

Nilesh B. Dosa MBE - Bio

Described by [Forbes.com](https://www.forbes.com) as “**the man turning inequality into opportunity for young people**,” Nilesh was awarded an **MBE in 2024 for Services to Social Equality**. He went on to lead icanyoucantoo to **The King’s Award for Voluntary Service (KAWS) in 2025**, placing him among a **very few individuals in British history to hold both honours**.

Nilesh is the **founder of icanyoucantoo** — a **volunteer-powered grassroots social enterprise** levelling the playing field for young people across London. Alongside a **longstanding role at EY**, he leads the organisation while managing Charcot-Marie-Tooth disease (CMT), a **rare incurable neurodegenerative condition**.

icanyoucantoo

Starting with just five students, icanyoucantoo **now supports over 100 young people each year** — delivering intensive coaching that opens pathways into fields such as medicine, banking, law and architecture. icanyoucantoo also **provides learning resources** such as laptops and books, alongside a newly launched free tutoring programme. It **runs humanitarian programmes too**, supporting hundreds of vulnerable women and children with hot meals and hygiene essentials.

Storytelling & Advisory

Nilesh also **serves as Chief Storyteller at icanyoucantoo**, sitting between two worlds that rarely meet: grassroots communities and corporate leadership. Drawing on lived experience and stories gathered from **years embedded in the community**, he helps organisations connect authentically and act meaningfully on social inequality.

Nilesh regularly delivers keynotes on social equality, disability, leadership and purpose.

Find out more

www.icanyoucantoo.co.uk

Impact

- 500+ young people supported into life-changing opportunities
- 50,000+ hot meals and hygiene essentials delivered
- 20,000+ reached through keynotes and storytelling
- 2,000+ professionals volunteering from 100+ leading organisations