



Beyond Disability: From Setback to Leadership

Hussain Ali's Story

Community-Based Inclusive Development {CBID}, PK Sindh

Hussain Ali's story is a powerful path of transformation from adversity to leadership. He was working with the Merchant Navy when he met with an accident and acquired a disability. At a difficult point in his life, Hussain was considering migrating from Pakistan, but his life took a different direction when he met Mr. Jawaid Rais, who was then President of DWA.

Jawaid Rais provided him with guidance, encouragement, and an introduction to the disability rights movement, which became a turning point in Hussain's life. Through this support, Hussain developed a deeper understanding of disability rights, independent living, and empowerment and began working on broader social issues.

Over the years, he progressed from seeking guidance to becoming a disability rights advocate and leader, serving as Project Director of online WOW-TV and General Secretary of PILC, while also supporting other persons with disabilities, promoting inclusion, and advocating for equality and independent living.

His story demonstrates that with the right support, determination, and self-belief, a life-changing setback can become the beginning of a story toward leadership, empowerment, and meaningful social contribution.

The Turning Point

Mentorship and opportunity — Meeting Mr. Jawaid Rais and being introduced to the disability rights movement gave Hussain the guidance and confidence to see new possibilities beyond his circumstances.

Leadership & Contribution

- Disability rights advocate and emerging leader.
- Project Director of online WOW-TV.
- General Secretary of the Pakistan Independent Living Centre (PILC).
- Supports and encourages other persons with disabilities.
- ◁ Promotes inclusion, equality, empowerment, and independent living.

A Message of Hope... “Disability may change a person's circumstances, but it does not have to define their potential.” CBID PK Sindh | PILC

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