

# What's up in the Hub?

**Quarterly Newsletter**

April – June 2023

## Welcome to the Hub!

In the 2nd quarter of 2023, we extended a warm welcome to six new members at Impact Hub Dhaka (IHD): Sayeb Ahamed Emon and Maria Afrin Tishu from Edify, Md. Nazmul Islam and Zibran Zarif Amio from DigiErb Communications, Sudip Singh from ITC Bangalore, and Rajib Hasan from ATLAS Analytics PTE LTD. We welcome everyone to our vibrant community where changemakers unite to create a positive impact!

## Fostering collaborations among IHD Members

At Impact Hub Dhaka, we firmly believe that fostering collaborations is the key to tackling our challenges. Recently, three of our members, Wahid Hossain, Samiur Rahman Rashedi, and Saquib Syed, came together to launch UOMO X BELLA – Bangladesh's first style concierge and image crafting services brand. Their vision is to bridge the gap between tailors and customers by providing a convenient and accessible platform for tailoring facilities. With this service bridge, customers can enjoy personalized tailoring services at their convenience, creating a seamless and enjoyable experience for all.

## HubDates: Annual Community Iftar

Our highly anticipated Annual Community Iftar took place on April 7, 2023, uniting members, partners, and friends from the entrepreneurship ecosystem in a celebration of unity ahead of Eid ul Fitr. The event provided a dynamic platform for impactful conversations, networking opportunities, and delightful gastronomic experiences. As the evening concluded, attendees felt a shared commitment and enthusiasm for creating a better future. Impact Hub Dhaka is excited to foster these connections and drive meaningful change in the community.



## Quarterly Community Lunch

This quarter, we brought together new and existing members, along with our team, for a community lunch on May 9, 2023. This vibrant event facilitated connections, enabling diverse individuals to know each other better and spark meaningful collaborations. At Impact Hub Dhaka, we're committed to fostering a strong and inclusive community. Join us to be part of our thriving community and create a Bangladesh where everyone thrives!

## Supporting SME Entrepreneurs in Rural Bangladesh with ILO and Grameen Trust

In collaboration with the International Labour Organization (ILO), we recently hosted the inaugural workshop of our 'Train the Trainers Programme' series at the Grameen Trust Office. Our clear vision is to empower participants to support 3,500 underserved SME entrepreneurs in rural Bangladesh. The workshop focused on two essential modules: "Digitalizing the Business" and "Financial Literacy."



We are proud to share that 20 passionate unit-in-charges from Grameen Trust actively engaged in the workshop. They will now utilize their newfound knowledge to train rural entrepreneurs nationwide. Empowering and upskilling these trainers paves the way for rural entrepreneurs to sustain and expand their businesses throughout the country. Our rigorous methodologies and comprehensive training aim to create a ripple effect of prosperity, enabling hundreds of underserved SME entrepreneurs to thrive in the rural landscape of Bangladesh. Together, we bridge the gap and foster inclusive growth in marginalized communities.



Special thanks to our facilitators, Bishwamitra Chowdhury and Mustain Chowdhury, for their invaluable support in our mission. Alongside ILO and Grameen Trust, we drive positive change and inclusive growth in rural Bangladesh.

If you're eager to explore how our training and manuals can revolutionize your organization, ignite innovation, and drive entrepreneurial success, contact us today. Let's collaborate to create a brighter future together! Discover how we can help you thrive in the world of innovation and entrepreneurship!



## Empowering Change: Mumble's Facilitation Skill Development Training for CWFD Trainers

Mumble, a platform dedicated to combatting myths and misconceptions in society, recently hosted a transformative two-day "Facilitation Skill Development Training" for trainers from Concerned Women for Family Development (CWFD) on June 12th and 13th 2023 at Impact Hub Dhaka. These trainers play a crucial role in empowering communities through Sexual and Reproductive Health and gender-based violence prevention services in Noakhali.

Led by seasoned industry experts, the training offered comprehensive learning opportunities, including core facilitation skills, training plan and module development, effective training content preparation, participatory learning facilitation, conflict resolution strategies, handling challenging situations, time management, workshop logistics management, and addressing gender bias in training sessions. Through this empowering program, Mumble and CWFD are working together to create a positive impact and bring about meaningful change in society.

## Hosting Interns from the Yunus Centre

On June 18, 2023, Impact Hub Dhaka was delighted to welcome interns from Yunus Centre to its vibrant space. The event was co-organized by YY Ventures and the 3Z Global Centre, focusing on deepening the interns' knowledge of Social Business.



Representatives from the 3Z Global Centre and YY Ventures Limited engaged the young visitors in an enlightening conversation, sharing invaluable insights about their work, methodologies, and the underlying motivations fueling their impactful initiatives. This interactive session aimed to inspire and empower the next generation of changemakers, igniting the spark for positive social transformation.

## Impact Hub's Communities of Practice: Empowering Our Team for Greater Impact



We're excited to share how our team at Impact Hub Dhaka recently participated in 6-week long Impact Hub's Communities of Practice (CoPs) program. By engaging in CoPs focused on Programs, Community Building, as well as, Space & Operations, our staff delved into a rich pool of knowledge and skills.

The CoPs provided a peer-to-peer learning space where our team members could explore new strategies and perspectives with our global counterpart. With deep dives into critical topics and shared experiences from across the Impact Hub Network, our team gained valuable insights that will drive impactful solutions within our community.

The learnings acquired during the CoPs will not only empower our staff but also enhance our ability to create a lasting impact on the challenges we address. We look forward to applying these new skills and knowledge to strengthen our initiatives and make a positive difference in the world.

## Global Updates: 13th Impact Hub Global Gathering

The 13th Impact Hub Global Gathering was hosted by Impact Hub Accra on June 6 – 8, 2023 in Ghana. Hosted in a vibrant setting, this gathering brought together 90 Makers from across the world and served as a catalyst for collaboration, knowledge-sharing, and transformative ideas. During the Gathering, attendees engaged in inspiring discussions, workshops, and networking sessions, fueling a sense of unity and shared purpose. The Impact Hub Global Gathering 2023 fostered a powerful exchange of experiences, insights, and best practices.



## Be a Part of Impact Hub Dhaka's Skill Sharing Workshops!

Are you passionate about sharing your expertise, or eager to learn from talented individuals to build useful skills? Look no further: Impact Hub Dhaka presents our new series of Transformative Skill-Building Workshops, and we invite YOU to be a part of this enriching experience!

### Join the Movement!

**Be a Host:** If you have a skill or knowledge to share, become a workshop host! Share your passion and expertise with our vibrant community.

**Be a Participant:** Engage in our diverse workshops to discover new interests, learn practical skills, and broaden your horizons.

### Why Participate?

**Empowering Community:** These workshops are meant to create a culture of collective learning and growth, fostering a supportive network of like-minded individuals.

**Continuous Growth:** Our workshops will cater to all skill levels, ensuring continuous personal and professional development.

**Nurture Creativity:** Explore new talents, enhance personal development, and nurture your creativity in a collaborative environment.

### How to Get Involved?

**Host a Session:** Connect with our Community Lead and write to us at [lamia.hafiz@impacthub.net](mailto:lamia.hafiz@impacthub.net) and share your interest in hosting a session.

**Attend a Workshop:** Follow our social media pages and register for upcoming workshops and embark on a journey of exploration and skill-building.

**Spread the Word:** Help us build a thriving community by sharing this initiative with friends and colleagues who may be interested.

At Impact Hub Dhaka, we believe in the power of shared knowledge and collaboration. Join us in unlocking the full potential of our community through the enriching experience of Skill Sharing Workshops. Let's connect minds, enrich lives, and empower each other to reach new heights of success. Together, we can make a collective impact that propels us towards a brighter future.

## Join our Growing Community at Impact Hub Dhaka!

Are you ready to be part of an energetic and collaborative community? Look no further! Become a Member at Impact Hub Dhaka and unlock endless opportunities for collaboration, connection, and idea-sharing.

## What We Offer



**Furnished Office Spaces:** Embrace a hassle-free setup in our fully furnished office spaces, designed to inspire productivity and creativity.



**Meeting Spaces for Rent:** Host productive meetings and brainstorming sessions in our well-equipped meeting spaces.



**Shooting Space:** Need a professional setup for your video or photo shoots? Our shooting space is equipped to meet your creative needs.



**Coworking Setup:** Join a vibrant community of like-minded individuals in our co-working spaces, fostering meaningful connections and collaborations.



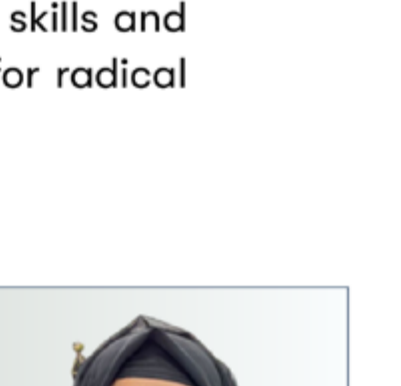
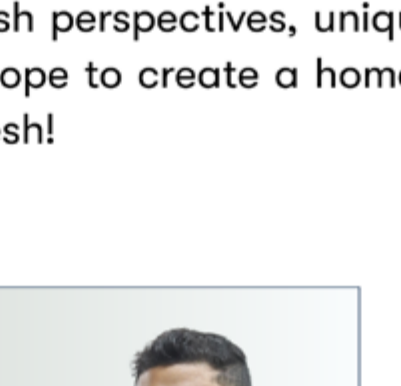
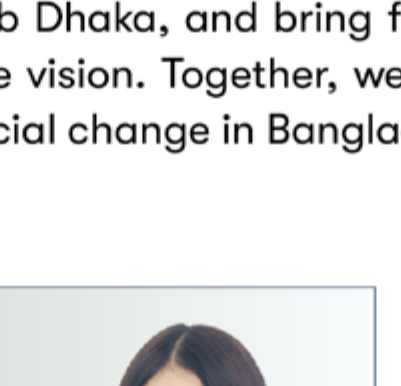
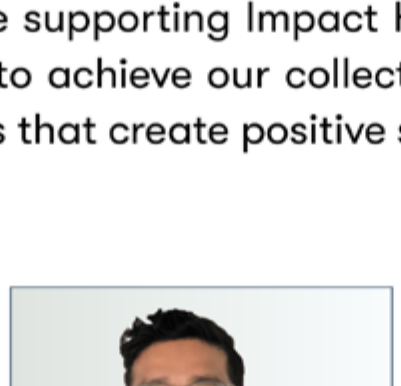
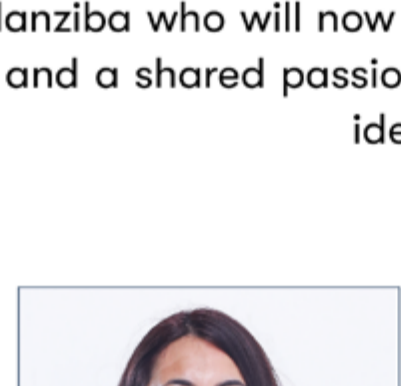
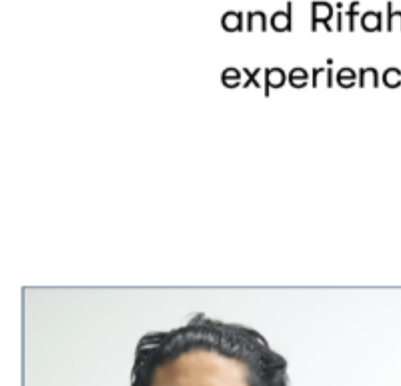
**Event Space:** Whether it's workshops, seminars, or networking events, our dynamic event space is perfect for hosting engaging and impactful gatherings.



Discover Your Perfect Space Today! Visit our website to explore our spaces and find the perfect fit for your needs. Don't miss out on the chance to be part of a thriving community where connections are made, ideas flourish, and impact is created. Join us at Impact Hub Dhaka and let's make a difference together!

## Meet the Team!

Our team is growing! Say hello to Bishwamitra Chowdhury, Diljahan Akter, and Mustain Karim Chowdhury, Ozair Ahmad, and Rifah Naziba who will now be supporting Impact Hub Dhaka, and bring fresh perspectives, unique skills and experience, and a shared passion to achieve our collective vision. Together, we hope to create a home for radical ideas that create positive social change in Bangladesh!



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