

About Farkhunda

Farkhunda Malikzada was 27 years old with an educational background in Islamic sharia law. On March 19th 2015 Farkhunda was on her way to her Quran class when she became involved in an altercation with a street vendor. On refusing to purchase a 'taweez' (a religious trinket with inscriptions from the Quran) the scorned street vendor accused her of blasphemy. His lies were all it took to provoke the horrific mob lynching that followed.

During the frenzied attack Farkhunda was repeatedly stamped on, beaten and stoned. She was dragged through the streets of Kabul, run over by a car and her clothes torn from her body. She was then thrown off a wall and finally her body was set alight. Although Farkhunda was tortured and beaten to death in front of many witnesses, including police officials, no-one made any attempt to intervene or even question if the allegation of blasphemy had any basis.

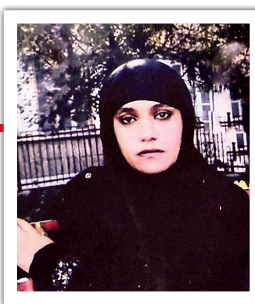
"When our daughter left the house that day who could imagine that something like this would happen?" says Farkhunda's mother; "our daughter was a good person, a good Muslim and she didn't deserve this, no one does."

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The Farkhunda Trust was set up in memory of Farkhunda Malikzada, whose brutal murder on the streets of Kabul in 2015 shocked the world.

Its mission is to provide scholarships for women from disadvantaged backgrounds to enable them to pursue higher education and, ultimately, to contribute to shaping a progressive Afghan society.

"I would like Afghan women to be educated to enable thousands of Farkhunda's to defend Afghan women's rights".

Mrs Bibi Hajera, Farkhunda's mother



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Vision

We envisage that the young women we support will excel academically and professionally, allowing them to become financially independent and, ultimately, contribute to shaping a progressive Afghan society. Their success will encourage and inspire other women and girls to pursue higher education.

Mission

The Farkhunda Trust for Afghan Women's Education (FT) was founded by Rahela Sidiqi. Its mission is to provide bursaries and mentoring for exceptional female students.

Objective

The Trust will provide financial support to enable young Afghan women to pursue higher education. Systematic discrimination restricts women's access to education, so the Trust aims to create safe spaces for Afghan women to learn.

External support & funding

The Afghan Women's Support Forum (AWSF) has provided advice and networking support since April 2015. www.afghanwsf.co.uk.

The London Vigil, held on 29 March 2015, organised by the Afghan Student Union with key support from Rahela Sidiqi: <https://youtu.be/tA5GdfAQwl>

V-day supported The Farkhunda Trust with an initial grant.

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Scholarships

Scholarship implementation

Successful female scholars will receive FT scholarships for each academic year. The awards will be in line with a Memorandum of Agreement between the Farkhunda Trust and the appropriate university in Afghanistan, ensuring the FT's policy and mandate is upheld.

Selection process

The scholarship is announced through the university website as well as through civil society and educational institutes via email in the last quarter of each year.

Applications will be via email in Dari, Pashtu and English, or where necessary as hard copy.

Selection of scholars will be made by the university committee and two to three independent academic and civil society representatives and a representative of the Trust.

Selection criteria will target young women with a high school certificate (grades between 70-90%) who would not be able to continue their education due to financial difficulty or violence.

Successful scholars package

- University fee and stationery
- Cost of transport and lunch
- Laptop

Processing of scholarship funds

Scholarship funds will be transferred to a university account.

The University will transfer the stationery, transport and lunch costs at the end of each month to the scholar's bank account.

A Farkhunda Trust representative in Kabul and the Trust director in the UK will monitor the performance of scholars, mentoring, studying process and quality progress.