

Iqra Abid

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EDUCATION

Sep 2023 — Sep 2024	MA Education, International Development and Social Justice, St. Mary's University, Twickenham. (Distinction)
London, United Kingdom	Research: Girls' Agency and Displacement to Access Higher Secondary Education During the 2022 Floods in Johi, Dadu District, Sindh Province, Pakistan.
Jan 2014 — Jan 2018	BS Education, Forman Christian College (A Chartered University). (First Class Honours)
Lahore, Pakistan	Teaching Practice: Light of Hope School, FCCU
Feb 2016 — Jun 2016	Semester Exchange Program, Daegu Catholic University.
Daegu, South Korea	Department of Psychology (GPA 4.13/4.50)

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Apr 2022 — Oct 2022	Programme Coordinator Digital Learning - Nearpeer Pvt Ltd.	Lahore, Pakistan
	Led over 30 teacher training workshops on Gamification in education across Pakistan.	
	Coordinated efforts to reduce the 51.4% of the gender digital divide in rural areas, monitored access metrics and gender participation on the UNICEF theme of "International Day of the Girl."	
Jan 2018 — Mar 2022	Programme Officer, Civic Education and Inclusion - Shehri Pakistan.	Lahore, Pakistan
	Developed a pedagogy while presenting themes of Freire's dialogics in 'Pedagogy of the Oppressed.' Co-authored a civic education textbook under the supervision of academics.	
	Designed and implemented a curriculum addressing the complicity of the education system in the social exclusion of women and religious minorities.	
	Designed an M&E framework to track engagement outcomes from civic education tools, contributing to a 56% increase in student and teacher participation.	
	Developed and monitored impact indicators to evaluate outreach initiatives with 17 NGOs, resulting in a 60% increase in program reach.	

COMMUNITY EDUCATION PROGRAMME LEAD

Jul 2019 — Present	Equity and Access to Higher Education for Rural Women.
Phularwan, Sargodha	Designed and conducted 32 participatory workshops and community mapping to identify context-sensitive barriers to girls' education.
	Focus groups with students, teachers, and religious leaders.
	Developed strategies with participants, contributing to a 10% increase in girls' enrollment. Findings were shared with two local NGOs.
Dec 2014 — Oct 2018	Community workshops to diminish the underrepresentation of minorities in education, Joseph Colony.
Lahore, Pakistan	Facilitated community-based workshops addressing hate speech against Christian minorities.
	Conducted semi-structured interviews with over 70 participants.

May 2017 — Aug 2018
Lahore, Pakistan

Used qualitative synthesis to report structural barriers for minorities in the existing education system of Pakistan.
Developed culturally relevant materials for more inclusive educational initiatives.

Reinstate girls in schools, Women Empowerment Society, FCCU.

Girls who had been victims of sexual, verbal, and emotional harassment in schools.

Set up an evening school for girls who had dropped out due to School-related Gender-based Violence (SRGBV)

Carried out case studies and narrative interviews, and psychosocial support mechanisms.
Successfully supported **55%** of enrolled girls, ensuring a safe learning environment.

Jul 2018 — Jan 2020
Sargodha, Pakistan

Probing the Problem: Absence of Civic Education in Pakistan.

Screening of Urdu animation to instil Fundamental rights and civic participation exercises in **17** public schools.

Designed and implemented a pre-post workshop survey to measure civic knowledge gains.

CONFERENCES

- **Oral Presenter, Paris Conference on Education (PCE2025)**
Sorbonne University, France | Jun 2025
Girls’ Agency and Displacement during the 2022 Floods in Johi, Dadu District, Sindh Province, Pakistan.
- **Attendee, Centre for Research into the Education of Marginalised Children and Young Adults (CREMCYA)**
St. Mary’s University, UK | Mar 2025
- **Delegate, COP29 – UN Climate Change Conference**
Baku, Azerbaijan | Nov 2024
- **Attendee, BAICE Conference**
University of Sussex, Brighton, UK | Sep 2024

PUBLICATIONS

- Abid, I. [“Calling for Social Justice in Classrooms”](#) *The Paradigm Shift*, January 03, 2023.

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

SCHOLARSHIPS & FELLOWSHIPS

- Commonwealth Shared Scholarship, United Kingdom (2023-2024)

LEADERSHIP & RECOGNITION

- Pakistan’s representative at the Commonwealth Day Ceremony, London (2024)
- Chairperson at the debating competition by Youth Leadership Program, LUMS University Lahore (2020)
- Assistant artist in ["Sher-e-Tabasum"](#) short animated film by Puffball Studio, nominated at the Pakistan International Screen Festival (2020)

ACADEMIC HONOURS

- Vice Rector’s list, FCCU (2018)
- Korean National Federation of UNESCO Clubs and Associations, Ministry of Education, and the President, Yoo Jay-Kun (2016)
- Silver Medal, Higher Secondary Certificate Education Awarded by Sargodha Board (2012)