## More Than a Lens: Our Story

For us, being an Ahmadi Muslim woman isn't a simple label—it's the core of our identity, a source of immense pride that we feel compelled to share with the world. Our faith is not something that weighs us down, but rather something that lifts us up. From a young age, we were taught that Islam gave women rights that were unimaginable in other parts of the world, centuries ago. This includes our right to an education, to a spiritual voice, and to be leaders in our community. It's this foundation that gives us the confidence to navigate any professional or social setting, knowing our worth is not determined by worldly standards but by our relationship with Allah.

We often face misconceptions, but they only strengthen our resolve. When people see our hijab, they might see oppression, but for us, it's a personal choice that frees us from the pressure to conform. It allows us to be judged on our character and intellect, not on our appearance. In fact, following Jalsa Salana UK, The Review of Religions shared a video titled "Where are all the women?", answering with a powerful message:

## "We are here, just not in your camera lens."

This pride isn't just our own; it's a shared feeling that connects us to Ahmadi women all over the world who understand our journey. We are united under our spiritual leader and in our shared mission to serve humanity. We are not silent; we are active, educated, and vocal.

Our lives are a testament to our higher purpose: to serve others and make ourselves better so we can help bring about a spiritual and moral revolution in the world. As Huzoor (aba) has beautifully stated (Waaqifaat-e-Nau Ijtema 2024):

"Never fear what other people will say or think. Be confident and proud in who you are and what you represent...May all of you be at the forefront of bringing about a spiritual and moral revolution in the world. Ameen."

This isn't just a belief for us; it's our lived experience, and we're proud to tell our story.



