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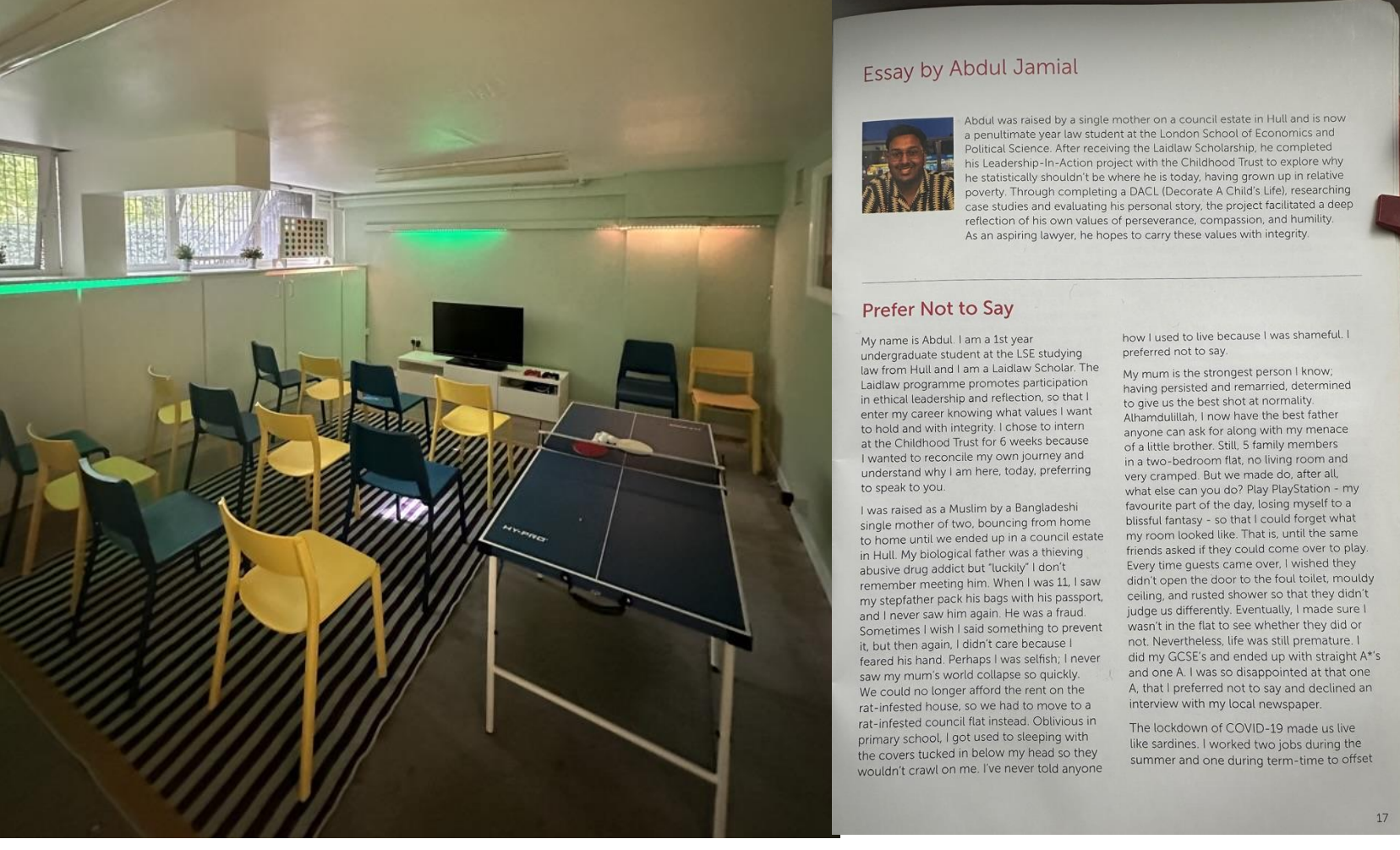
Abdul Jamial



My Laidlaw Story



Leadership-in-Action



My LiA at the The Childhood Trust taught me:

- That **character** is how you treat those who do nothing for you.
- To **reflect, reflect, reflect**. You can't appreciate where you are now, without comparing yourself to the past.
- Leadership is less about leading others and more about being the **main character** to your own movie.
- **Conquer your history. Leverage it. Prefer to Say. Power lies in your story.**

My LiA proved to be an unwitting **mental challenge**; navigating past **trauma**, writing about it and then speaking about it. But once I arrived on the **other side**, the **grass was greener** and the **breeze was cooler**.

A leader isn't measured by the projects they complete but by the choices they make to shape their own journey.

My research project in Greece taught me:

- "the world is your oyster" is true. There's more to do than the time we have in life, so **choose wisely**.
- Teamwork is not just cooperating but being able to **rely** on their support when you need it most.
- Leadership for me, means to not close myself off from the **opportunities** that the world has to offer. Life is bigger than Hull and London.
- That includes the idea of creating my own **business** just like 99% of Greece (SMEs)!

Leadership-in-Research



Thank you **Abhi, Vanessa, Gillian** and **Migara** for showing me what it means to be actually be apart of a team. Thank you for having my back, not just in this project but in university.

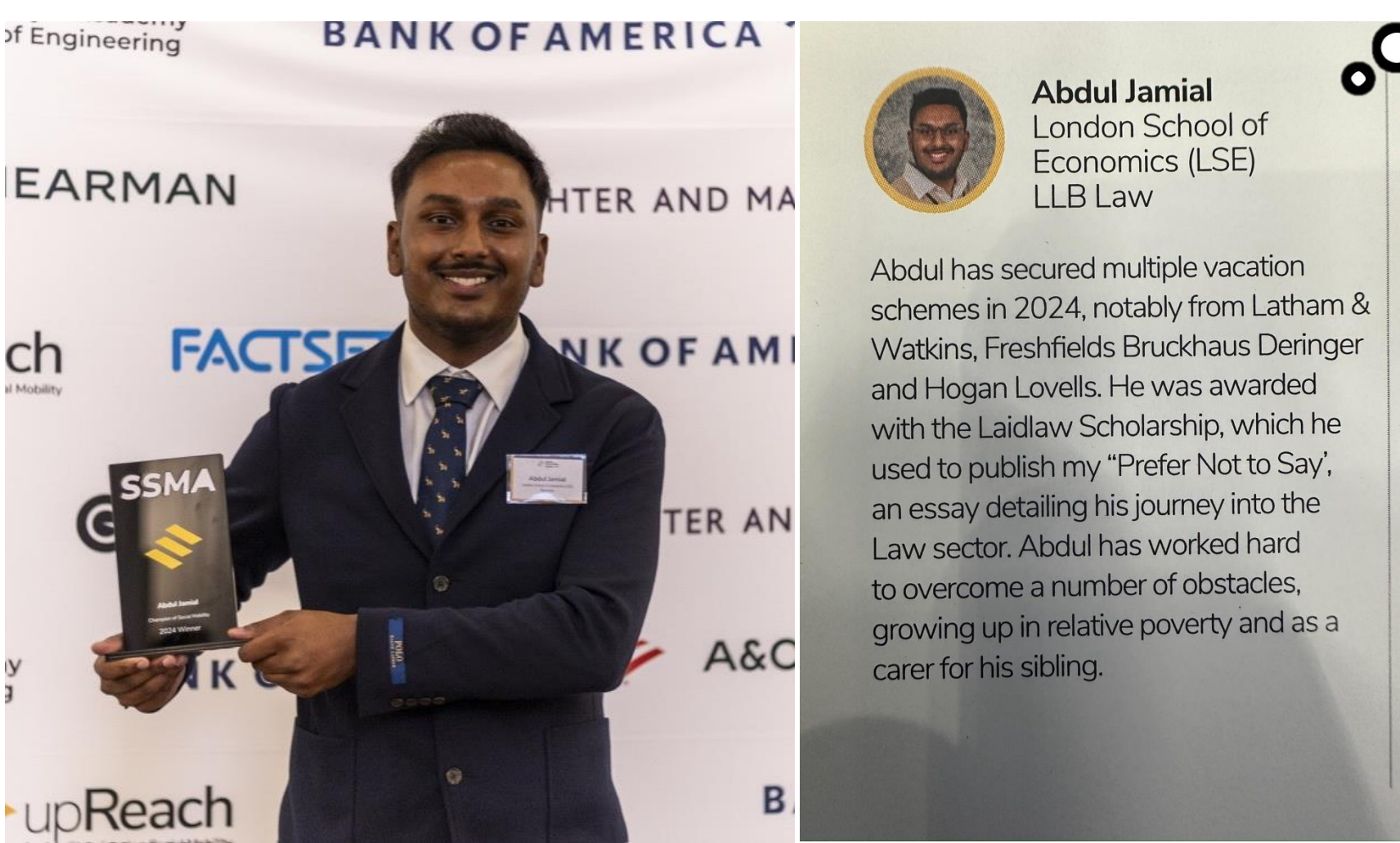
Greece taught me that there are millions of unknowns; languages, currencies etc.

Leadership is embracing the unknown with open arms and having the courage to say I will deal with it as it comes.

Leadership-in-Practice

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Congratulations to **LSE Law School** student **Abdul Jamial** who has been recognised at **upReach's** Student Social Mobility Awards for overcoming adversity and achieving exceptional accomplishments in his studies and beyond.



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Abdul has secured multiple vacation schemes in 2024, notably from Latham & Watkins, Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer and Hogan Lovells. He was awarded with the Laidlaw Scholarship, which he used to publish my "Prefer Not to Say", an essay detailing his journey into the Law sector. Abdul has worked hard to overcome a number of obstacles, growing up in relative poverty and as a carer for his sibling.

Final Reflections

The Laidlaw Scholarship has given me more than leadership.

Laidlaw has given me a people. It's given me sense of belonging - a community. One that I will carry with me forever. No amount of money can buy that.

These past two years have shaped me into a team player, a leader, and, most unexpectedly, a storyteller. The ability to capture and convey emotions often goes unnoticed—until it resonates deeply.

Thank you, **Phillip, Kelly** & the **Laidlaw Foundation** for allowing me to tell my story and shape my Laidlaw journey into one of liberation.



Leadership is the art of turning uncertainty into opportunity, and doubt into determination.