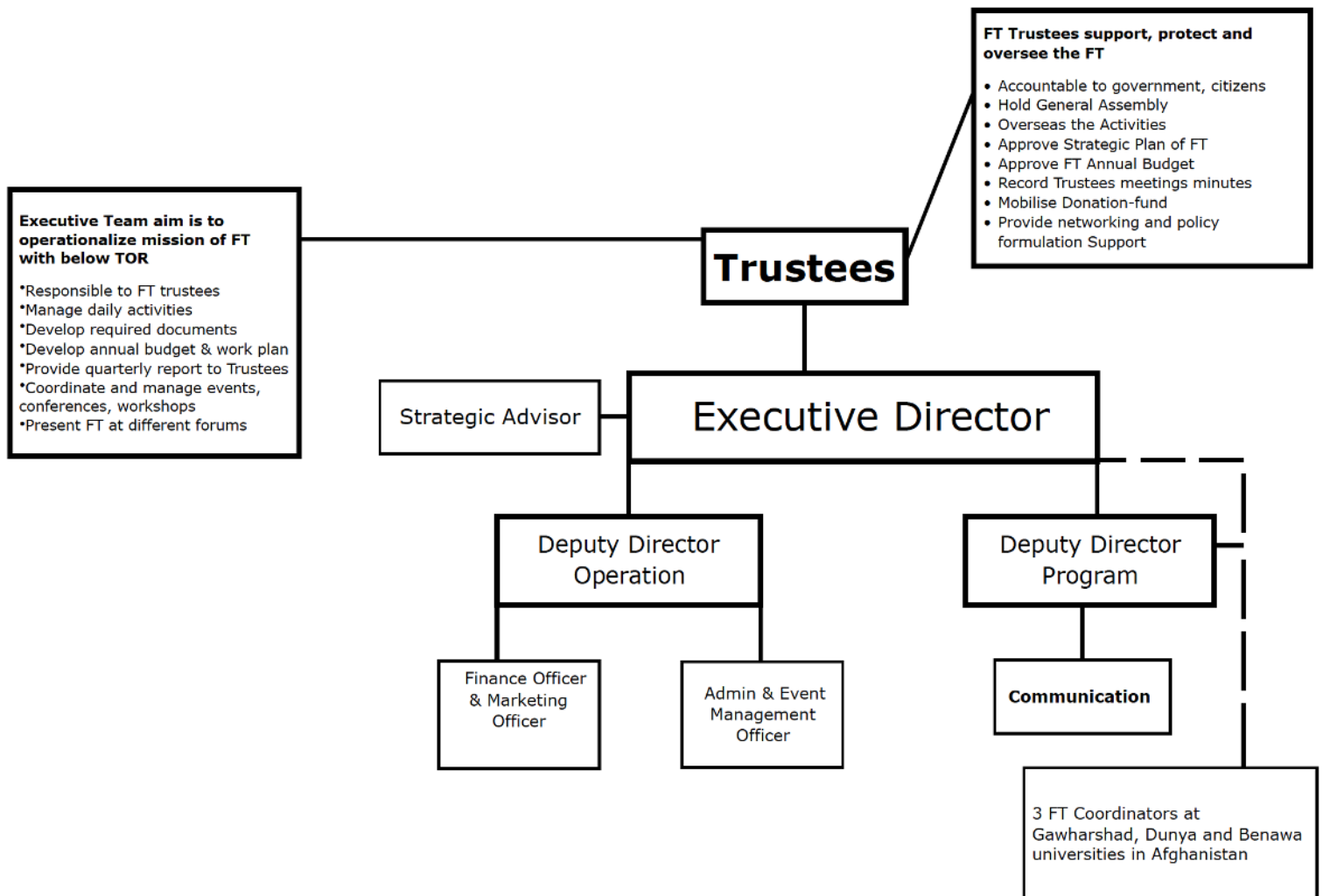
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# OUR STORY

## Our Mission

The Farkhunda Trust's mission is to provide university and higher education scholarships, mentorship and access to global and local professional networks to young Afghan women from disadvantaged backgrounds who are committed to building a future where women are full participants and leaders in society. By growing a community of educated young women committed to improving the lives of women in Afghanistan, the Farkhunda Trust envisages a society that respects the rights of women to engage fully in the social, political and economic arenas of Afghanistan.

## Our Structure



# OUR STORY

## Who was Farkhunda Malikzada?



On 19 March 2015, Farkhunda was on her way to her Quran class when she became involved in an altercation with a street vendor. When Farkhunda refused to purchase a taweez (a religious trinket with inscriptions from the Quran), the street vendor accused her of blasphemy, an accusation that provoked a horrifying mob lynching, which was caught on camera.

*“When our daughter left the house that day, who could imagine that something like this would happen?” says Farkhunda’s mother. “Our daughter was a good person, a good Muslim and she didn’t deserve this, no one does.”*

The Farkhunda Trust was founded by Afghan women’s rights activist, Rahela H. Sidiqi. Rahela is determined to improve the situation of women in Afghanistan following the tragic death of Farkhunda. Systematic discrimination restricts women’s access to education at all levels but there is a particular disparity in higher education. Hence, the Farkhunda Trust aims to open pathways for Afghan women to pursue their university education through scholarships. The selection criteria specifically targets academically talented girls with vulnerable backgrounds and financial difficulties.

# OUR STORY

## Our Core Values

- A commitment to assisting talented but vulnerable women to achieve their full potential
- The efficient and effective mobilization of resources with transparent results that are based on their achievements

*“I would like Afghan girls to be educated to enable thousands of Farkhunda’s to defend Afghan women’s rights.”*  
(Farkhunda Malikzada’s mother, Hajera Bibi, March 2016)

The Farkhunda Trust was constituted as a charity by trust deed in February 2016. An experienced and committed Board of Trustees, with a wide range of skills, governs it. Rahela H. Sidiqi is the Trust’s Founding Director.

The Board, together with the Director and an Executive Committee, make all major decisions regarding strategy, policies and finance. Meetings of the Board are convened every six months to address strategic issues and review operational activities.

Over the past 30 months, the Farkhunda Trust has been staffed exclusively by volunteers in the areas of fundraising, finance management, communications and strategic advice, as well as coaching and mentoring of its scholars. In addition to the volunteers, two Kabul based coordinators receive salaries currently paid for by the Trust’s institutional partners, Gawharshad Institute of Higher Education and Dunya University. The Farkhunda Trust signed a new MOA with Benawa University in Kandahar.



# OUR ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE



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In our third year of operation, we set out five key objectives for the 2017/2018 financial year. These were:

## 1. To build capacity with our partner institutions through networking and promotion of joint efforts.

During 2017, the Farkhunda Trust (FT) undertook a variety of activities to continue the growing outreach and impact of the organization. Importantly, we held two meetings with all the Trustees, where we welcomed four new trustees with expertise in program operations, finance, media and academia, respectively.

Furthermore, we hosted the Annual General Meeting of 2016/2017 for the Trust at the Houses of Parliament in November of 2017 and submitted the Trust's annual narrative and financial report to the charity commission.



Last year also saw the Trust's Executive Director engage in many speaking events, including at the St. Catherine's School Bramley, Oxford University, Westminster University, and at the Community church in west London.

Likewise, extensive work has been undertaken with colleagues, educators, FT ambassadors and volunteers to: assess new scholars; develop a relationship with another potential partner university in Kandahar; and engage young volunteers in London and Canada to help fundraise and advocate on behalf of the organization.

# OUR ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

As an organization built on the time and commitment of volunteers and ambassadors, we have identified even more supporters for increasing civic and community engagement. To this end, we have conducted several meetings at universities, in parliament, and within the Afghan communities with the support of FT ambassadors and the management team. Ambassadors and volunteers held activities such as charity runs, film and photography festivals and have promoted our organization on social media. We have had great support from Afghan Voice Radio, the Embassy of Afghanistan, the Afghan Social Club cricket team, Ashiyana and Kabul restaurant/Kabul Salon and our other Ambassadors. And lastly, in terms of organizational development, the FT developed a work plan for 2018 and a strategy to upgrade the public engagement and promote the social media engagement. Likewise, mentoring and fundraising strategies, and structure of the trust were revised and approved by the trustees.



## 2. To continue to fund scholarships to thirteen young Afghan women in need.

Through intense fundraising efforts by our Director, Trustees, and volunteers, we were able to secure resources to grant the continuation of our scholarships to our thirteen existing scholars for the year of 2018-2019 at Dunya and Gawharshad universities. This is a tremendous achievement for a small charity and a tribute to the work of those involved.

# OUR ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

The Farkhunda Trust executive team has drafted a proposal. However, there has not been the success that was anticipated with receiving grants and the Trust needs the active support of donors and engagement of the trustees in identifying potential businesses and high net-worth individuals for grants.

New trustees' information was updated at the charity commission website. The mobilized grant for the year 2017-2018 was £5500 from Charity Aid Foundation and the remaining balance from Tide Foundation and V-day. The Charity Aid Foundation fund was mobilized to support the four scholars at Dunya University to complete their second year of university. They all achieved marks between 74%-95%. Additionally, the FT scholars at Gawharshad University achieved marks between 70%-100%. Two of them will graduate this year and continue as FT mentors to support other scholars while searching for job opportunities in other organizations.

In addition, two university students based in the U.K. raised funds for the organization: Meral Alizada raised £250 through skydiving and Basheer Gharwal raised £250 through a marathon run. Furthermore, we have built a group of FT ambassadors who have committed to supporting the campaign and raising awareness about the Trust amongst their own networks.

### 3. To support the scholars through group coaching and mentoring.

Throughout the year, the Director worked with the Trust's coordinators in Kabul on mentoring the scholars. It was started among the Trust's scholars; this process has encouraged the students to build their network organically through peer support. The coordinators run weekly coaching programs to discuss any challenges the scholars face. In addition, they have opened a network of experts, professionals and organizations in Afghanistan to help support the scholars in their academic and professional development.

In discussions with the leadership of the Organization for Policy Research and Development Studies (DROPS), the Farkhunda Trust Director secured their support for our scholar mentorship program, starting at the end of March 2018. Therefore, DROPS, as an academic research institution, has focused on the scholars' assessments, with the support of the FT director. Likewise, the FT director developed a general guideline for the mentors, as part of the mentors' induction package along with the assessment form of scholars. Furthermore, an MOU will be drafted for a DROPS and FT partnership to clearly outline roles and responsibilities as well as working conditions. DROPS will manage and facilitate the implementation of the FT mentoring strategy with mentors and report to FT accordingly. Mentors will be provided with transport costs by the FT.

Meanwhile, the FT director and coordinators continued to support the scholars with academic and morale-building mentorship and how to manage familial and societal challenges. They placed an emphasis on looking towards the future, where these scholars could have the tools to advocate for themselves and support their families and communities. For example, the uncle of one scholar, Shekeeba, had his house bombed during the conflict. Poverty is affecting her immediate family of 10 siblings with parents who are old and unwell.

# OUR ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Even under these circumstances, Shekeeba achieved a mark of 76% in the Autumn term of 2017. Hameeda Wardak, another scholar, achieved a 74% mark and has taken a QuickBooks course to enable her to find a job when she finishes university, after following the advice of the FT team to plan forward towards employment after university. The two scholars who will finish this year have started to seek employment opportunities for after graduation. Another scholar, Marzia Koshan, achieved a 100% mark in the Autumn term and over 99% in the Spring term. In addition, she finished a two-year course in nursing in order to increase her chances for employment in Ghazni.

The Trust is also aware of the propensity towards issues connected to mental health for those living in conflict. Gawharshad University, our partner, identified a counselor who has been supporting the students when there have been issues of a mental health nature. For example, one of our scholars during the mentoring emphasized that she experiences anxiety before taking exams even though she has achieved over 70% marks. Thus, she was introduced to the mental health counselor to work with her. The FT Director recommended that creating an environment that supports building student' confidence at the beginning of exams could be discussed with Gawharshad leadership; and the Farkhunda Trust coordinator noted that she will raise it at their leadership meeting. The Farkhunda Trust is still researching the possibility of setting up a system of mental health support through a partnership with an established professional organization with expertise in providing mental health services.

## **4. To introduce the practice of volunteering among the Farkhunda Trust Scholars and other young activists.**

By granting scholarships to young female students, we strive not only to support the women themselves but also the communities in which they live. A key component of this is to stress the importance of volunteering and women's rights to each Farkhunda Trust scholar. This year, the Trust increased the number of volunteers based both in the UK and Afghanistan to support current and future Trust scholars. Furthermore, some of our highest performing scholars have been extending their support to the community and have engaged and mobilized women at both the Kabul and provincial level and have facilitated awareness-raising workshops about their rights and responsibilities. Some of our scholars were also involved in TV debates relevant to their subject along with other university students, and three of our scholars won awards from the competitions. Hamida, Amina and Shekeeba, for example, won the TV debate awards and Amina also got the second place award for cycling. Amina is also presently conducting an election awareness-raising workshop for women in the Ghor province. She was also invited by the Ghor province University chancellor to be a keynote speaker at their graduation ceremony.

## **5. To reach the public and build community trust through media and events.**

During 2016/2017, the Director and volunteers organized three community-networking events in November, December and March in the UK to raise the Trust's profile and gain support. We raised funds, built awareness of the scholarship program and reached out for volunteers and other in-kind contributions.

# OUR SCHOLARS



# SCHOLAR HIGHLIGHTS

## Nilab Zarin

Dunya University, Student of Economics

“When I finish my university studies in two and half years, I would like to contribute back to the FT once I got job - even if it is just a little monthly. When I look around and see so many women in my situation who have no opportunity to further their studies, I feel pain. Thank god that I am released and can continue my education. The Farkhunda Trust presents an excellent opportunity for these women to use the talents they have and become positive examples for others. I want to positively contribute towards the economy of Afghanistan through supporting more women who face economic problems.”



## Amina Omid

Gawarshad Institute of Higher Education, Political Science

My name is Amina from Ghor province and I am 23 years old. I have just graduated from political science at Gawharshad University. When I was a child, I always thought about my life that I should lead my life by myself. I was dreaming that I should become knowledgeable and capable as a recognized leader of my country. I always thought university was a necessary step to having a better life. I am the only girl from my family at the university level. My aim was to become a high level leader and be a progressive human being therefore I chose to study political science.



I am committed to helping the FT new scholars financially and morally, as my first aim will be to support the family of FT and their scholars as I have been benefiting very effectively. Then I would like to support the country more broadly. I think it is education, knowledge and capability that make women powerful to know their space in society and play their leading role. My hope is to be a creative leader to bring change to people's lives.



I gained so many skills and learning methods from FT mentoring. I learned how to seek out opportunities and build my skills, for example, through the networking and seeking out employment opportunities. I have built my confidence around presentations and public speaking and find that today I am an effective public speaker. In Ghor, I am even doing research on the election and raising awareness to women about their voting rights. The FT financial support has given me the power to be myself and opened the path of future education for me. I think moral and financial support is the beauty of the FT scholarship, as I do feel the change in my life and my capacity.

# OUR SCHOLARS

## Hamida Wardak

Gawarshad Institute of Higher Education, Economics

"I am a Year Four student of economics at Gawharshad Institute of Higher Education. I was born in Wardak and raised in Kabul and I am 27 years old.

I do not want Afghan women to only be dependent on others and have no income; wherever and in any position I am, I want to play a significant role for Afghan women empowerment"

I had a big dream from my childhood to be a powerful women. It was the moral and financial support of the Farkhunda Trust that today I have committed to support other women to undertake higher education through the FT.

I have learned how to do academic research, how to work with people and lead the meetings, working in my own capacity building like learning English, bookkeeping and developing other employability skills. For example by studying economics, I am sure I will be the best businesswomen and leader. I want to teach my skills to other FT scholars and I wish that there is a day that I help them financially through the FT scholarship, as I want to support women who will be in my situation.

"The Farkhunda Trust mentoring program has enabled me to overcome challenges and obstacles not only to defend my right at family level but also at the society level"



*Farkhunda Trust scholar, Hamida Wardak, at a social activists meeting regarding their role in the elections process.*

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## Shikeeba Yusofzai

Garwashad Institute of Higher Education, Business

Currently I am in semester four and I have an additional 2 and half years of study ahead of me. In the last term, I got a 73% mark although the economic subject that I selected at the beginning had a lot of statistics and at school I had difficulties in math. But as my mentor mentioned, I really want to learn from talented students in the year above me through peer group work. As I am in a family of 11 people, my biggest obstacle was financial. Therefore, I left the university after one semester and luckily, I got eligible to FT scholarship and got released and was able to continue my studies."

## OUR SCHOLARS



### Khatima Sahar

**Gawharshad Institute of Higher Education, Business Economy**

"Although I get high marks in my subject, I am still anxious about the lecturer during exams, even though I study hard. But when I shared my problem during my mentoring with the FT director and coordinator, the director suggested the coordinator share my concern with Gawharshad university leadership and see if they can set an environment that builds trust and confidence. Also, the FT coordinator helpfully introduced me to the university mental health counselor to share my problems and ask her help. I was so pleased to get these moral support. If the mentoring support of the FT did not exist, I would have failed with all difficulties that I am facing with my ill mother and poverty."

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### Negina Saeedy

**Dunya University, Economics**

"I have finished my first year successfully with high marks of over 80% after a lot of struggling but it was the mentoring that enabled me to be motivated and be myself and study hard. I am getting higher marks now and I hope to graduate with my desirable academic achievement. I deeply thank the women, men and our Afghan brothers and sisters who have made these scholarships possible. I hope you all continue to support young Afghan women attain a higher education." Also, I would like to extend my deepest appreciation to those who provided grant through Charity Aid Foundation that enabled me to continue my study for their year of 2018. I hope there is a day that I have a job and help other women of my situation through FT scholarships and other ways. I found interesting the way that my tension was reduced through the FT moral building and mentoring, I had such pain and worries but now I feel more confident about my study that I will achieve more high marks and would be the best! Thank you all."

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### Shukria Rahime

**Gawharshad Institute of Higher Education, Law**

"I was born in Wardak and I am 25 years old. I am in year three of faculty of law at Gawharshad University and live in Kabul. I was in a very rough stage before the Farkhunda Trust scholarship was offered to me and it gave me water for life as Abe Hayat"

When I was child I always thought that I should complete my higher education. When I graduated from school with distinction degree, I thought there was no chance for me to study university, as I was the breadwinner of my family and lost my father in a suicide attack. My aim is to study Law and become a civil lawyer to defend women rights and show that women will be capable to become civil lawyers. I want to share my exceptional skills with other FT scholars.

"I now trust my capability and would like to take an important role in the development of my country"

I have tried to gain all my marks over 80%. I have gained the opportunity to be hired as a teacher at a state school, however my target is to work in my field of studies as an attorney general and therefore I would like to continue my study and pass the civil law and criminal law exam at Kabul university after my graduation. "

# OUR SCHOLARS

## News from Our Scholars

Hamida has started a TOEFL course. Many of our scholars, in fact, have started to learn English. Khatima is also studying English but has spent a lot of her time taking care of her physically ill mother. Farzana, whose father passed away, achieved a 94% mark at Dunya University in the Autumn term. Shikeeba from Gawharshad University won a prize from Tolo TV for the “smartness” competition. Sunia’s mother has fallen ill and her father, who is a guard, cannot afford to pay for her mother’s medicine. Over the winter holiday, Marzia married a medical doctor and has returned to Kabul to continue her university.

## One of Our Scholars

“In my mentoring session, I mentioned my difficulties with my father who every day gets upset about my clothes that he does not like. Or tells me he wants me to get married. However, I tried hard to focus on my exam although I did not get my desirable mark in one of my subjects but overall my average is still over 70%. I very much used my moral building skills to focus on my studies. I could not do much to change my father but at least I made him understand that I will have a job and I will be able to cover my expenses through my income. The situation could change, but I did observe that because my other sister is quiet he is ok with her.”

## New Scholars Program

FT volunteers in Kandahar have been in a lengthy negotiation with Kandahar State University. The Vice Chancellor of the university did not agree to work with the FT based on the FT policy. Therefore, we have continued to assess a partnership with a private university and have sent them a questionnaire about their capacity and background. We have clearly stated to the university that if we get the funding, we plan to commit to a full four-year scholarship for five scholars in Kandahar beginning either in 2019 or 2020.



# OUR SCHOLARSHIPS



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Successful applicants receive a full-time scholarship for **each** academic year.

The yearly scholarship package for one student includes:

- University fees, **£700**
- Coaching and Mentoring, **£50**
- Transport & Lunch, **£250**
- Materials, **£150**
- Administration, **£50**

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Annual bursary excluding laptop: **£1,200**

Total 1st year cost (incl. laptop): **£1,400**

# OUR SUPPORTERS



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The Farkhunda Trust would like to extend a big **THANK YOU** to all our supporters. The work that has been carried out in our third year of operation would not have been possible without their hard work and help. We are proud to say that 100% of our donations in the third year have gone directly towards the scholars' education. We would like to thank our partners, our team of volunteers, and donors who made this happen.

## Key Funders

A special thanks is due to V-Day/One Billion Rising for providing the Farkhunda Trust with its initial grant, enabling us to establish the trust and to empower exceptional young Afghan women through our scholarships. It was through their contribution that we have partly supported our scholars until March 2018.

Thank you to the Tides Foundation for their support and contribution to our students in 2017/2018. And a big thanks to the St. Catherine School Bramley's leadership and students for their generous donation. We would also like to extend our special thanks to Charity Aid Foundation for their support to our scholars in the 2018/19 to complete their year two of studies.

We hope that more donors come on board to support our cause and enable us to support more disadvantaged women in remote areas of Afghanistan.

## Corporate & Community

We greatly value our partnerships with other organizations. This year we have liaised with two private universities and two Student Associations based in Kabul that provide support in confidence and leadership skills building. We would like to thank Afghan Voice Radio team based in the UK that supports our £1 a month donation drive and for the organization of fundraising events. Thank you especially to Mr. Wais Assadi for his donation.

## Volunteers

Tania Aria, Kabul Academics & Leadership

Waheed Zamani, Shipping and Other Administrative Support, UK-Kabul

Hameed Nourzai Volunteer in Kandahar who facilitated all negotiation process and assessment of universities.

Marika Theros, Strategic Advisor

Safia Nasrat, Finance, & Event Management

Helene Theros, Communications

Dina Wahage, Zubaida Farhang, Dr Walid Halimi, Arifa Amini, Soman Shokori, Meetra Ahmadzai.

## Other Supporters

The Trust is fortunate to have the support of several others who have assisted in building our network, contributed to fundraising and provided professional support to the Director when required. A special thanks to the Trust's Former Chairs, Former MP Dame Joan Ruddock for her foundational support to the Trust and to Queen's Council Samantha Knights for her continued and effective support and to our former Trustees Rachel Wareham, Gurcharan Verdie, Lara Griffith and Vicky Lindy for their tangible support at the initial stage. Special thanks to Former MP and present Deputy Mayor of London Heidi Alexander for her professional support and to AWSF members and particularly to Dr Frances D Susa Baroness, Fiona Hudson chair of AWSF, Heidi Kensington, Victoria Schofield, Glyn Strong, Alexis Backfield and Anne Greenstock for their support and promotion of the Farkhunda Trust goal in one way or another.

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## Ambassadors

Special thanks to Sarah Berger, an actress, activist and the founding director of the So & So Club who became our first Ambassador for the £1 a month campaign.

A big thanks to Asif Noorzai, Economic Affairs Consular from the Embassy of Afghanistan in the UK for his continued contribution and agreeing to become an Ambassador for the £1 a month campaign and for his lifetime commitment of £10 a month to the Trust. Great thanks to Dr Walid Halimi for mobilizing youth and organizing a charity run in July and October on behalf of the organization.

Thank you to Zubaida Farhang and Zara Rahimi for their engagement to support the £1 a month campaign. Many thanks to Gharghasht, Ziarmal, Azizu Rahman, Jawed Daulatzai, Royan Khayri and Gulwali Pesarlai Samsor Faiz, Zahra Rahimi, Bashir Garwal and Meral Alizada for their continued and effective support for the Farkhunda Trust. The support of the Afghan Voice Radio for arranging the Farkhunda Trust March event was remarkable.

Thank you to all the Farkhunda Trust donors of £1 monthly for their direct debit of £1 or more a month to help support young Afghan girls receive a higher education, and to those who supported through the mobile donation collection, community shop boxes, or undertook their own events to raise funds amounting to £7332 in total.



# OUR FUTURE PLANS



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Research indicates a large number of eligible girls is still unable to attend state universities due to lack of places. Most eligible girls were unable to attend private universities for reasons including poverty and the lack of financial resources, family constraints and the little access to information about these universities. Although there is huge demand, the biggest concern presently is that young women moving from one city to another city is becoming harder due to the security situation. Therefore they mostly prefer to stay in their own provinces. Therefore the FT would like to seek funding that could support the FT project in remote areas.



### Over the coming year:

We will continue our core work of supporting women in higher education, securing funding and resources for scholarships, and maintaining and growing our roster of volunteers. We will strength our partnership with mentoring, mental health and academic organizations and will closely be monitoring the implementation of our scholarship next year to ensure continued success for the program. In order to ensure sustainability of the FT scholarship programme, various financial models are being researched and an appropriate system which is fair, equitable and transparent will be explored.

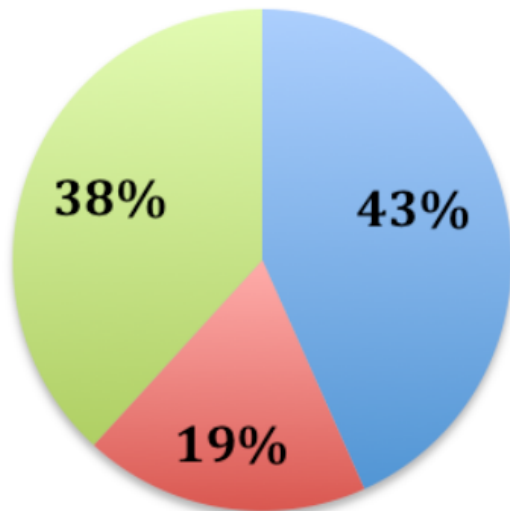
**In 2019** , we will assess the possibility of supporting talented and disadvantaged girls in Kandahar and could see the possibility of expanding our program engaging and integrating the Afghan diaspora with Afghanistan's social development process including education in the UK with cooperation of other EU countries.

# OUR TREASURER'S REPORT



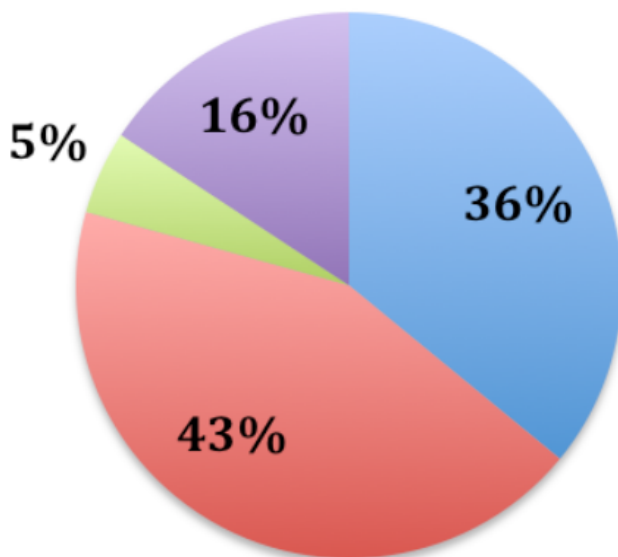
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## How We are Funded



- Grants (£5,600)
- Events Income (£2,389)
- £1 Community donations (£4,942)

## Where our Money Goes



- Gwarshad University Fees (£4,298)
- Dunya University Fees (£5,186)
- Stationary and other admin cost (£591)
- Marketing and Events (£1,879)

# HOW YOU CAN HELP



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The work of the Farkhunda Trust only continues with the support and dedication of our network of trustees, volunteers, like-minded organizations, and individuals. We are constantly seeking to grow this community. There are many ways individuals and organizations can get involved.

## VOLUNTEER YOUR TIME

The Farkhunda Trust operates primarily with the help of volunteers. If you have the time, passion and expertise, the Farkhunda Trust and the Afghan women we fund could use your support in the area of administration, fundraising, translating and IT management.

## MAKE A DONATION

You can make a donation by standing order, direct debits or cash in one of our charity boxes or issue a cheque in the name of the Farkhunda Trust. You can send your direct debit through the Farkhunda Trust website: [www.farkhundatrust.org/donation](http://www.farkhundatrust.org/donation).

- £22 per month covers the cost of food and transport for one girl;
- £12 per month covers the cost of stationary and books;
- £50 provides a year of mentoring/coaching for one student.

Please join our £1 monthly or £12 yearly direct debit donation campaign. We aim to reach half a million individual donors by the end of 2025.

## HOST A FUNDRAISING ACTIVITY

Supporting the Farkhunda Trust can be both fun and social. By hosting a fundraising event, such as a dinner or reception, you can help raise much-needed funds for young Afghan women to go to university. Rahela Sidiqi and her team are here to help with support and information.

## BECOME A CORPORATE PARTNER

We strive to create opportunities for corporate partners to work with us and invest in scholarships for talented young Afghan women, in line with our mission and policies. For more information on opportunities to partner with us, please contact Rahela Sidiqi.

## LEAVE A CHARITABLE BEQUEST

Through your last will and testament, you can leave a charitable bequest, or a distribution from your estate in the form of property, goods and/or money. This is a simple and effective way to continue your support to young Afghan women.

# OUR PEOPLE



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*The Farkhunda Trust is a volunteer-based organization. Thank you to the Trustees, the Executive Team and team members for their hard work and commitment to supporting Afghan women's education.*

## FARKHUNDA TRUST TRUSTEES



**Kamini Paul**

**Chair of the Board**

“The Farkhunda Trust has already a proven record of assisting and empowering women in its two and half years of operation with indication of moving to remote areas over the coming years to support more women. This is a tremendous achievement and one which we hope will be built upon”

**Operations:** Hanna Peltonen

**Media:** Liz Mermin

**Academic:** Althea Maria-Rivas

**Treasurer:** Mutaf Rifat

## EXECUTIVE TEAM AND TEAM MEMBERS



**Rahela H. Sidiqi**

**UK Director**

Executive Team includes: **Strategic Advisor:** Marika Theros; **Media Expert:** Helene Theros

**Farkhunda Trust Coordinators in Afghanistan:**

at Gawharshad, Frishta Mateen

at Dunya University, Frozan Ibrahimi

at Benawa University in Kandahar, Shazia Mohsini

**Administration and Event Management:** Safia Nasrat

**Operations Officer:** (vacant)

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