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OCTOBER UPDATES

Autumn is always a busy time for events in the UK's South Asian community, and this year has been no different. With Eid celebrations and fashion shows in October and concerts and award ceremonies planned through to the end of November, the events calendar is jam packed. The team at the British Pakistan Foundation has had an eventful time too, attending and helping peer organisations with their fundraisers and talks, as well as organising events of its own. We have a networking event in the pipeline for November and more details will follow soon.

Judging from our social media, a concert by Saeen Zahoor and Pakistan Fashion Week have been the most popular events over the last month. The latter featured 27 British designers of Pakistani origin as well as some from Pakistan over two days at Westminster Central Hall. The show was later taken to Manchester.

There were also a few interesting events about current affairs in Pakistan BBC journalist Owen Bennett Jones gave a talk on the roots of radicalisation in the UK and Pakistan at SOAS. Meanwhile, Saroop Ijaz, a researcher at the Human Rights Watch (HRW) in Pakistan, and Meenakshi Ganguly, the South Asia director for HRW, were invited to London to speak about the shrinking public space for freedom of expression and education initiatives in Pakistan and India.

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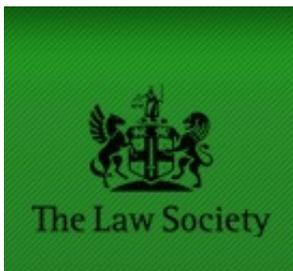
BPF Business and Professional Sub-groups Launch

19 November 2015 | Westbury Hotel, W1S 2YF

The BPF will hold a launch of five sub-groups: city professionals, students & youth, sales & marketing, legal eagles, entrepreneurs and start-up connect. The event will be attended by BPF group ambassadors, recruiters, investors and professionals from various fields.

Our speakers will introduce the attendees to our new groups, and will also provide interesting and useful insights for professionals and those interested in becoming BPF members. Our speakers will include Kashif Zafar, co-head of Global Distribution at Barclays Investment Bank, Hiba Saleem, a medical student at Imperial College London, Sahir Anver, a business development manager at Project Recruit, Saira Awan Malik, chairperson of BPF Women's Network, and Yasmin Karimi, owner of Yasmin Karimi Beauty. Please book tickets early to avoid disappointment.

[See details](#)



Legal Aspects of Doing Business in Pakistan

21 October 2015 | 99 Bishopsgate, EC2M 3XF

The British Pakistani Lawyers Association is organising a seminar about business opportunities and practicalities for UK lawyers in Pakistan. British Deputy High Commissioner John Tucknott will provide his insights on the current political and economic context.

[See details](#)

The Fabric of India

21 October 2015 | King's College, WC2R 2LS

An illustrated lecture to accompany a major V&A exhibition, the Fabric of India will be the first major exhibition to explore the rich world of handmade textiles from India. Presenting approximately 200 objects made by hand, it will celebrate the variety, virtuosity and continuous innovation of India's textile traditions. The themes of the exhibition explore the importance of textiles in a religious and courtly context, the appeal of Indian textiles across the globe, the role of fabric in India's



independence movement and the continued relevance of India's hand making skills through dress and fashion. The exhibition will be accompanied by an international conference (6-7 November) and is the highlight of the V&A India Festival.

[See details](#)

Seminar: Successful Migrant Women Entrepreneurs

21 October 2015 | Devonshire Square, EC2M 4YD



Migreat has organised a seminar to provide practical advice for migrant women in the UK on how to start a business. This event marks the launch of the Migreat Women Entrepreneur Network, giving attendees and migrant women entrepreneurs expert tips, networking opportunities and professional advice on starting and building a business.

[See details](#)

Film Screening: 6 Cup Chai

23 October 2015 | Anatomy Lecture Theatre, SE1 1UL



A screening and a discussion of the award-winning film 6 Cup Chai, which deals with issues of child labour and education, will be held at the Anatomy Lecture Theatre. Film director and producer Laila Khan will talk about her motivation for and experience of shooting the film in Mumbai's poorest slums. For more information, email fatima@carepakistan.org.uk by 20 October 2015.

Udit and Aditya Narayan in Concert

24 October 2015 | Peninsula Square, SE10 0DX



Udit Narayan and his son Aditya Narayan are two of the most popular male vocalists in Indian cinema. Don't miss the opportunity to see them in concert as they sing the best of Bollywood's past and present.

[See details](#)

Asia Bride Live

31 October - 1 November 2015 | Olympia Kensington

The Asian wedding show is returning once again to London at the Olympia London. Over 180 stalls of exhibitors carefully selected based on their ethos of style and elegance will be on display. The event is organised by the leading bridal magazine, Asian Bride.



[See details](#)

Meet stars of Pakistani Journalism

31 October - 2 November 2015 | London, Manchester, Birmingham



Meet the stars of Pakistani news media at this event, which will include some 200 renowned journalists from 15 countries. The conference will focus on the issues facing Pakistani journalism. Renowned journalists Mujeebur Rehman Shami, Ataul Huq Qasmi, Hasan Nisar, Altaf Hasan Qureshee and Mujahid Brailvi will be presented with life-time achievement awards. The conference will start in London and then move to Birmingham (1 November) and Manchester (3 November).

[See details](#)

TCF-UK Charity Dinner

4 November 2015 | Mumtaz Restaurant, NW1 4SH



An auction and raffle will be held along with a charity dinner by The Citizens Foundation-UK. The TCF-UK builds and supports purpose-built schools for underprivileged children across Pakistan. It currently supports 1,060 school units educating 165,000 children.

[See details](#)

Pakistan Expo UK 2015

15 November 2015 | Holiday Inn Bloomsbury, WC1N 1HT



The Pakistani Expo showcases stalls from solicitors, retailers and wholesale suppliers from across the Pakistani community in the UK. The event is free to attend.

[See details](#)

Shaukat Ali and Shazia Manzoor Live

20 November 2015 | Slough SL1 4UT

Pakistan's Legendary folk singer Shaukat Ali and melody queen Shazia Manzoor have teamed up to perform live in



the UK. The vocalists will be performing across the UK at various venues with the award-winning Legends Band.

[See details](#)



Tauseef Akhtar Live

21 November 2015 | Logan Hall, WC1H 0AL

Renowned Mumbai-based singer Tauseef Akhtar will sing live in concert at Logan Hall, covering songs from his new album, in which he has several duets with the deceased ghazal maestro Jagjit Singh.

[See details](#)



Women and Diaspora: Activism and Social Change

4 December 2015 | SOAS, WC1H 0XG

As part of its series on women and diaspora, SOAS has arranged a talk with Barrister Rubab Rizvi, a prominent activist who has advocated for a variety of issues in the UK and in Pakistan. Rizvi will reflect on what it means to be a woman and leading campaigns while risking her life in Pakistan.

[See details](#)

NEWS & HIGHLIGHTS

Pakistan Fashion Week London



Pakistan Fashion Week London and Manchester were held sequentially on October 8-9 and 11-12, respectively. The event presented collections by 27 designers with products ranging from casual wear to formals and bridals. Several accessory and jewellery brands also coordinated with the designers, and pop-up shops were arranged in both cities for people to see and purchase the designs.

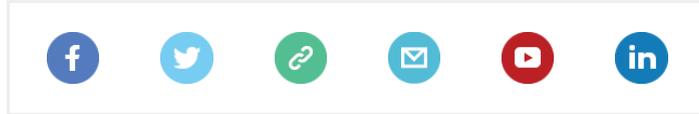
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OPPORTUNITIES

Marketing/Assistant Position

Hum Tv

On account of rapid expansion of Hum TV in the UK, talented sales and marketing professionals are required. Those interested should email their CV to recruitment@clskills.com or call 02084290219



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