

### **Mezmin - Only in Leicester**

I have had quite a lot of awards. I am most proud of the Community Champions award I received in 2019. At the time, the Queen's representative approached me and asked if I knew why I got an award. I did not. I knew I had been recognised for my work but there were so many of us, I did not know why me. She made me look around. I was one of three Muslims in a crowded room. She asked how many Muslims were seen in a Sikh jacket helping a mixed community, 90% of whom were Hindus? I got the award for that. It was one of the reasons I did the work – it is not about your faith or culture or where you come from, it is about being a human. That was my biggest achievement.