# Subject: Call for Advisory Board Members, Sufi Music Heritage Project.

We are thrilled to invite passionate individuals with a deep appreciation for Sufi heritage music to join our Advisory Board for the exciting new project, "Sufi Heritage Music." This initiative aims to celebrate and preserve the rich cultural tapestry of Sufi music, fostering a deeper understanding and connection to this enchanting musical tradition.

## **About the Project:**

The "Sufi Heritage Music" project, generously funded by the National Lottery Grants for Heritage. This initiative is poised to showcase the profound impact of Sufi heritage and Qawwali on the multicultural tapestry of the city, fostering inclusivity and community engagement.

The project's primary objective is to empower women from South Asian communities, providing them with a platform to lead and shape their own festival program. Serving as curators, performers, and festival organizers, these women will play a pivotal role in promoting the unique cultural heritage embedded in Sufi traditions.

In addition to celebrating the Sufi heritage, the project aims to reach new audiences by delivering an inclusive programme throughout 2024-2025 through live performances, educational programs, multimedia content, and community outreach, ensuring the enduring legacy of Sufi music, history, education and literature.

Sufi Heritage Music seeks to create a comprehensive program that not only showcases the diverse genres within Sufi music but also explores its historical, cultural, and spiritual dimensions.



#### Why Join the Advisory Board?

As a member of the Advisory Board, you will play a pivotal role in shaping the trajectory of this unique project. Your expertise, passion, and insights will contribute to the development of a program that include a strand of three programme within Bradford District schools, youth-clubs and community centres that will authentically represent the richness of Sufi heritage. This is an

excellent opportunity for individuals who are committed to preserving cultural legacies and promoting a deeper understanding of diverse musical traditions.

# **Key Responsibilities:**

- 1. Provide expert advice on the curation and presentation of Sufi music genres, traditions and practises.
- 2. Contribute insights on cultural nuances, historical context, and spiritual significance related to Sufi music.
- 3. Collaborate with the project team to develop educational components that enhance audience appreciation and understanding.
- 4. Assist in identifying potential collaborations with artists, scholars, and cultural institutions to enrich the project.
- 5. Assist in developing the workshop program for all 3 strands of the project Bradford District schools, youth clubs and community centres.
- 6. Participate in periodic meetings and discussions to review project progress and provide strategic guidance.

#### **Qualifications:**

We are seeking individuals with the following qualifications:

- 1. In-depth knowledge and passion for Sufi music and its cultural context.
- 2. Expertise in musicology, ethnomusicology, cultural studies, or related fields.
- 3. Strong connections within the Sufi music community or related cultural spheres.
- 4. Proven experience in advisory roles, project development, or cultural preservation initiatives.

## **How to Apply:**

If you are enthusiastic about contributing to the preservation and promotion of Sufi heritage music, please submit your resume and a brief statement of interest to <a href="mailto:aamtatulwaheed@womenzonecc.co.uk">aamtatulwaheed@womenzonecc.co.uk</a> & <a href="mailto:mandeepsamra@womenzone.co.uk">mandeepsamra@womenzone.co.uk</a>. The deadline for applications is 31st of January 2024.

Join us in this inspiring journey to celebrate and preserve the magic of Sufi Heritage Music. Your expertise will be instrumental in shaping an unforgettable experience for audiences worldwide. We look forward to welcoming you to the Sufi Heritage Music family!



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