

Nina (nina-iraq.com) is a women's economic empowerment magazine...

...focussing on Iraq and the Iraqi diaspora, but with the aim of being the go-to magazine for women across the Middle East. Over the next few months the submission theme will be based on the environment – this will include a good environment for doing business (access to finance, private public sector dialogue) as well as a focus on the land and green tech. Our [interview with Suaad Allami](#), a leading Iraqi human rights lawyer will give you a real sense of what Nina is about. There are three key areas of focus:

1. **Enabling** real voices to tell real stories, sharing experience strength and hope in a way that supports empowerment inside and outside the home, whilst responding to current issues. This also includes communicating a toolkit around business support, employability and educational opportunities.
2. **Campaigning** for equal opportunities, based on turning the 60% of women that are economically inactive in Iraq into a powerful force for nation building, driving GDP growth and thus overall stability.
3. **Trading** for success - by creating a powerful network of potential opportunity linked by the fundamental value/ concept of Women's Economic Empowerment between countries involved in the growing Nina network (i.e UK, Sweden, Jordan, Iraq)

Can you support us with stories?

Our aim is to have 2/3 new features in Arabic and English per week (communicated on Social Media also). *Kurdish can be provided, but must have translation into Arabic or English included.*

- **Content:**
 - **Either your area of expertise** – i.e. finance, Oil and Gas, architecture/ interiors, the environment, technology, education
 - **Or Nina Voices Campaign**, share your story of how you survived being dispossessed, leaving everything you knew, whether in Iraq or outside, what is your story – how did you make it? (the aim of this is to disseminate stories where we can and also encourage women to share in Iraq itself, sharing experience strength and hope in this time of trial)
- **How to Send Us Your Work:** We accept submissions only through our electronic [submission system](#).
- **Technical Difficulties:** If you have any questions or encounter technical difficulties, please [Contact Us](#).
- **Timing:** Submissions may be sent to us at any time, year-round.
- **Simultaneous Submissions:** We accept multiple submissions, however the writing must be the writer's own work, and must have all the relevant permissions attached. This is the writer's responsibility.
- **Response Time:** If approved your work will be posted on the website within 24 hours.
- **Payment:** *Nina* is a non-profit organization with the ambition of encouraging real, relevant stories – real stories by real people. Because of this, there is an understanding that all stories are submitted free of charge. Even though *Nina* is based on creating an opportunity and a venue for citizen journalism, professional submissions by journalists are of course always welcome. We are strongly committed to giving women a voice, linking the diaspora and women in Iraq to the opportunity of being heard world-wide.

Word Count Guidelines:

READERS' NARRATIVES may run up to 1,000 words. This may include

- *Expert writers:* Finance/ Insurance/ Oil and Gas etc/ [Dossier](#)
- *Opinion Pieces:* ie. [Uns Baban, the Colour Grey](#)
- *Interviews:* i.e. [Ewa Bjorling](#)
- *My Story:* Your take on your world, please follow [this link](#) for examples
- *Poetry:* submissions may contain up to five poems, please follow [this link](#) for examples. The poems should be contained in a single file.