

# NOOR UL AIN

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## THE STORY

Meet Noor, an international student completing her master's in Critical Perspectives in Education. Noor's journey in education was inspired by her mother, who encouraged her daughters to pursue their ambitions regardless of social obstacles.

**"Her hard work brought me here."**

She began volunteering at the age of 14 with a project that focused on literacy classes for adults who worked in her school, including janitors, gardeners, parents, and young people.

This then progressed to becoming an active member of the Chiraagh Society at university, later becoming president.

Through the society she worked in homes and schools teaching numeracy and literacy.

Noor held weekly literacy classes for children during the Covid pandemic. She recognised the need for practical learning opportunities such as filling out forms, counting money and conversational English.

Noor's experiences in Pakistan translated to her work when she came to Ireland for her studies. She became actively involved with the Trinity English conversation classes under the University of Sanctuary initiative.

These informal English classes were for people seeking refuge in Ireland and concentrated on intercultural sharing, helping provide them with the opportunity to engage more fully in society.

Noor's story is one of a young woman who has continuously sought to address the education inequality that is visible throughout the world, making positive change in society and encouraging others to do the same.

**"If I can make an impact in the lives of people who don't know there is a door that exists for them to upskill or upgrade, or make their lives better, there is nothing better than that."**

## THE WHY

"I want to create something where people who have not been to school for whatever reason can have a multi-model education system where their needs are catered for."

## THE HOPE

"I want to start something of my own, to explore what's out there for me in my own setting. What contribution can I and like-minded people make?"

## THE CHALLENGE

"One thing you will always have is limited resources. I have to see what I'm going to make of what I have, like volunteers for classes. But we manage. We make it work."

## THE RECOMMENDATION

BOOK - *With The Heart In Mind* by Mikaeel Smith  
BOOK - *Atomic Habits* by James Clear.

To find out more visit <https://chiraagh.com.pk>

Interview by Clíodhna Malone

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**It's innate for us to feel for each other. We should hold on to the feeling and let it translate into something that we action for the people around us.**

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