

## Welcome to the world of Maslaha

**The Young Foundation is looking for a multi-skilled and dynamic volunteer to work with the Maslaha team.**

Maslaha is a new, web-based organization, which aims to provide a greater understanding of Islam for Muslims and non-Muslims alike in exciting practical and creative ways. Maslaha translates from Arabic as “for the common good” and has grown out of many conversations with young Muslims, theologians and community practitioners.

**The scope of our work is broad and dynamic, and we want to involve YOU.**

Some current project highlights:

- Dynamic health resources which address health inequalities in Muslim communities by providing information in a way that resonates with every day life and thinking
- Working closely with teachers and schools to provide curriculum resources showing the contribution of Islam and Muslims to many subjects
- An exciting online exhibition being built in partnership with the British Council as part of its Our Shared Europe programme, spanning three countries and highlighting the constant influence and sharing of ideas that has occurred between Muslim and European individuals, and how Europe today would not be the same without the Islam of yesterday
- And many more exciting new ideas which we will put into action this year

Our website can be found at [www.maslaha.org](http://www.maslaha.org)

An example of our project work can be found at [www.caringforyourheart.org](http://www.caringforyourheart.org)

**We are looking for someone who is:**

- Adaptable and willing to use a variety of skills to fulfil the wide ranging demands of Maslaha’s work
- Organised and able to coordinate a number of different tasks simultaneously
- Good at communicating and presenting information and ideas clearly
- Experienced or interested in dynamic web projects
- Unafraid to engage with a wide range of people
- Able to understand and commit to Maslaha

**Desirable skills:**

- Experience in updating websites
- Excellent research and writing skills
- Ability to use Photoshop
- Filming experience

**Your core tasks will include:**

- Facilitating Maslaha's development in this exciting start up phase by helping to put in place organisational structures
- Playing a key role in the design and development of new media and other content for Maslaha 2.0 – our groundbreaking new website
- Helping to coordinate our wide range of projects, including specific tasks depending on the project – e.g. local level community engagement, identifying academics to write articles, coming up with new ideas for films, etc.
- Any other tasks as they arise, including creative input according to your own ideas and inspiration

Deadline for applications is **January 29<sup>th</sup>** 2010

Please email your CV and cover letter to Raheel Mohammed and Natalia Chan:

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**Maslaha's vision: Everything connects**

We're all about opening channels of communication to get information out in accessible and understandable ways to the people. We combine creative technology (such as film, animation, music and a strong online presence) with everyday action and engagement, finding new ways to connect and communicate.

We believe access to knowledge is fundamental – without it we cannot learn, improve our lives, or understand the lives of others. We use this approach to work towards addressing inequalities in health and education, and to enable a wide range of stories to be told – of everyday life, of extraordinary people, and of historical figures and places.

Maslaha started as a Young Foundation project and continues its strong tradition of social innovation – identifying social needs and finding creative ways to meet those needs. Our ideas are fuelled by our experience in journalism and campaigning, and are backed up by the intellectual rigour and expertise provided by our network of advisors, supporters and friends.

We bring together a wide range of people and places, including doctors, teachers, religious scholars, policy makers, students of all ages and stages, experts in health and education, nurses, young people, inter-faith organisations, patients, teacher trainers, academics in a wide range of subjects, film makers, musicians, animators, web designers, psychiatrists, philanthropists, theologians, social workers, social innovators, community workers, local celebrities, art galleries, theatre companies, museums... and many many more!