



TRUSTEE ELECTION FORM

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CVS Member nominating organisation	Eimaan Culture and Community Services CIC
Proposer	Margaret Milburn, Director, Eimaan Culture and Community Services CIC
Seconder	Ben Vulliamy, Trustee, York CVS

Personal statement

I moved to York from Birmingham 38 years ago in 1986. I was surprised, it was like a village rather than a city. I struggled with the lack of diversity and felt out of place.

It took me many years to feel settled and I got on with raising my family and looking at ways to hold on to my culture, heritage, customs and traditions.

Professionally, I worked as a Facilities manager and on Health Inequalities in the NHS in York for over 30 years and during my time there I volunteered for the Chaplaincy Team providing support for patients from underrepresented groups when they were in hospital to make their patient experience the best and to ensure that their cultural, spiritual, religious needs and wellbeing were being met.

Outside of work, with the lived experiences I had as a Muslim female of South Asian descent, being a child refugee and also an adoptive mum, I volunteered for Adoption UK as a peer mentor and Age UK driving patients to Leeds for their hospital appointments during the pandemic. My volunteering expanded to working with many different diverse communities during the pandemic to tackle health inequalities and that also re-connected me to my own refugee story. I became more passionate about supporting groups and I formerly set up my own community interest company in 2023 called Eimaan Culture and Community Services which is focused on promoting equality, diversity, inclusion, health and wellbeing. I also set up Chat Adoption York in 2022 which is a community support group that supports the adoption community.

I joined the board of Trustees in May 2024, and feel that I can offer a different perspective with regard to my lived experiences and wider professional skill set including leadership, management, project management, relationship management and community connectivity. I possess an ability to be open to communicate and challenge within difficult discussions and can contribute to positive strategic decision making on the board.

Culturally, my upbringing is to 'give back' and you are rewarded with a blessed life

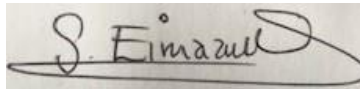
so helping people and working with communities is a way of life and it became natural for me to work in this environment. My beliefs are definitely aligned with York CVS's objectives:

1. As a membership body for voluntary, community and social enterprise organisations, we bring together, support and represent voluntary, community and social enterprise organisations that are active in York
2. We promote and celebrate volunteering
3. We reduce inequality through social action
4. We work alongside many other people and organisations to improve life in York.

Finally, as the newest member of the board, I am excited to be part of a team of like-minded people and committed to learning from the other members, continue to develop, grow and to contribute to empowering communities in our city.

I confirm that I am willing to stand for election as a Trustee of York CVS

Signature

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Date 13/09/2024