COCO KHAN

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Coco Khan is an award-winning broadcaster and writer best known for the hit politics podcast, Pod Save the UK, which she co-hosts with comedian Nish Kumar, and as a regular contributor to the Guardian, BBC Newsnight, and Daytime on 5.

Humour and humanity is at the heart of Coco's approach – and what joins up her broad interests across culture, lifestyle and politics. That means, whether it's interviewing a head of state for Pod Save the UK or profiling a Hollywood star for the Guardian, or speaking to a citizen with a singular story – her interview style prefers compassion to combat, using humour to break down complicated subjects. In short: entertain while informing.

Across books, print, broadcast and live events, Coco has explored subjects as diverse as economic policy to healthy eating; the women's safety crisis to Line of Duty cliffhangers, seaside holidays to tech regulation. Partly due to her own upbringing (social housing, single parent family), she has a longstanding interest in issues relating to social mobility, diversity and modern family. She is particularly interested in exploring 'how we live now' and telling the stories of the public to explore the big changes sweeping through society.

And if there's an excuse to try out something silly and cumbersome (think, swapping jobs with someone, or trying Reddit's 'extreme frugality')? Well, she has been known.

Pod Save the UK was awarded the prestigious Podcast Champion Award at the British Podcast Awards, and Coco now serves as a BPA podcast ambassador. The show was also included in Amazon's Best Podcast of the Year list (2023), and was the winner of Pod Bible's Best News & Investigation listener poll awards. She was nominated for 'Best New Voice' at the Audio Production Awards 2023, alongside a nomination with her co-host Nish Kumar, for 'Best Ensemble Cast'. Their moving interview with Labour MP Rosena Allin-Khan about the Covid Inquiry was later shortlisted for

best news coverage at 2024's ARIAs. Later that year she won Podcast Host of the Year at the inaugural UKAN Awards.

Other notable audio projects include BBC R4's News Quiz as a series regular; *Vs* from Intelligence Squared where she hosted debates between notable people on lighthearted subjects (eg The Office vs Peep Show, Beatles vs Stone Roses), and the now finished *Paper Cuts*, the satirical daily news podcast, where she was a regular contributor.

In addition to her writing at The Guardian – which included a weekly column for several years – she has written for New York Magazine, Stylist, Independent, Women's Health and more. Before the Guardian she was Senior Editor (pop culture) at Complex UK. She is also a writer of essays and fiction, and her work has been included in The Good Immigrant (Unbound), the bestselling anthology exploring race; It's Not About the Burqa (Picador), a collection of pieces from Muslim heritage writers; Aiden Shaw's Penis (NoBrow), a collection of stories about censorship which she helped select and introduces; and she is currently working on her debut book.

In live events, her recent credits include co-hosting the Audio Production Awards; co-presenting the talks arena at Lost Village music festival; regular hosting at Trouble Club and various culture festivals (Wellcome Lates, Cheltenham, Hay, London Lit Fest) plus corporate events for NBC, BT and The Guardian.

CREDITS

TV:

Daytime on 5, 2025 – present (Channel 5)

Newsnight, 2024 – present (BBC2)

Good Morning Britain, 2024 (ITV1)

Audio:

BBC R4 News Quiz, 2024 – present

Times Radio (contributor), 2023- present

Paper Cuts by Podmasters, 2024 (Podmasters)

Pod Save the UK, 2023 – Present (Crooked Media)

Versus, 2023 (Intelligence Squared)

Group Chat, 2019 – 2020 (BBC Asian Network)

Corporate Live Events:

Hosting events, chairing debates, or participating as a panellist in events for:

Voice 21, BT, NBC, Shelter, Audio Production Awards, MADFest, Fair Education Alliance, CIPR, and various Guardian commercial partnerships (clients include universities, ACCA, and retailers).

NBC, 2023

BT, 2022

Guardian X ACCA, 2022

Guardian Universities, 2021

Arts and culture events:

Wellcome Lates, 2026

International Women's Podcast Festival, 2024

Lost Village Festival, 2023/2024

Folkestone Book Festival, 2023

The Trouble Club, 2023 – present

Hay Festival, 2017

Stylist Live, 2017

Bristol Festival of Ideas, various

Cheltenham Book Festival, 2017 – present

London Book Festival, 2017

Women of the World Festival, 2017

The Quarter Club salon, 2018

Branded Content:

Ministry of Justice X Complex Magazine, 2024