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CONNECTING MUSLIM TALENT FOR
GLOBAL IMPACT



A platform connecting global Muslim talent with impactful projects

In the name of Allah, the most gracious, the most merciful

As-salamu alaykum, dear community!

With heartfelt gratitude, we welcome you to the third edition of the CFP newsletter! Your unwavering support and engagement in our shared mission to uplift the Muslim Ummah continue to inspire and energize us. Together, we are making a difference—one initiative, one effort, and one heartfelt dua at a time.

This month, we are thrilled to reconnect and share the strides we've made. As always, you can look forward to updates on our ongoing projects, new opportunities to volunteer, and meaningful ways to contribute to our vision. Beyond updates, our newsletter showcases thought-provoking and inspiring pieces written by our dedicated CFP members. These articles aim to foster knowledge, strengthen community bonds, and provide valuable insights into the challenges and opportunities facing the Ummah today.

About us

At CFP, our mission is clear: to unite the diverse talents of the Muslim community and channel them into projects that create lasting, meaningful impact. As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization registered in California, your generosity fuels our work—and every donation you make is tax-deductible (EIN: 99-4808440).

What We Believe

As an organization, we firmly believe that the Quran and the Sunnah of Prophet Muhammad (SAWW) offer comprehensive solutions to all of humanity's challenges. These sacred texts provide timeless guidance, addressing both individual and communal needs, and inspire us to strive for excellence in every aspect of life.

As Allah says in **Surah Al-Baqarah (2:2)**:

"This is the Book about which there is no doubt, a guidance for those conscious of Allah."

CURRENT PROJECTS IN PROGRESS

The Organic Edu-care System (TOES)

Project Description:

Project to develop an "Education System" including a holistic curriculum for 4y-14y age group children based on Quran & Sunnah and aligned with international standards.

Voice of the people (VOTP)

Project Description:

The power ultimately lies with the people. Let's all be Active !!

Find Your Truth (FYT)

Project Description:

Find your Truth is a training platform created to help you through the journey of realizing who you are, your true purpose and empower you with basic skills to help you attain your highest potential

Fruit for Life (FFL)

Project Description:

Plant fruit and shade trees in Pakistan. Solutions for water shortage are associated within this project.

Seed and the Soil

Project Description:

Nurturing Islamic Values in Your Child. Are you a parent seeking guidance on how to raise your child in accordance with Islamic principles? Join us for our innovative program, "Seed and the Soil." Before you embark on the journey of nurturing your child's faith, it's essential to cultivate your own spiritual garden. This program is designed to equip parents with the tools and knowledge necessary to foster strong Islamic values in their children. We believe that by first focusing on personal growth and spiritual development, parents can create a nurturing environment for their children to flourish.



HIGHLIGHTS AND HAPPENINGS

"Stay informed about what's new and join us in exciting opportunities for engagement!"

What Awaits You:

In this section, we invite you to explore the heart of our community's efforts and discover ways to get involved. Here's what you can look forward to:

Project of the Month:

Dive into our featured initiative and learn how you can contribute to making a meaningful impact.

Events of the month:

Check out the important events CFP has participated in recently, showcasing our commitment to community engagement and growth.

CFP New members:

Join us in welcoming our newest members! Get acquainted with the fresh talents joining our team and the perspectives they bring.

CFP Upskilling Sessions:

CFP members host interactive sessions to empower the team with enhanced skills and knowledge, fostering collective growth and impact.

Theme of the Month:

This month's theme is "Global challenges". Reflect on its importance in our lives and how we can embody this value together.

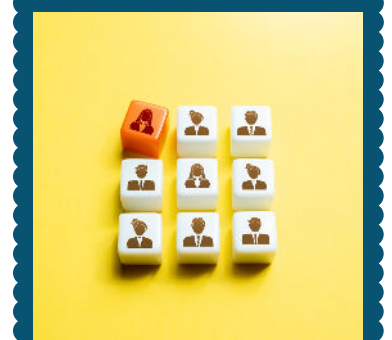
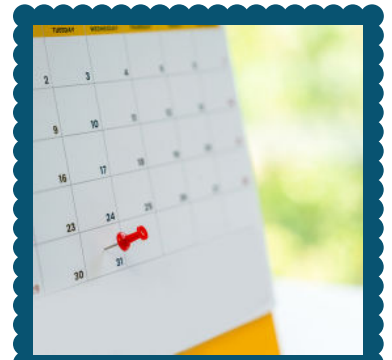
Knowledge sharing article:

Enjoy insightful articles from our talented CFP members crafted to inspire and educate our community.

Ayat of the month

"And hold firmly to the rope of Allah all together and do not become divided."
(Surah Al-Imran, 3:103)

This verse calls for Muslims to unite in faith and action, emphasizing the strength found in holding together to Allah's guidance and working towards collective good.



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PROJECT OF THE MONTH

Seed and the Soil

Founder: Sumera Naz

Vision:

To inspire the Muslim Ummah to lead the world towards Islam by fostering wisdom, productivity, and competence in the next generation through effective parenting.

Mission:

To provide a transformative parenting platform that integrates Islamic teachings with evidence-based strategies, fostering personal growth, family connection, and community support to guide children toward a bright and balanced future.

These statements emphasize the project's focus on combining faith, evidence-based approaches, and family-oriented solutions.



Why Seed & The Soil Matters:

In today's fast-paced world, raising children presents unique challenges, particularly for Muslim parents striving to balance modern parenting practices with Islamic values. The Seed & The Soil project addresses this need through a comprehensive parenting course designed to empower parents to nurture strong, faith-based foundations in their children.

- This innovative program employs a holistic and evidence-based approach, combining timeless Islamic teachings with contemporary psychological insights. The course is structured to:
- Provide Practical Guidance: Equip parents with actionable tips and techniques to seamlessly integrate into their daily routines.
- Foster a Supportive Community: Build a sense of belonging through interactive online forums and engaging workshops.
- Promote Lifelong Learning: Encourage continuous personal growth for both parents and children.
- Prioritize Child Development: Address the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of children at every developmental stage.

By harmonizing Islamic principles with modern parenting strategies, Seed & The Soil empowers parents to unlock their children's potential and guide them toward a bright, value-driven future.



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A Collaborative Effort

Join Us in Bringing "Seed & The Soil" to Life!

Are you passionate about helping parents in shaping a brighter future for the next generation? The Seed & The Soil project is seeking dedicated volunteers to help us create a transformative parenting program rooted in Islamic values and modern parenting practices.

We need talented individuals to join our team in the following roles:

- **Project Managers:** Oversee project timelines, milestones, and deliverables.
- **Content Creators:** Develop engaging and informative materials for parents.
- **Researchers:** Provide credible data, references, and insights to enrich the program.
- **Curriculum Designers:** Structure the course for maximum impact and accessibility.
- **Videographers:** Bring our content to life through creative and impactful visuals.
- **Content Editors:** Ensure the accuracy and quality of all materials.
- **Subject Matter Experts:** Contribute expertise in child psychology, Islamic studies, or related fields.



Why Volunteer?

- Be part of a meaningful initiative that integrates Islamic teachings with evidence-based parenting practices.
- Help build a resource that will empower Muslim parents to raise well-rounded, faith-filled children.
- Collaborate with like-minded individuals in a supportive and rewarding environment.
- Gain valuable experience and contribute your skills toward a cause that truly matters.

How to Join

Ready to make a difference? Volunteer now and become part of the Seed & The Soil team! Visit our website and sign up as a volunteer for this project. Let's work together to sow the seeds of positive change!

Link: <https://connectforpurpose.org/>



COMMUNITY NEWS

Entrepreneurship Bootcamp in Silicon Valley

This month, CFP was proud to participate in significant events that align with our mission of fostering leadership, innovation, and community growth while adhering to Islamic values.

Entrepreneurship Bootcamp in Silicon Valley

- Kamran Khan, the founder of CFP, took part in the Entrepreneurship Bootcamp organized by the Silicon Valley Entrepreneurship Club. This engaging series included:
- Live Events: Sessions connecting with experienced Muslim founders.
- Virtual Weekly Meetings: Opportunities to share insights and collaborate.
- Entrepreneurship Education: Aimed at fostering innovation and equipping Muslim entrepreneurs with tools to positively impact their communities.

Insights and Skills Gained

Kamran gained valuable practical knowledge from this experience, including:

- Conducting comprehensive market research to identify opportunities.
- Developing strategies for prototyping and refining ideas into actionable projects.
- Crafting effective go-to-market strategies to successfully launch and grow initiatives.

These experiences highlight CFP's dedication to promoting entrepreneurial excellence rooted in Islamic values.





CFP NEW MEMBERS

CFP Internship Spotlight

Welcoming Our New CFP Members

We are thrilled to introduce the newest additions to our CFP team! These passionate individuals have joined us as part of our Internship Initiative, eager to develop their professional skills while contributing to our mission of uplifting the Muslim Ummah.

Who Are They?

Our new members are fresh graduates or graduating students from diverse academic backgrounds. They have joined as volunteers, motivated to gain hands-on experience and practical knowledge through their involvement with CFP's various projects.

Opportunities for Growth

As part of this initiative, we are committed to providing:

- **Real-World Experience:** Assigning them meaningful tasks that build their confidence and expertise.
- **Skill Development:** Opportunities to enhance professional and organizational skills.
- **Certification:** A certificate acknowledging the hours they dedicate to CFP, adding valuable credentials to their resumes.

Making a Difference Together

Our interns are already contributing across various areas, including content creation, event planning, research, and project management. Their enthusiasm and fresh perspectives bring new energy to our initiatives, helping us expand our reach and impact.

Join Us!

If you're a student or recent graduate looking to gain practical experience while working toward a meaningful cause, we encourage you to join us! CFP offers a supportive environment where you can grow, learn, and make a real difference.

Visit our website to sign up as a volunteer intern today!

Let's continue to empower each other and build a stronger community, together.



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CFP Upskilling series

Building Entrepreneurial Skills

By: Kamran Khan

This month, CFP members had the privilege of participating in an Upskilling Session conducted by our founder, Kamran Khan. The session focused on enhancing entrepreneurial capabilities, aligning with CFP's mission of empowering individuals to contribute meaningfully to their communities.

What They Learned

During the session, members gained a deeper understanding of:

- **Market Research:** Techniques for analyzing trends and identifying opportunities in competitive markets.
- **Customer Discovery:** Understanding the needs and preferences of target audiences to create impactful solutions.
- **Strategic Planning:** Setting actionable goals and developing pathways to achieve them.
- **Innovation with Purpose:** Integrating Islamic values into entrepreneurial ventures to ensure ethical and meaningful outcomes.



Empowering Our Team

This session is part of CFP's ongoing commitment to equipping its members with the tools and knowledge needed to lead projects and initiatives effectively. It not only enhanced their professional skillsets but also reinforced the importance of aligning entrepreneurship with the values of the Ummah.

Looking ahead

CFP plans to continue offering similar sessions in the future, ensuring our members stay empowered and prepared to tackle real-world challenges. Stay tuned for the next opportunity to grow with us!

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grow together

THEME OF THE MONTH

GLOBAL CHALLENGES

Identifying The Real Problem

Inspiration from the Quran: Ayat of the month

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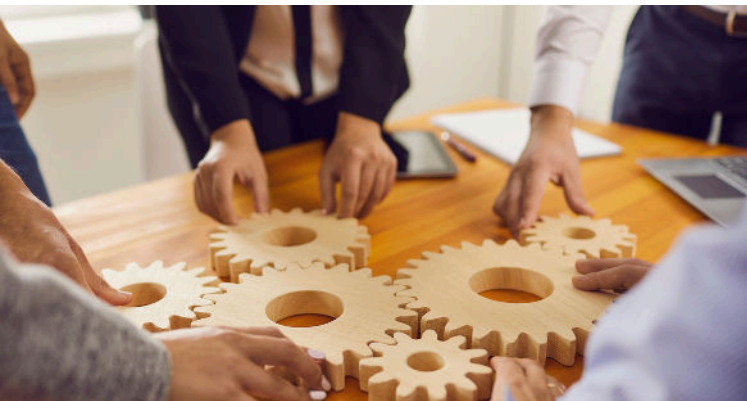
A global challenge-Disunity in the Muslim Ummah

Disunity is one of the most pressing issues affecting the Muslim Ummah today. Unity, defined as the state of being joined together in agreement and harmony, is essential for strength and progress. In contrast, disunity fosters biases, prejudices, and hatred, ultimately leading to conflicts and vulnerability. It weakens the Ummah and leaves it exposed to exploitation by external forces, further eroding its stability.

The challenge of disunity is not new, but its effects have been particularly damaging in recent times. A significant contributor is sectarian division, fueled by a lack of understanding of life's true purpose, the core principles of Islam, and a misguided focus on material wealth and power as markers of success. Additionally, the absence of strong leadership and the fragmentation caused by the creation of nation-states have further complicated efforts to unify the Ummah.

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Pathways to Unity

Addressing this issue requires a conscious and collective effort. The Quran commands Muslims to strive for unity, emphasizing its importance for strength and prosperity. Some potential solutions include:

- **Commitment to Unity:** A collective resolve to prioritize unity as a fundamental value, guided by the teachings of the Quran.
- **Learning from the Seerah:** Reflecting on the life of the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) and the Sahaba shows that unity is achievable. They demonstrated how to work together towards higher objectives despite personal differences.
- **Recognizing the Benefits:** Understanding that unity brings power, political stability, prosperity, and growth can inspire a shift in mindset.

A Call to Action



We urge our readers to reflect deeply on this critical global issue and to take intentional steps toward promoting unity within the Muslim Ummah. Starting with local communities, this effort can grow and eventually inspire unity on a larger scale, encompassing the entire Ummah. Together, we can build a stronger, more cohesive future for all.

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Knowledge Sharing:

An Informative Piece by Our CFP Member

by

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IT'S ALMOST ALWAYS WORTH IT

Six blind men who argue at length about what an elephant feels like, holding tight to their own views. "It's like a rope," says the man who touched the tail. "Oh no, it's more like the solid branch of a tree," contends the one who touched the trunk. And so on and so forth, and round and round they go.

The story of the blind men and the elephant is a powerful metaphor for the human tendency to cling to our own perspectives and beliefs, often to the detriment of understanding the full truth.

Recognition of the limits of our knowledge and an openness to learning from others is a quality like sincerity and unselfishness. It specifically involves an awareness of the boundaries of what we know, a curiosity about different perspectives and an eagerness to learn. It's the practice of not only acknowledging that we may be wrong but actively seeking opportunities to explore why.

People with such qualities are often more adaptable, open to new ideas, and better at handling conflict and closely linked to learning and growth. Being open to other's perspectives allows one to be better collaborator and problem-solver. It allows us to learn from people we disagree with and to see disagreements as opportunities for growth rather than threats to our identity. This is especially true when dealing with sensitive or deeply personal topics.

Approaching conversations with intellectual humility, makes us less defensive and more receptive, which leads to deeper understanding and stronger relationships. However, cultivating it is challenging. It requires actively overcoming our "bias blind spots," the tendency to believe that we are less biased than others.

Both emotional and intellectual openness along with cerebral empathy that enables us to consider others' perspectives on an intellectual level is essential for this kind of humility to truly flourish.

In a world that often rewards certainty and confidence, practicing intellectual humility can feel like swimming against the tide. It means being willing to let go of ideas that once felt central to our identity and acknowledging that our view is but one part of a much larger picture. Yet, by doing so, we gain access to a richer, more nuanced understanding of the world and of each other.

Doing this kind of thing is hard. We rarely do it.

However,

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Calling All Innovators

Join Us as Volunteers!

"We are looking for passionate volunteers to help us further our mission and make a positive impact in our community. If you have skills in any of the following areas, we would love to have you on board!"

CALL *for* VOLUNTEERS

We need volunteers in the following areas:

1. Human Resources: Support our team in recruitment, training, and volunteer management.
2. Community Outreach: Help us connect with local residents and promote our initiatives.
3. Content Writing: Create engaging content for our social media, and website.
4. Research: Conduct research to support our programs and projects, helping us better serve our community.



Unleash Your Creativity!

We are looking for impactful non-profit projects and social enterprises that tackle global issues affecting the ummah. If you have a project that aims to create positive change, we want to hear from you! Join us in making a difference—submit your project today!

Join our volunteer Team

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info@connectforpurpose.org
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visit our website at
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