

### **EMPOWERING LEADERS**

# Annual Impact Report June 2024 to June 2025





**Foreword** 

When I started ZNotes as a 16-year-old in my bedroom, I could never have imagined the journey it would take me on. What began as a simple blog to share revision notes has grown into an award-winning EdTech platform that has now reached over 6 million learners in more than 190 countries. But this growth didn't happen in isolation.

At every stage of my journey, it was the guidance of mentors, the belief of those a few steps ahead, and the communities that took a chance on me that made the difference. Having access to people who shared their stories, opened doors, and offered advice was the catalyst that helped turn my idea into a scalable global venture. Without that early support, ZNotes would not be where it is today.

Therefore, I believe so deeply in the mission of OPEN. Our network is filled with extraordinary Pakistaniorigin entrepreneurs and business leaders. People with rich experience, insight, and generosity of spirit. By creating spaces where seasoned entrepreneurs meet the next generation, we aren't just sharing knowledge, we're levelling the playing field and enabling the next generation of leaders.

London has always held a special place in the story of the Pakistani diaspora. Today, more than ever, young Pakistanis are arriving here as students, researchers, and skilled workers. With OPEN London CIC, we have the chance to welcome them into a thriving ecosystem and help them turn ideas into impact.

This year, I was honoured to receive the **Commonwealth Youth Award for Europe**, recognising the work of ZNotes in advancing inclusive, quality education. As OPEN London CIC deepens its involvement with the Commonwealth Secretariat and organisations, this recognition serves as a reminder of the power of Commonwealth-wide collaboration. For me, it reinforces the importance of building cross-cultural and intergenerational bridges to create global impact.

The efforts over the past year have shown the excitement and energy among the Pakistani community in London. Together, we can democratise entrepreneurship and empower a new generation to build boldly and lead with purpose.

#### Zubair Junjunia

Founder & CEO, ZNotes, Commonwealth Youth Award Winner for Europe 2025, Forbes 30 Under 30 Youth Ambassador & Executive Committee Member – Youth Initiative Lead, OPEN London CIC



### Message from the Chair

Dear All,

I am very grateful to the entire <u>OPEN Global</u> and <u>OPEN London CIC</u> Board, Charter Members, and wider community for the success of the OPEN London CIC Chapter!

I sincerely appreciate the support of our Board, Advisors, Executive Committee, Charter Members, Partners, Sponsors, Supporters, Speakers, Volunteers and Guests for shaping the impactful work of OPEN London CIC.

Please find below an update covering the launch of OPEN London CIC, key programmes, events and initiatives, new social media channels, website, and podcasts as well as future plans, initiatives, and events that we eagerly anticipate hosting for you all.

We look forward to your continued support in our mission to foster global entrepreneurship and support bilateral trade, business, and investment growth across the Transatlantic and Commonwealth.

Your Sincerely,

Zahra Shah

OPEN London CIC Chair & President and Top 100 Influential People Award Winner 2025

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### Our Board of Directors, Board Advisor and Executive Committee

### **Board of Directors**



Zahra Shah, Chair & President



Arif Zaman, Board Member



Noor Lalani, Board Member



Hafiz Haq, Board Member

### **Board Advisor**



Bano Sheikh, Board Advisor

### **Executive Committee**



Zubair Junjunia, Youth

**Initiative Lead** 



Zeba Qureshi, Co-Lead

Women's Initiative



Salma Hussain, Co-Lead

Women's Initiative

### **Executive Summary**

<u>OPEN London CIC</u> is the London Chapter of <u>OPEN Global</u> – a premier, global, non-profit established in 1998 in Boston, USA fostering entrepreneurship and professional development amongst the underrepresented communities with over 15 chapters worldwide across UK, North America, Middle East, and Pakistan.

Our vision is to create a truly global platform that bridges gaps and connects innovators across continents, building a thriving ecosystem of innovation and opportunity.

Our mission is to provide a platform for entrepreneurs and professionals to connect, network, collaborate, mentor, and support one another, empowering individuals at all stages of their entrepreneurial journeys. Through our efforts, we strive to foster a dynamic and inclusive environment where innovation thrives, opportunities abound, and success is within reach for all.

Our approach is to promote entrepreneurship, professional development, and leadership within the underrepresented communities, particularly the British Pakistani community, by fostering innovation, collaboration, and growth. We deliver this via our series of initiatives under the Mayor of London's Transatlantic Initiative (TAI) as well as other initiatives that cover:

- Fostering UK US Relationships
- Serving as a launchpad for British Pakistani Professionals and Entrepreneurs
- Community building activities with innovation as a core pillar
- Cultural and mindset shift through professional and personal development
- Focusing on community engagement through local and OPEN Global collaborations
- Helping youth and professionals explore career and growth options through awareness and networking
- Supporting existing British Pakistani entrepreneurs and professionals
- Be a vehicle for talent from the British Pakistani diaspora into investment in Pakistan
- Connecting Entrepreneurs and Professionals
- Business Acceleration
- Supporting impactful charitable organizations in Pakistan
- Supporting the Growth of London (particularly in the tech sector) as a world class city
- Networking
- Knowledge Exchange

### Transatlantic Initiative (TAI)

OPEN London CIC delivers a series of initiatives inspired by the Mayor of London's Transatlantic Initiative (TAI) that provide a unique opportunity to deepen connections, explore collaborative ventures and foster

greater business and investment links across London/ UK and the US. The TAI was a joint US-UK Government project in 2008-2009 to develop a network of American Pakistani and British Pakistani community leaders to serve as a catalyst to foster business growth, integration, and civic engagement among current and future generations. TAI is the brainchild of the Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan when he was a Minister at the Ministry of Communities and Local Government.

### Entrepreneurship and Professional Development Initiative

OPEN London CIC delivers knowledge sharing panel discussions, masterclasses, seminars, roundtables, networking, and online events to foster entrepreneurship, professional development, innovation, and collaboration amongst its community of members and the wider public.

### Artificial Intelligence Initiative

OPEN London CIC has partnered with the Commonwealth Businesswomen' Network (CBWN) and the Commonwealth on the Commonwealth Artificial Intelligence Consortium (CAIC). The CAIC initiatives cover:

- Commonwealth Al Academy
- Make-A-Thon
- Commonwealth Al Incubator
- Simplilearn

#### Youth Initiative

OPEN London CIC provides mentorship, guidance and support to young professionals and aspiring entrepreneurs to help them progress and thrive in their respective fields.

#### **Podcast Initiative**

OPEN London CIC has partnered with Bloomsbury Radio for the OPEN London CIC podcast initiative. OPEN London CIC Board Member, Arif Zaman hosts the Bloomsbury Radio Business Show. This weekly podcast is available on Spotify on Bloomsbury Radio from Bloomsbury Institute London. Arif often features people from the OPEN community globally to share their experience and knowledge with the public. Arif also hosts the Business Show – Al Edition with Zahra Shah, Al Advisor to Commonwealth Businesswomen's Network (CBWN) and Radika Kumar, Al Advisors to the Commonwealth to discuss the key trends, opportunities & challenges in Al including the Commonwealth Al Consortium, UK's Al Opportunities Action Plan, impact of US tariffs on the Al sector as well as other key areas.

### **Global Context:**

The British Pakistani community constitutes over 1.5 million people in the UK with considerable economic influence who can contribute to bilateral trade growth across the Atlantic, Middle East and Pakistan. Particularly there is significant potential for growing the £4.4 billion¹ trade with Pakistan with its youth demographic (65% of the 241.5 million population under the age of 30), digital adoption and established bilateral framework supporting trade with the UK. Furthermore, the Developing Countries Trading Scheme (DCTS) grants duty free access to 94% of goods exported from Pakistan with projected savings of £120 million annually.

Given the current global economic instability, US tariffs, climate vulnerability and regional dynamics. OPEN London CIC can play a pivotal role in creating opportunity within uncertainty by acting as a strategic facilitator between these global ecosystems at this critical time.

### **Our Impact**

Programmes	Transatlantic Initiative (TAI)	Entrepreneurship and Professional Development Initiative	Artificial Intelligence Initiative	Youth Initiative	Podcast Initiative	
Initiatives	<ul> <li>Podcasts</li> <li>Panel Discussions &amp; Seminars</li> <li>Fireside Chats &amp; Talks</li> <li>Workshops &amp; Roundtables</li> <li>Online Events &amp; Pitch Events</li> <li>Mentorships &amp; Career Coaching</li> <li>Conferences &amp; Forums &amp; Retreats</li> </ul>					
Key Impact	Delivered 30 programme initiatives and over 8 podcasts.					
Attendees/ Participants	Over 2000 attendees/ participants including entrepreneurs, executives, professionals, and investors (both men and women as well as young entrepreneurs/professionals).					
Regions	London/UK	North America	Middle East	Pakistan		

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Bridging Ecosystems: OPEN London's Strategic Framework for UK-Pakistan Entrepreneurial Collaboration by Arif Zaman

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### Update on Website, Social Media and Newsletter



New Website Launch in January 2025!

OPEN London CIC launched its new website in January 2025, and you can keep up to date with all our programmes, initiatives, podcasts, and events by exploring the new website.

We also launched our new social media channels in June 2024 and you can follow us to stay connected with us via our new social media channels: **LinkedIn**, **X**, **Instagram** and **Facebook**.

Read our January 2025 Newsletter here.

### **Update on Podcasts**



Listen to the podcast series here!

OPEN London CIC Board Member, Arif Zaman hosts the Business Show, a weekly podcast available on Spotify on Bloomsbury Radio from Bloomsbury Institute London, where he often features people form the OPEN community. Below are the key podcasts:

#### 1. Bloomsbury Radio Business Show Al Edition:

Arif Zaman speaks to Zahra Shah, OPEN London CIC Chair & President, and Al Advisor to Commonwealth Businesswomen's Network (CBWN) and Radika Kumar, Al Advisor to Commonwealth on the key

opportunities, challenges & trends in Al, Commonwealth Al Consortium, UK's Al Opportunities Action Plan, impact of US Tariff's on the Al sector amongst other areas. Listen **here** 

#### 2. Business Show under London Tech Week:

Arif Zaman speaks to Zahra Shah, OPEN London CIC Chair & President, Marc Ortmans, UK MD Global Entrepreneurship Network and Zubair Junjunia, Founder & CEO, ZNotes and OPEN London CIC Executive Committee Member & Youth Initiative Lead. Listen **here** 

### 3. Business Show with Hafiz Haq:

Arif Zaman speaks to Hafiz Haq, Chairman of Professional Education Foundation (PEF) and OPEN London CIC Board Member. Listen **here** 

### 4. Business Show with Richard Geary and Azima Dhamjee:

#### 5. Business Show with Ambereen Mirza and Gull Zeba:

Arif Zaman speaks to Ambereen Mirza, the first women to be OPEN Global President (2022-2023) and Gull Zeba. Listen **here** 

#### 6. Business Show with Dr. Karen Weber, Adeel Abid and Jawad Sardar:

Arif Zaman speaks to Dr. Karen Weber, Executive Director, Foundation for a Green Future in the US, Adeel Abid, Partner, Next Billion X in Bahrain and Jawad Sardar, Future/ Smart Cities Strategist, UK Government Advisor and OPEN London CIC Charter Member. Listen **here** 

### 7. Business Show on Diaspora Entrepreneurship and key ecosystems in the US:

Arif Zaman speaks to Nabeela Khatak, OPEN Washington DC Charter Member and Reshma Hyder, OPEN Silicon Valley Charter Member who are both active in the entrepreneurship ecosystems in the US. Listen here

#### 8. Business Show on Pakistan Entrepreneurship Ecosystem and Youth Migration:

Arif Zaman shares 3 key reports on the Pakistan Entrepreneurship ecosystem and youth migration intentions. Listen **here** 

### **Update on Programme Delivery Initiatives**



# 1. OPEN London CIC London Tech Week Commonwealth Roundtable, Marlborough House, London, UK, 13 June 2025

OPEN London CIC in partnership with the <u>Commonwealth</u> and <u>Commonwealth</u> Businesswomen's Network (CBWN) hosted the <u>Commonwealth</u> Roundtable to mark London Tech Week on 13 June. OPEN London CIC Chair & President, Zahra Shah and Board Member, Arif Zaman chaired it. More info <u>here.</u> View photos <u>here.</u>

# 2. OPEN London CIC Partners with Bloomsbury Institute on South Asia: People, Promise and Potential – Art, Film and Discussion, Bloomsbury Institute London, 10 June 2025

OPEN London CIC in partnership with <u>Bloomsbury Institute</u> hosted a South Asian art, film, and cultural event at Bloomsbury Institute London. More info **here**. View photos **here**.

# 3. OPEN London CIC Partners with Pakistan High Commission on Pakistan's Digital Future: A New Era of Investment & Innovation event, London, UK 12 June 2025

OPEN London CIC partnered with the <u>Pakistan High Commission</u> on a panel discussion where OPEN London CIC Chair & President, Zahra Shah, and OPEN London CIC Charter Members, Reedah El Saie, Zeba Qureshi and Salma Hussain served as speakers on the "Increasing participation of women in the UK and Pakistan tech sector" panel. More info <u>here</u>. View photos <u>here</u>.

# 4. OPEN London CIC Supports Global Entrepreneurship Congress (GEC) in partnership with Global Entrepreneurship Network (GEN) UK, USA, 2-5 June 2025

OPEN London CIC in partnership with the <u>Global Entrepreneurship Network (GEN) UK</u> provided an opportunity for people to attend the <u>Global Entrepreneurship Congress (GEC)</u> in the USA from 2-5 June. More info <u>here</u>. View photos <u>here</u>



### 5. OPEN London CIC Exclusive Breakfast Session, Quilter Cheviot, London, UK, 7 May 2025

OPEN London CIC in partnership with <u>Quilter Cheviot</u> hosted an Exclusive Breakfast Session - A Seminar on the Great Wealth Transfer on 7 May in London. OPEN London CIC Chair & President, Zahra Shah served as the host and Board Member, Arif Zaman, led the Q&A session for this event. More info <u>here.</u> View photos **here.** 

#### 6. OPEN London CIC Supports Commonwealth Business Summit, Windhoek, Namibia, 18-20 June 2025

OPEN London CIC in partnership with the <u>Commonwealth</u> provided an opportunity for people to attend the Commonwealth Business Summit in Namibia in June. More info <u>here</u>. View photos <u>here</u>.

#### 7. OPEN London CIC Supports Muslim Tech Festival, London, UK, 21 June 2025

OPEN London CIC in partnership with the <u>Muslim Tech Festival</u> provided an opportunity for people to attend this conference in London on 21 June. More info <u>here</u>. View photos <u>here</u>

### 8. OPEN Global Annual Retreat, Washington DC, USA, 20-22 June 2025

OPEN London CIC in partnership with <u>OPEN Global</u> provided an opportunity for people to attend the OPEN Global Annual Retreat in Washington DC from 20-22 June under the <u>Transatlantic Initiative (TAI).</u> More info <u>here</u>. View photos <u>here</u>

### 9. OPEN Silicon Valley Synergy Leadership Forum, California, USA, 10 May 2025

OPEN London CIC in partnership with <u>OPEN Silicon Valley</u> provided an opportunity for people to attend the OPEN Silicon Valley Synergy Leadership Forum in California on 10 May under the <u>Transatlantic Initiative</u> (TAI). More info **here**. View photos **here**.



# 10. OPEN London CIC Supports Digital Foreign Direct Investment (DFDI) Forum by Digital Cooperation Organization (DCO), Islamabad, Pakistan, 29-30 April 2025

OPEN London CIC supported the <u>Digital Foreign Direct Investment (DFDI) Forum</u> by <u>Digital Cooperation Organization (DCO)</u> hosted by the Government of Pakistan in partnership with <u>Pakistan Software Export Board</u> and others in Islamabad from 29-30 April. OPEN London CIC Charter Member, Reedah El-Saie attended this forum. More info **here**. View photos **here**.

# 11. OPEN London CIC Chair & President, Zahra Shah delivers a talk under Youth Initiative, Mont Rose College, London, UK, 19 May 2025

OPEN London CIC Chair & President, Zahra Shah delivered a talk on Responsible Al under the Youth Initiative at Mont Rose College on 19 May. More info **here**. View photos **here**.

### 12. OPEN Washington DC Fireside Chat & Social with Saema Somalya, Washington DC, USA, 16 April 2025

OPEN London CIC in partnership with <u>OPEN Global</u> provided an opportunity for people to attend the <u>OPEN Washigton DC</u> Fireside Chat with Saema Somalya in Washington on 16 April under the <u>Transatlantic Initiative (TAI)</u>. More info <u>here.</u> View photos <u>here</u>

### 13. OPEN London CIC Supports Pakistan Day at Pakistan House, London, 2 April 2025

OPEN London CIC Chair & President, Zahra Shah attended Pakistan Day at Pakistan House to represent OPEN London CIC on 2 April. More info <a href="https://example.com/here">here</a>. View photos <a href="https://example.com/here">here</a>.

### 14. OPEN Global Celebrating Women's History Month, Entrepreneurial Journey, Online Event, 22 March 2025

OPEN London CIC in partnership with <u>OPEN Global</u> celebrated Women's History Month with an the Online on 22 March under the Transatlantic Initiative (TAI). More info <u>here.</u> View photos <u>here.</u>



### 15. OPEN London CIC Supports Commonwealth Roundtable to Mark Commonwealth Day, Jamaican High Commission, London, UK, 10 March 2025

OPEN London CIC Chair & President, Zahra Shah and Board Member, Arif Zaman represented OPEN London CIC at the Commonwealth Roundtable at the Jamaican High Commission in London on 10 March. More info here. View photos here.

# 16. OPEN Global Celebrating Women's History Month, OPEN Accomplished Leaders, Online Event, 9 March 2025

OPEN London CIC in partnership with <u>OPEN Global</u> celebrated Women's History Month with an Online Event on 9 March under the <u>Transatlantic Initiative (TAI)</u>. More info <u>here</u>. View photos <u>here</u>.

# 17. OPEN London CIC Supports Commonwealth Youth Awards 2025, Marlborough House, London, UK, 12 March 2025

OPEN London CIC Chair & President, Zahra Shah supported Zubair Junjunia, Founder ZNotes & OPEN London CIC Executive Committee-Youth Initiative Lead who won the Commonwealth Youth Award 2025 (European Region) in London on 12 March. More info here. View photos here.

### 18. OPEN London CIC Supports Muslim Women's Network, House of Lords, London, UK, March 2025

OPEN London CIC Chair & President, Zahra Shah attended the <u>Muslim Women's Network</u> Roundtable hosted by Baroness Shaista Gohir at the House of Lords that also launched <u>Muslim Heritage Month Initiative</u> in March. More info <u>here.</u> View photos <u>here.</u>

#### 19. OPEN Global Leadership Talk, Online Event, 22 February 2025

OPEN London CIC in partnership with <u>OPEN Global</u> delivered an online event on 22 February led by OPEN Global President, Tariq Khan under the Transatlantic Initiative (TAI). More info **here.** View photos **here** 



### 20. OPEN London CIC Exclusive Breakfast Session, Citi Private Bank, London, UK, 13 February 2025

OPEN London CIC in partnership with <u>Citi Private Bank</u> hosted an Exclusive Breakfast Session - A Masterclass on Successful IPO & Exits with Shahzad Bashir (Founder & CEO, Morae Global) on 13 February in London. Zahra Shah, OPEN London CIC Chair & President served as the host for this event. More info <u>here</u>. View photos <u>here.</u>

# 21. OPEN London CIC Supports Healthcare Panel Discussion, Pakistan High Commission London, UK, 12 February 2025

OPEN London CIC Chair & President, Zahra Shah served as a speaker at the Investing in the Future of Healthcare in Pakistan panel discussion facilitated by Dr. Samina Zehra, Economic Minister at the <u>Pakistan</u> High Commission in London on 12 Feb. More info **here**. View photos **here**.

### 22. OPEN New York, Accessing & Retaining Talent, Online Event, 19 January 2025

OPEN London CIC in partnership with OPEN New York delivered an online event on 19 January under the Transatlantic Initiative (TAI). More info here. View photos here.

# 23. OPEN London CIC Supports St. Andrew's Ball in Aid of Lord Mayor's Appeal, Mansion House, London, UK, 6 December 2024

OPEN London CIC supported the St. Andrew's Ball hosted by Lord Mayor of London in aid of the Lord Mayor's Appeal in London on 6 December. OPEN London CIC Chair & President, Zahra Shah attended this event. More info here. View photos here.

# 24. OPEN London CIC Supports UK Association for Medical Aid to Pakistan (UKMAP) Annual Charity Gala, London Marriott Grosvenor Square, UK, 23 November 2024

OPEN London CIC supported Medical Aid to Pakistan (UKMAP) Annual Charity Gala on 23 November in London. OPEN London CIC Chair & President, Zahra Shah, Board Member, Arif Zaman and Board Advisor, Bano Sheikh attended this event. More info here. View photos here.



25. OPEN London CIC Supports Launch of the 2024 Commonwealth Trade Review, Marlborough House, London, UK, 15 October 2024

OPEN London CIC supported the launch of the 2024 <u>Commonwealth</u> Trade Review held in London on 15 October ahead of the <u>Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM)</u> in Samoa from 21-25 October. OPEN London CIC Chair & President, Zahra Shah, and Board Member, Arif Zaman attended this launch event. More info **here.** View photos **here.** 

### 26. OPEN Silicon Valley Annual Forum, California, USA, 9 November 2024

OPEN London CIC in partnership with <u>OPEN Silicon Valley</u> provided an opportunity for people to attend the OPEN Silicon Valley Annual Forum in California on 9 November under the <u>Transatlantic Initiative (TAI)</u>. Arif Zaman, OPEN London CIC Board Member represented OPEN London CIC at this event. More info <u>here</u>. View photos **here**.

### 27. OPEN London CIC Partners with UPSIGN UK, UCL, London, UK, 6 November 2024

OPEN London CIC partnered with <u>UPSIGN UK</u> on Pakistan Perspectives – A Dialogue with students and <u>Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO)</u> on 6 November in London. OPEN London CIC Chair & President, Zahra Shah, and Executive Committee - Youth Initiative Lead, Zubair Junjunia represented OPEN London CIC at this event. More info **here.** View photos **here.** 

### 28. OPEN Global Annual Retreat, New York, USA, 7 to 9 June 2024

OPEN London CIC in partnership with <u>OPEN Global</u> provided an opportunity for people to attend the OPEN Global Annual Retreat held in New York from 7-9 June 2024 under the Mayor of London's <u>Transatlantic Initiative (TAI)</u>. Arif Zaman (OPEN London CIC Board Member) represented OPEN London CIC at this event. More info **here**. View photos **here** 



29. OPEN London CIC Exclusive Launch Event, Royal Overseas League House (ROSL), London, UK, 29 September 2024

OPEN London CIC in partnership with <u>OPEN Global</u> hosted an Exclusive Launch: A Transatlantic Dialogue on Entrepreneurship - OPEN Perspectives panel discussion & networking event under the <u>Transatlantic Initiative (TAI)</u> in London. Sultana Siddiqui (Media Mogul) was the guest of honour and Duraid Quraishi (CEO, Hum Network) served as the keynote speaker. Zahra Shah (OPEN London CIC Chair & President) chaired the panel discussion with panel members: Abu Bakar (OPEN Global President), Bano Sheikh, (KPMG, Partner), Jawad Khan, (UKI GM Visionet Systems), Farida Rokadia, (Author & Gender Expert) and Zubair Junjunia (Founder, ZNotes). Arif Zaman (OPEN London CIC Board Member) served as the host. Read full press release **here**. View photos **here** 

### 30. OPEN London CIC London Tech Week Commonwealth Roundtable, Marlborough House, London, UK, 14 June 2024

OPEN London CIC in partnership with the <u>Commonwealth Businesswomen's Network (CBWN)</u> hosted the Commonwealth Roundtable under London Tech Week on 14 June 2024 to discuss opportunities for collaboration. OPEN London CIC Chair & President, Zahra Shah, Board Members, Arif Zaman, Hafiz Haq and Board Advisor, Bano Sheikh chaired this Roundtable. More info **here.** View photos **here** 

### **Future Plans**

OPEN London CIC plans to continue with our Transatlantic Initiative (TAI), Entrepreneurship and Professional Development Initiative, Artificial Intelligence Initiative and Youth Initiative. We plan to focus on:

 Cross-border collaboration, knowledge-sharing, coaching and mentorship opportunities by connecting professionals and entrepreneurs from the underrepresented communities in the UK to like-minded professionals and entrepreneurs across North America, Middle East, and Pakistan.

- Provide targeted support in the form of workshops and other knowledge sharing initiatives for entrepreneurs to cover pitching for startups, financial modelling, investor expectations to accelerate their growth.
- Provide tailored support for young entrepreneurs & professionals and women to address the gender gap through targeted networking, mentoring, knowledge sharing and pitching events/ investor showcase.

We plan to work in partnership with key stakeholders across the private, public and third sectors as well as academia across the UK, North America, and the Commonwealth.

### **Our Partners**

OPEN London CIC is very grateful to all Partners for their support without whom we could not continue our valuable work to empower our global community across the UK, North America, Middle East, and Pakistan.































