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DR. SHELINA BHAMANI

Keynote speaker

Dr. Shelina Bhamani, a leader in Early Childhood Development with over 15 years of experience, is the Program Director of Outreach Education and Assistant Professor at Aga Khan University. She spearheads the innovative Early Childhood Development Parenting Readiness Education Program (ECD PREP) and established the first ECD Clinics at Aga Khan University Hospital, integrating early childhood development into healthcare. Her work focuses on scalable education and parenting programs to empower families and educators in improving child development.





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MS. SARWAT GILANI

Guest Speaker

Sarwat Gilani, is a proud alumna of the prestigious Indus Valley School of Art & Architecture. Known for her versatility and charisma, she has graced Pakistani television, web series, and films for nearly two decades. But Sarwat's impact extends beyond the screen. As an activist and advocate, she has tirelessly championed women's rights, child protection, and inclusion. Her latest venture, Art House, is an inclusive after-school space for children of all abilities and backgrounds. Through creative programs, she is helping children explore their potential and develop self-awareness.





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AAMINA SHEIKH

Guest Speaker

Aamina Sheikh, a multi-talented artist with a background in video production from Hampshire College, has had a diverse career as an actress, songwriter, and fashion model. Her passion for working with children began with directing and producing Geo Television's children's talk show, *Bachey Man Ke Sachey*. In response to the Covid-19 pandemic, she launched her YouTube channel, *MeissaMama*, offering engaging Urdu Storytime and home-learning content for children. Aamina's work reflects her dedication to inspiring young minds through creativity, storytelling, and education.





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ZARA ZAFAR

Guest Speaker

Zara Zafar, a certified Montessori directress and childcare development specialist, brings over 15 years of experience in early education from the UK. Trained at Montessori Centre International and Crossfields Institute, she holds a Council for Awards in Care, Health and Education diploma in Montessori pedagogy and has completed advanced training in language development and safeguarding. As a co-founder of successful Montessori schools in London, Zara has expertise in designing and managing enriching learning environments.

