

# AFGHANAID

CELEBRATING 10 YEARS WITH AFGHANAID – 2010 TO 2020



  
SIMA VAZIRY

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*Sima, a highly professional, personally generous and gifted jewellery designer has supported the work of Afghanaid for more than ten years. Her use of the beautiful Afghan stones such as lapis lazuli, prized for centuries by painters and craftsmen, has brought them to new audiences and helped the people of Afghanistan.*

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ELIZABETH WINTER OBE,  
VICE CHAIR OF AFGHANAID



# AFGHANAID



Working to achieve a peaceful and thriving Afghanistan

Afghanaid is a British humanitarian and development organisation. For thirty-five years, their dedicated personnel have worked with millions of deprived, excluded and vulnerable families in some of the poorest and most remote communities in Afghanistan. They build basic services, improve livelihoods, strengthen the rights of women and children, help communities protect against natural disasters, and respond to humanitarian emergencies.

With their years of experience, their majority Afghan team, and their deep understanding of local, cultural and ethnic issues, they have earned great trust and respect among the communities they serve. This has allowed them to gain access to some of the most underserved areas of the country.

They couldn't do the work they do without their supporters, which is why they value their trust so highly. Read their promise or donate today to help vulnerable people across Afghanistan.

## HISTORY

Afghanaid was founded in 1983 and since then they have worked in almost every province in the country. Despite over three decades of conflict and insecurity, they have never left. They have become one of the longest serving and most widely respected charities in Afghanistan.

## VISION

A peaceful and thriving Afghanistan.

## MISSION

To provide Afghans with the training and tools they need to help themselves, their families and their communities.

## FOCUS

They particularly target vulnerable households – including those headed by women, or with elderly, chronically ill or disabled family members. Find out more about they we do.

[www.afghanaid.org.uk](http://www.afghanaid.org.uk)

**Afghanaid**  
From aid to empowerment



# SIMA VAZIRY

Award-winner Sima Vaziry's work has been recognised by the British Museum for whom she has created several commercial jewellery collections and her jewellery is part of the core range at the British Museum luxury shop.

Sima came into jewellery making as a second career from a graphic design background and after re-training, she launched her own business. It wasn't long before her work was picked up by the British Museum and her first collection for them became one of their most popular and best selling ranges.

To date, Sima has designed five collections for the British Museum, and has also received enquiries from the Louvre in Paris. Her award winning piece was used on the cover the new book, "Silversmithing for Jewelry Makers".

Her success has been recognised in the form of press, TV and radio appearances including Sky TV and BBC Persia as well as BBC London radio. Her jewellery designs and personal story have been featured in "Woman & Home", "Tatler" and "Vogue Italia" online and in all the main trade magazines.

Sima works from her shop at the OXO Tower, where she continues to make her collections, create bespoke items for private clients and supply the British Museum. She also passes on her knowledge through teaching and delivering talks in and around London.

For more information on Sima please go to [www.simavaziry.com](http://www.simavaziry.com)

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Closed Monday

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The shop window at the Oxo tower



The view from the shop overlooking St Paul's





# THE AFGHAN FASHION SHOW 2010

PORCHESTER HALL, LONDON – OCTOBER 2010

The Afghan Fashion Show 2010 was organized by Lady Cowper-Coles and Lady Jackson and headlined by Zarif Design showing their exquisite clothes on the catwalk.

Sima was thrilled to be invited to show her very first Afghan inspired jewellery collection under the Afghanaid umbrella and donated a pendant for the online auction.

The evening was attended by some five hundred people and proved to be a great success.

Sima sitting next to her display at the show













# PRECIOUS AFGHANISTAN 2012

PORCHESTER HALL, LONDON – MARCH 2012

A celebration of Afghanistan's gemstone history. The event showcased the exquisite jewellery collections of Sima Vaziry and Pippa Small.

The evening began with a journey along the Silk Road and Afghanistan's gemstone history followed by a presentation on modern day mining in Afghanistan. Indulge in canapes and drinks while perusing the Afghan-styled bazaar. Live music and traditional Afghan dance were also performed.

## EVENT COMMITTEE

Lady Bridget Cowper-Coles, Jon Snow, Pippa Small, Sima Vaziry, Princess Maryam, Lyse Doucet, Olivia Inge, Victoria Tryon, Lady Vanessa Patey, Lady Caroline Richards, Sophia Swire, Bijan Omrani, Lucy Morgan Edwards, Veronica Doubleday, John Baily, Hamed Seraj, Sarah Searight, Ulla Calvert, James Lesser, Lady Poole, Neil and Lucinda Hall, Omar Masom, Leslie Knott, David Page, Elizabeth Winter, Stephen Turner, Malcolm Harper, Tigger Stack and Shirazuddin Siddiqi.



## PRECIOUS AFGHANISTAN

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# CATWALK

PRECIOUS AFGHANISTAN 2012









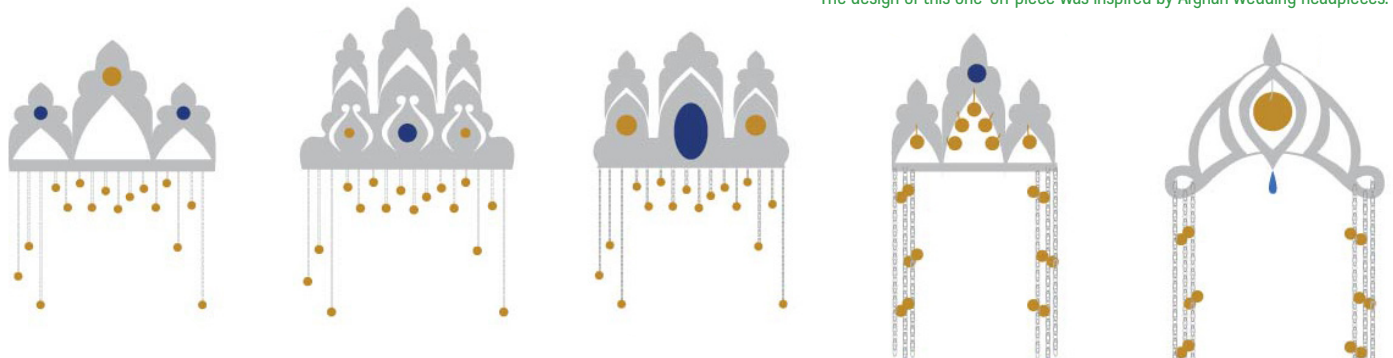


# TIARA

PRECIOUS AFGHANISTAN 2012



The design of this one-off piece was inspired by Afghan wedding headpieces.





# PEOPLE

## PRECIOUS AFGHANISTAN 2012

**Top left:** Lady Cowper-Coles & Elizabeth Winter, lady trying Sima's jewellery, Kit Hesketh-Harvey & Lady Cowper-Coles, dance show performed by Zina Tabiri, Emily Tippetts & Sima Vaziry.

**Middle left:** Sima Vaziry and Farhana Safa, Sima's jewellery for auction, Amanda Curley & Kit Hesketh-Harvey, Sima working behind the stage, Two Afghan men in traditional dress, Sima & Lady Patey, Sima's jewellery stand.

**Bottom left:** Princess Maryam, Bijan Omrani (right), Sima Vaziry, two Afghanaid volunteers, Sima Vaziry and Hamed Seraj, Fernanda Fernandez and Marcelo Benfield.













# PHOTOSHOOTS

PRECIOUS AFGHANISTAN 2012



Photoshoot with Olivia Inge, Photography by Marcelo Benfield

# PRESS 2012

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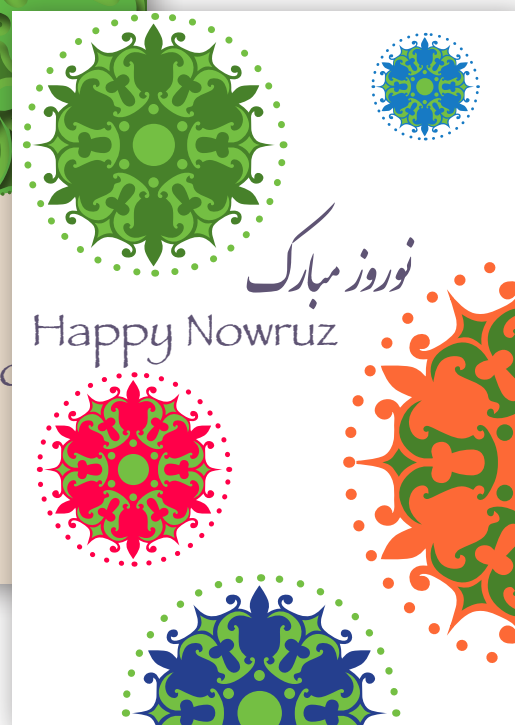




# AFGHANAID NOWRUZ E-CARD 2014



Sima designed Nowruz e-cards for Afghanaid.





Happy Nowruz

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SINA VAZIRY





# AFGHANAID'S 35 YEAR JOURNEY: IN SEARCH OF PEACE & PROSPERITY 2019

ROYAL GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY, LONDON

An evening in support of Afghanaid at the Royal Geographical Society.

For 35 years, Afghanaid has been working for peace and prosperity in Afghanistan. We work alongside some of the poorest and most remote rural communities in Afghanistan to rebuild basic services, improve agriculture and other livelihoods, strengthen the rights of women and children, and respond to natural disasters.

Despite many continuing challenges in the country, Afghanaid is one of the longest serving and most widely respected charities in Afghanistan. In 2019 our projects will continue to make life better for over one million Afghan men, women and children.

The evening included a panel discussion, with speakers and music in the Main Hall.

A silent auction accompanied the event with bidding via Galabid.

## ORGANISING COMMITTEE

Sarah Rutherford; Mareia Abed; Tasha Arguile; Ulla Calvert; Arabella Dorman; Baroness D'Souza; Felicity Finch; Chris Kinder, Chairman, Afghanaid Board of Trustees; Heidi Kingstone & Sima Vaziry.

Sima donated this necklace and a brooch for the silent auction.



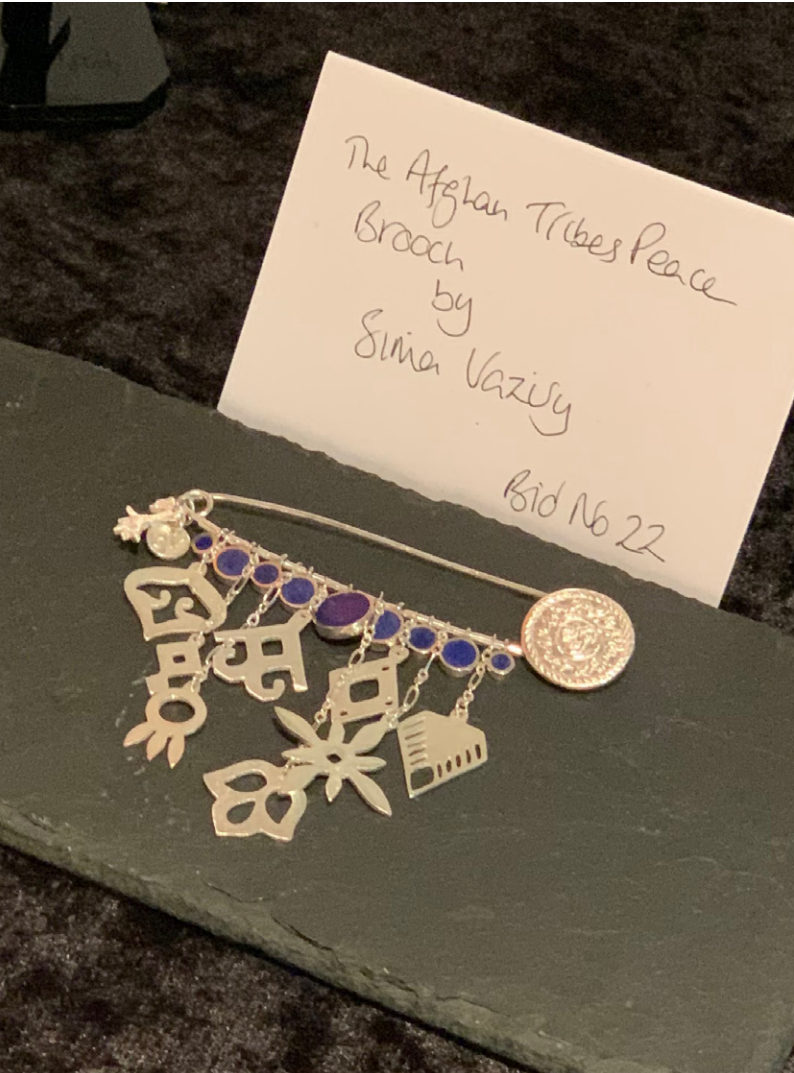
## SPEAKERS:

**Shoaib Sharifi** is the Kabul Editor & Bureau Chief for BBC Persian, BBC Pashto and BBC Dari/Pashto News.  
**Shirazuddin Siddiqi** is the former BBC Media Action Country Director for Afghanistan and Afghanaid Trustee.  
**Harriet Sandys** is the author of *Beyond that Last Blue Mountain: My Silk Road Journey*.  
**Lyse Doucet, OBE** is the BBC's Chief International Correspondent and served as moderator of the discussion.



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ROYAL GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY, LONDON 2019



Donated pieces for the silent auction.



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