

ISLAMIC NETWORK

England & Wales · Charity number 1101603

Details

Other names	Here For Youth
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	2004-01-19
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: To advance the Islamic faith for the benefit of the public by acting as a resource for young people and voluntary sector organisations. To provide guidance, networking opportunities, media, literature and training. To organise programmes of spiritual, mental, physical and educational support that will develop a positive identity and allow them to confidently participate in society.

Activities: Our aim is to empower and support community organisations with programmes that help them to engage and nurture young people of faith and no faith on a weekly basis in their community. We do this through a bespoke training and coaching programme that addresses the local needs of young people in each community.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Education/training, Religious Activities, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Economic/community Development/employment, Human Rights/religious Or Racial Harmony/equality Or Diversity
- **Who:** Children/young People, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, Other Defined Groups, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Australia
- Canada
- Indonesia
- Ireland
- Malaysia
- New Zealand
- United States
- Zambia
- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£187,768	£192,380	-	-
2023-12-31	£135,284	£111,624	-	-
2022-12-31	£132,267	£121,445	-	-
2021-12-31	£139,478	£128,351	-	-
2020-12-31	£86,266	£89,104	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Jameil Chaudhry	Chair	2015-06-11
AMIR MALIK		2013-02-12
Rejaul Islam		2024-05-24
Rukasana Bhajjee		2023-08-10
Sumir Akhtar		2015-01-30

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HERE FOR YOUTH ANNUAL TRUSTEE & FINANCIAL REPORT

*For the year ended
31st December 2024*

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Other names: Here For Youth (Working name)

Trustees

Mr Jameil Chaudhry (Chairman)

Mr Amir Malik (Treasurer)

Mr Sumir Akhtar (Trustee)

Mrs Rukasana Bhajjee (Appointed 10th August 2023)

Mr Rejaul Islam (Appointed 24th May 2024)

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Here For Youth is a registered charity dedicated to addressing the growing crisis Muslims face, particularly **teenagers** who often lack access to safe spaces that nurture their **identity, faith, and personal development**, in the UK.

Our vision is a world where **every teenager** feels confident in their **identity**, supported by **mentors and communities** that guide their spiritual, emotional, and social growth, paving the way for a lifetime of purpose and contribution.

In 2024, we built on the momentum of previous years through the continued rollout of our Youth Engagement Framework, training over **200 new youth leaders**, upskilling a grand total of **73 communities**, and engaging **more than 2,000 teenagers weekly**. This report highlights the year's key achievements, from leadership development and community impact to national campaigns and the Muslim Youth Engagement Awards 2024, reflecting another year of growth, collaboration, and meaningful progress.

OUR HISTORY

Established as a charity in 2004, we initially focused on **educational** programs, conferences, workshops, and a regular magazine.

Over the years, our mission has evolved to **focus on community development at the grassroots with youth work** as the mechanism to see an impactful and sustainable change in our society.



CHARITABLE OBJECTS

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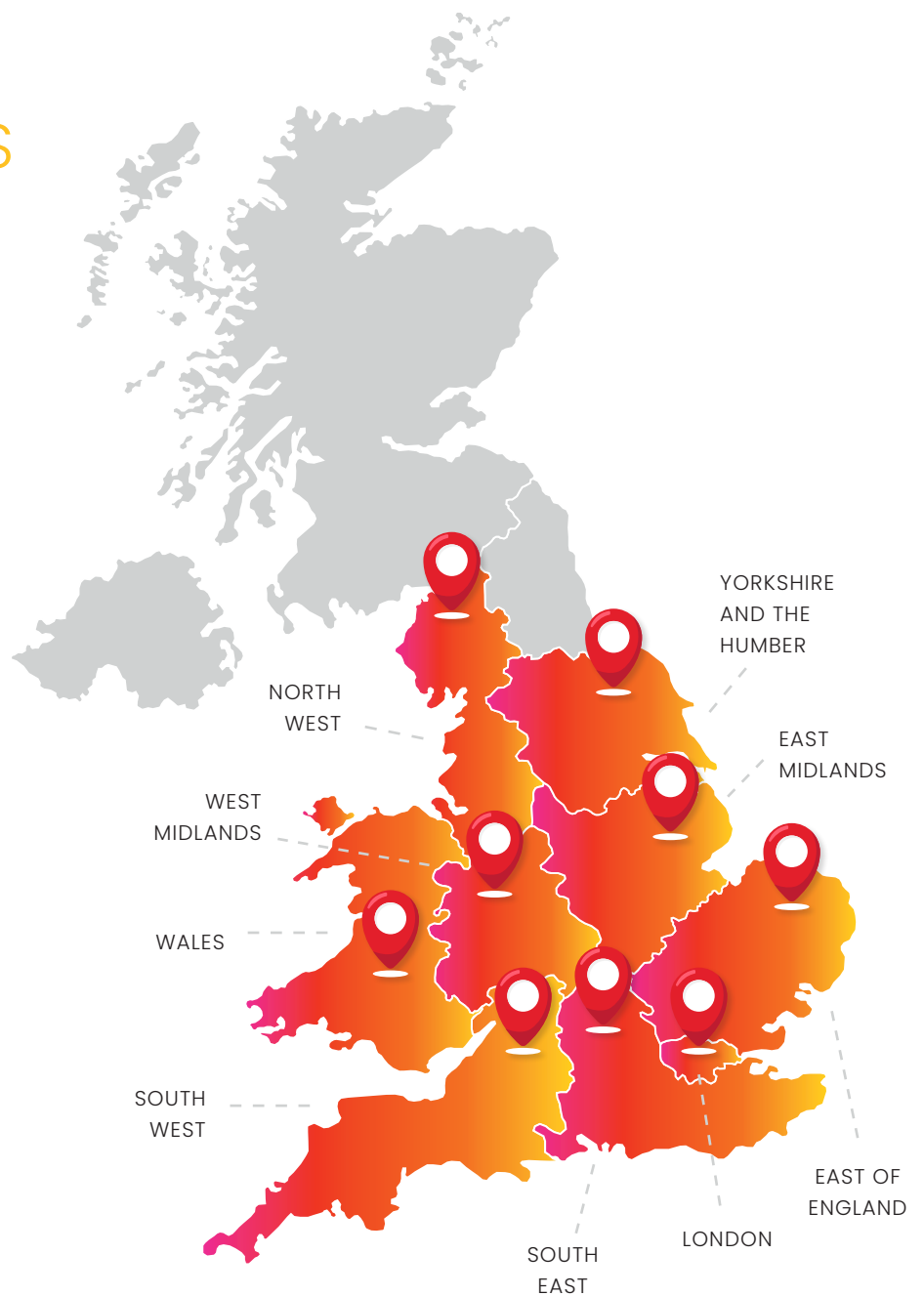
- Advance the Islamic faith for the **benefit of the public** by acting as a resource **for young people** and voluntary sector organisations.
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OUR IMPACT

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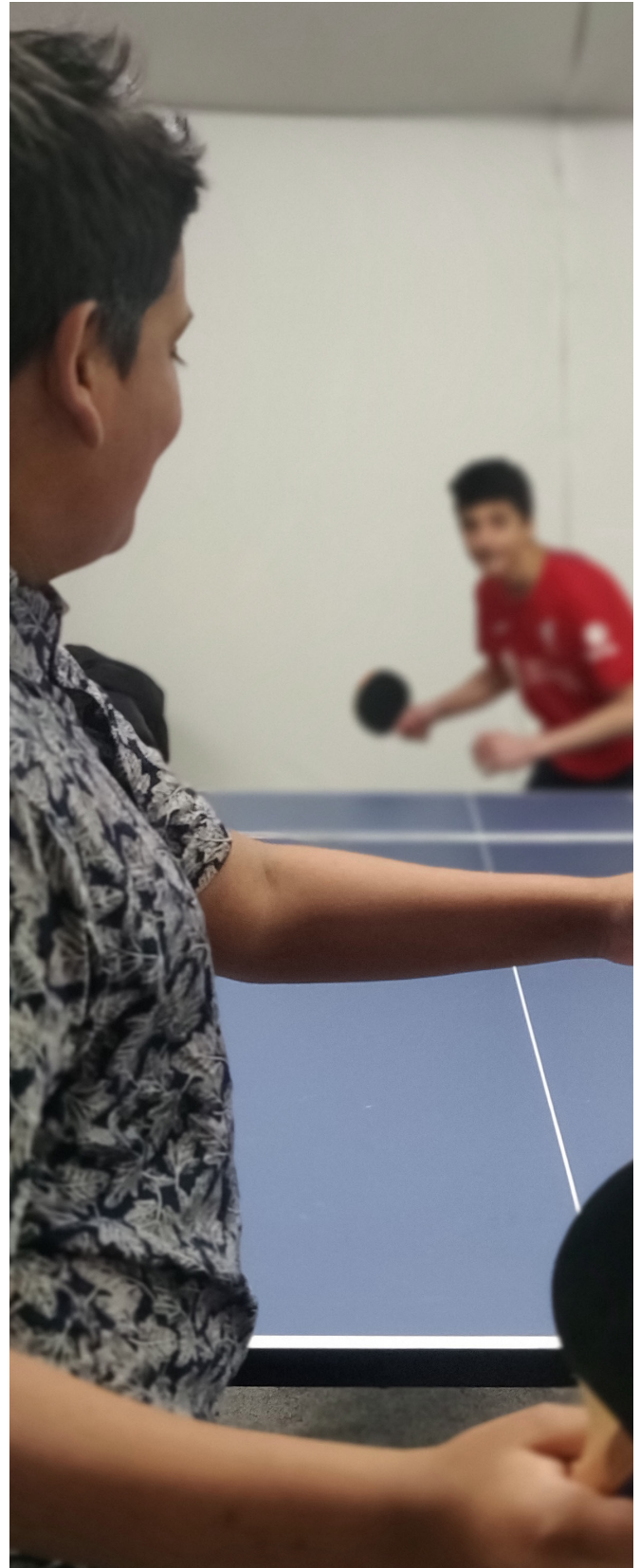
Over the past two decades, our engagement with more than 300 mosques and grassroots organisations across the UK has revealed an urgent, **growing need for safe, structured, and faith-sensitive youth engagement**. Despite an overwhelming desire among communities to support their young people, the lack of trained youth leaders, sustainable funding, and coherent frameworks leaves many spaces struggling to meet that need. The result is that thousands of Muslim teenagers remain underserved and disconnected – a gap that continues to widen each year.

Youth services across England and Wales have suffered millions of pounds in **reduction in funding since 2010**, with many local authorities now offering little to no provision at all. Nearly half of the UK's Muslim population – many of whom form the backbone of our target demographic – live in **some of the most deprived areas**. For these communities, the consequences are multi-layered: limited access to safe spaces, reduced opportunities for skill development, and a scarcity of trusted mentors and role models.

Mainstream youth provision, while valuable, often **fails to reach or reflect the lived experiences of Muslim communities**. The sector continues to lack ethnic diversity, and there are few accessible pathways for individuals from minority backgrounds to enter professional youth work. This underrepresentation perpetuates a disconnect between mainstream services and the cultural, faith, and identity-based needs of Muslim youth.

Our ongoing research and work across local hubs underline the scale of the challenge. Over 90% of the young people we reach come from minority backgrounds, and while grassroots commitment remains strong, **communities often lack the structure, training, and long-term support** needed to turn passion into sustained youth development. Without investment in leadership pipelines and capacity building, that potential remains untapped.

At Here for Youth, we continue to bridge this gap. Through our **Youth Engagement Framework**, developed and refined since 2022, we have trained and coached local youth leaders to create safe, consistent, and values-driven spaces



for young people. Each hub operates as a local ecosystem – rooted in community and connected through shared **learning, mentorship, and purpose**. By 2024, these hubs have collectively engaged thousands of teenagers weekly, demonstrating the power of equipping communities from within.

We have also expanded our work to address wider systemic issues. Through our partnerships, campaigns, and research initiatives, we've begun influencing policy conversations and **highlighting the unique barriers** faced by Muslim youth. Our collaborations with mental health organisations, community networks, and local authority bodies reflect our belief that youth engagement must be holistic – addressing emotional, social, and spiritual wellbeing.

As we look ahead, the need for our work has never been greater. Young people continue to navigate a landscape shaped by economic uncertainty, social division, and cultural disconnection. Yet the **solution lies within the strength of our communities** – in empowering mentors, local leaders, and youth workers to step forward with the skills and confidence to serve.

Here for Youth exists to make that possible. Together, we can ensure that **every young person** has access to a safe space, a supportive mentor, and the opportunity to grow into a confident, compassionate leader who strengthens their community for generations to come.



KEY ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2024

The year 2024 marked a deepening of our mission to **build confident, faith-driven, and socially conscious young people**. It was a year of growth, experimentation, and consolidation where the work of training, coaching, and mobilising young leaders continued alongside new campaigns, partnerships, and media engagements that extended our reach across the UK.

TRAINING, COACHING, AND YOUTH LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

2024 marked a major milestone in our flagship **How to Effectively Engage Teenagers (EET) Training, Coaching and Accreditation Programme**, which successfully completed multiple workshops. This initiative lies at the heart of our mission – equipping local youth leaders and community volunteers with the skills, confidence, and structure needed to deliver consistent, faith-inspired youth engagement.



Across the year, we delivered intensive in-person training and coaching sessions in **12 communities nationwide**, reaching mosques and youth organisations from **Wales to London, the Midlands, and the North of England**. Including:

- Al Furqan (Luton Lankan Muslims) – **Luton**
- Al-Rawdah Sisters – **Milton Keynes**
- Amanah Cymru – **Cardiff, Wales**
- As-Suffa Trust – **Birmingham**
- Guidance Hub – **Manchester**
- Islamic Association of North London – **Finchley, North London**
- Just4Youth – **Tooting, South London**
- Naseeha Youth Project – **Cardiff, Wales**
- Noor Youth – **Blackburn**
- Qiblah Youth (Southgate Mosque) – **Southgate, North London**
- Revive Academy – **Newport, Wales**
- The Raise Up Foundation – **Luton**

In total, **224 youth workers** completed the programme in 2024, representing diverse communities and a growing appetite for structured, values-driven youth work. Each cohort engaged in coaching covering key components of the **Youth Engagement Framework** – including safeguarding, programme design, mentoring practice, facilitation skills, and building inclusive, youth-led environments.

These **12 communities** and **224 youth workers** are now providing open youth work provision to **more than 360 teenagers** in their local areas each week.

We also invested in our own team through an internal “How to EET (Effectively Engage Teenagers)” training session in London, attended by nine staff and volunteers. This session **reinforced quality and consistency** across our delivery, ensuring our internal culture continues to model the very principles we teach externally.

The success of this years workshops not only strengthened local delivery but also **deepened our national network of trained leaders**. Each new hub now operates with renewed purpose and structure – proving that when communities are **equipped with the right tools** and coaching, they can sustain long-term, meaningful youth engagement that transforms lives.





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- Digital Fundraising Channels
- Maximising Your Strategy this Ramadan

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 (Limited spots available)

info@hereforyouth.org

MAKE A LASTING LEGACY THIS RAMADAN

RAMADAN 2024 AND THE NATIONAL YOUTH IFTAR TOUR

Ramadan continued to be a central anchor in our annual calendar, providing opportunities for reflection, community, and youth-led spirituality. In March and April, we hosted the **National Youth Iftar Tour** across **13 mosques and community centres** nationwide, bringing together **over 300 teenagers** for evenings of connection, faith, and service. The strong participation of young women was particularly inspiring, highlighting how inclusive environments can transform the culture of youth spaces in mosques.

The tour built momentum for our wider Ramadan activities, which included the **Pre-Ramadan Fundraising Webinar** – a practical resource for mosques and hubs to sustain their youth work through the blessed month. Through this, we promoted the idea that youth engagement is not just an expense but an **investment in the future** of the community.

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Thank you to all of our partners who hosted us for our **Youth Iftars** throughout Ramadan



RESEARCH, SURVEYS, AND COLLABORATIVE LEARNING

Throughout the year, we continued to build an evidence base for youth work through research and collaboration. In May, we conducted a nationwide youth survey targeting 18–25 year-olds, gathering insights into their experiences of belonging, leadership, and faith.

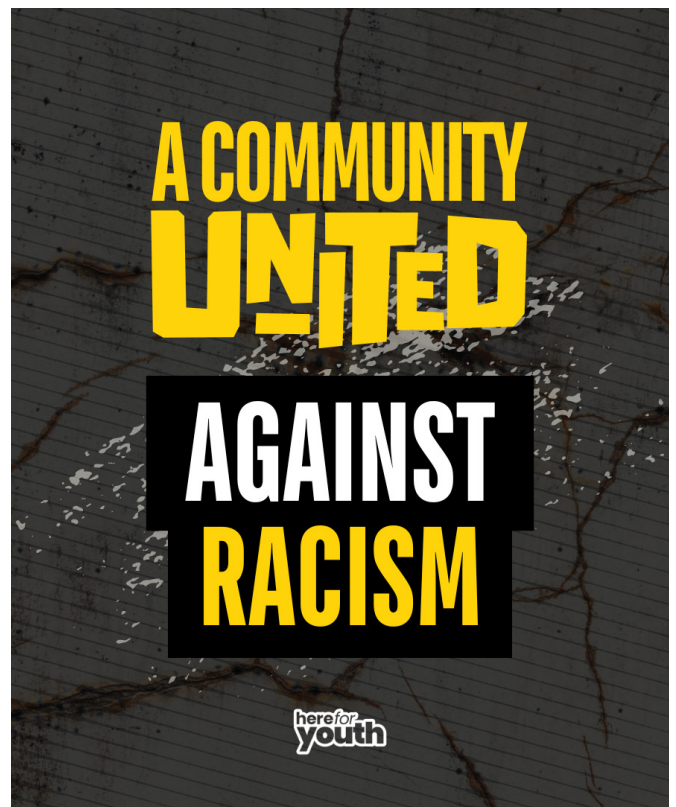
Around the same time, we launched a mental health survey in partnership with **Inspired Minds**, exploring the intersection between faith, wellbeing, and identity. The findings have begun shaping our upcoming training modules and resource designs for 2025.



CAMPAIGNS AND SOCIAL JUSTICE WORK

In 2024, we made a conscious shift to show that youth engagement is inseparable from social justice. Responding to rising racial tensions, we launched **A Community United Against Racism** – a national campaign calling on mosques, youth hubs, and communities to stand together against prejudice and foster unity. The campaign began with a public statement outlining its theological and moral foundation, reminding communities that racism undermines belonging and that youth spaces must intentionally promote fairness and respect.

Through webinars, reflection guides, and digital dialogues, we supported youth leaders to explore racism in all its forms and lead local conversations on justice and compassion. Our Voices Against Racism initiative invited young people to share **reflections and creative expressions** around unity and courage, inspiring hubs across the country to host interfaith exchanges and community discussions.



PUBLIC PRESENCE AND MEDIA ENGAGEMENT

Our growing presence in public dialogue reflected the recognition of our work at national level. **Islam Channel featured our CEO, Ayub Seedat** in two interviews – **The Today Show** and **Eid on the Road** – where he shared insights into youth leadership, community responsibility, and the vision behind our hub network. These appearances offered a wider audience the chance to understand the heart of our work: empowering youth to be confident, purposeful, and spiritually grounded contributors to society.

We also participated in national conversations through digital platforms and partner events, including the **British Muslim Society (BMS) Annual National Youth Conference**, where we shared deep insights on social media usage and learning from our Youth Engagement Framework with organisations seeking to replicate our model of local youth-led change.



THE MUSLIM YOUTH ENGAGEMENT AWARDS 2024

CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE WITH THE MUSLIM YOUTH ENGAGEMENT AWARDS

In December, we hosted the **2nd Annual Muslim Youth Engagement Awards at Greenford Hall in London** — a landmark event attended by more than **300 guests from across the UK**, including youth leaders, community organisers, mentors, and partners. The ceremony brought together representatives from **London, Gillingham, Luton, Leicester, Birmingham, Blackburn, Cardiff and more**, highlighting the growing reach and unity of our national network.

Each award category carried deep symbolic meaning, with many named in honour of the martyrs of Gaza, linking the celebration of **youth achievement to a broader sense of justice, compassion, and remembrance**. Categories such as the Hind Rajab Award For Most Youth-Led Organisation and Best Sisters Youth Engagement Team recognised not only excellence but courage and perseverance in challenging times.

The evening featured Qur'an recitations, keynote reflections, and moments of heartfelt gratitude. A highlight reel of the event, shared on YouTube and Instagram, captured the **atmosphere of joy, reflection, and unity** that filled the room. For youth leaders and hubs across the country, the awards served as both recognition and renewal — a reminder that **every small act of service contributes to a powerful collective story** of youth empowerment and faith in action.



LOOKING AHEAD

As we look towards 2025, our focus is on deepening impact, not just widening reach. The past year reaffirmed that **sustained youth engagement is built on consistent presence, authentic relationships, and strong local ecosystems**. With active communities and hundreds of trained youth leaders, our priority is to strengthen these foundations, equipping teams with the tools, mentorship, and networks they need to deliver long-term, values-driven youth work.

We are also constantly striving to improve our service, designed to capture the growth journeys of young people from participation to leadership, embedding a culture of reflection, accountability, and continuous improvement. Our aim is to ensure every partner not only runs youth engagement sessions, but **nurtures young leaders** who carry principles of service, justice, and faith into their wider communities.

Digital storytelling and data will play a bigger role in 2025. Building on the momentum of our campaigns and surveys, we'll be **expanding our insights work** by gathering youth voices and perspectives to inform national conversations on belonging, mental health, and identity. Through a strengthened partnership network, including collaboration with local authorities, faith institutions, and mental health organisations, we will **continue to advocate** for youth spaces that are inclusive, responsive, and community-led.

Finally, we'll be preparing for the next **Muslim Youth Engagement Awards**, evolving it into a national platform that not only celebrates excellence but also shares learning, best practice, and inspiration across the sector. Our commitment remains the same: to ensure every young person in our communities feels seen, supported, and empowered to lead.



IN CONCLUSION

2024 marked a year of **deepened impact, stronger partnerships, and tangible growth** in our mission to make faith-inspired youth engagement accessible across the UK. Building on the strong foundations of 2023, **our network of Youth Hubbs continued to expand**, reaching new regions and strengthening local leadership. By the end of 2024, over 600 trained youth leaders were equipped to **engage meaningfully with young people** in their communities, and more than 2,000 teenagers continued to benefit from weekly youth spaces grounded in belonging, purpose, and faith.

The growth of our work this year was not just in numbers but in depth. We saw youth-led initiatives flourish, sisters' participation rise to new levels, and a more confident generation of mentors and community leaders step forward. From national programmes like the **Youth Iftar Tour** to campaigns such as **A Community United Against Racism**, and our **flagship programme on 'How To Effectively Engage Teenagers'**, our approach consistently placed young people at the heart of meaningful, values-driven change.

We are profoundly grateful to our **partner organisations, local volunteers, youth leaders, donors, and funders** who have been instrumental in driving this vision forward. Their collective effort demonstrates the transformative power of collaboration and faith-led community action.

As we move ahead, we remain steadfast in our mission: to nurture local youth hubs that offer consistency, safety, and growth — and **to ensure that every teenager**, especially those from underserved and minority communities, **has access to spaces** where they are seen, supported, and inspired to lead.

Together we will keep **building a future** where every young person has the opportunity to thrive — **spiritually, emotionally, and socially**.

Approved by the trustees and signed on its behalf by:



MR JAMEIL CHAUDHRY

Chairman
26th October 2025



A man with a beard and short dark hair, wearing a black ribbed sweater, is shown in profile from the chest up. He is gesturing with his hands as if speaking or presenting. The background is a blurred indoor setting with warm lighting.

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF **HERE FOR YOUTH**

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts (under section 145 of the 2011 Act);
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiners report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently, I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiners report

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - a. to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - b. to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

S M Q Accountancy and Management Consultancy Ltd

Crown House-Suite 702, North Circular Road, London NW10 7PN

Date: 26th October 2025

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

Annual Accounts

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
Incoming Resources		£	£	£	£
Donations and similar incoming resources	2	180,131	0	180,131	123,697
Other Receipts	3	7,637	0	7,637	11,587
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		187,768	0	187,768	135,284
Resources Expenses					
Fundraising and publicity	4	24,287	0	24,287	34,774
Charitable activities	5	156,866	0	156,866	72,331
Governance costs	6	11,227	0	11,227	4,519
TOTAL INCOME EXPENDED		192,380	0	192,380	111,624
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources Net Movements in Funds		(4,612)	0	(4,612)	23,660
Fund balances b/fwd. 1 January 2024		23,660	0	23,660	0
Fund balances c/fwd. 31 December 2024		19,048	0	19,048	23,660

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	31.12.2024	31.12.2023
		£	£
Fixed Assets			
Fixture & Fittings			
Current Assets			
Cash At Bank		19,769	24,380
		19,769	24,380
Creditors: (amounts falling due within one year)			
Creditors & Accruals	7	720	720
Net Current Assets		19,048	(23,660)
Net Assets Employed		19,048	(23,660)
-			
FUNDS			
Restricted and unrestricted funds		19,048	(23,660)
Fund balances carried forward		19,048	(23,660)

Approved by the trustees on 26th October 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



Mr Jameil Chaudhry | Chairman

NOTES FORMING PART OF THE **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

For the year ended 31st December 2024

1. Accounting policies

- a. Accounting convention
 - i. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the inclusion of investments at market value and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective March 2000). In preparing the financial statements the charity follows best practice as laid down in the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (SORP 2005).
- b. Donations, legacies and similar income
 - i. These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the charity becomes entitled to the income and the trustees are reasonably certain they will receive it.
- c. Tax reclaims on donations.
 - i. Tax reclaims are included in the SOFA at the same time as the gift to which they relate.
- d. Investment Income
 - i. Investment income is accounted for in the period in which the charity is entitled to receipt.
- e. Resources expended
 - i. Expenditure is included on an accruals basis.
 - ii. Grants payable are charged in the year when conditions attaching to the grant are fulfilled and a properly completed claim has been received by the charity.
 - iii. Support costs relate to costs of processing grants and applications and general office expenses.

DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

	31.12.2024		
	£		
2. Donations and similar incoming resources	180,131		
3. Other Receipts			
Gift Aid	7,637		
4. Cost Of Generating Funds			
The amount payable in the year comprises:			
Fundraising Campaigns Costs	(24,287)		
5. Direct Charitable Costs			
Donations to Charitable Activities	(156,866)		
6. Governance Costs			
Admin Staff Salary	11,227		
Office Rent	0		
Telephone	0		
Postage & Stationery	0		
Bank Charges	0		
Travelling	0		
Professional Fees	0		
Misc	0		
7. Creditors			
Other Creditors	720		
8. Fund	Reserve Fund £	Gift Aid Fund £	Total £
Balance at 1st January 2024	23,660	0	23,660
Incoming/(Outgoing) resources	(4,612)	0	(4,612)
	19,048	0	19,048

The Reserve fund represents the unrestricted funds which the Trustees are free to use in accordance with the charitable objects.



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Our vision is a world where every teenager feels confident in their identity, supported by safe spaces and mentors that nurture their growth and character development, paving the way for a lifetime of success.

In 2023, we continued the rollout of our '**Youth Engagement Framework**' across the UK, with **22 communities and 384 Youth Mentors** being trained and coached to effectively engage **1000+ teenagers a week** in their local areas. This report outlines our key achievements, challenges addressed, and plans.

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THE NEED FOR OUR WORK

Over the past two decades, our engagement with more than 300 Mosques and grassroots organisations across the UK has highlighted an urgent need for safe spaces and structured youth engagement. Despite the widespread desire to support young people, the severe shortage of resources and qualified youth leaders leaves these communities vulnerable. Critical gaps in governance, safeguarding, and funding thousands of Muslim teenagers at heightened risk, with a potential long-term impact on their development.

The statistics are stark: funding for youth services in England and Wales has been cut by £1 billion, leaving some areas with no resources at all. Nearly half of the UK's Muslim population—comprising a major part of our target demographic—live in the 10% most deprived local authority areas. This situation directly limits their access to education, skills development, and pathways to higher education and career progression, perpetuating a cycle of deprivation that threatens both immediate and long-term community well-being.

Mainstream youth work, though essential, often overlooks the specific needs of minority communities. The sector lacks ethnic diversity, with limited pathways for minorities to pursue formal youth work qualifications at the degree level. This underrepresentation results in a disconnect between available services and the specific needs of Muslim youth in deprived areas.

Our research into youth provision in London highlights the critical urgency of our work. Over 90% of our beneficiaries hail from minority backgrounds. While there is a grassroots commitment to engage young people, it is essential to establish clear pathways for individuals to enter youth work and serve their communities effectively. Without these pathways, the potential for community development and youth empowerment remains unfulfilled.



Leveraging our unique position as a leader in this sector, we have committed to training and coaching individuals aspiring to enter youth work and accrediting the community organisations they represent. We recognise the urgent need to bridge existing gaps by providing essential resources, guidance, and mentorship to empower youth workers from minority backgrounds, thereby supporting the most deprived communities in the UK.

According to the 2021 census, 39% of the Muslim population in the UK live in the most deprived local authorities. Over 15 years of austerity have severely diminished youth services, leaving a significant proportion of Muslim youth without the essential resources, spaces, and opportunities they need to thrive.

At Here for Youth, we focus on engaging community groups with an established reach that are not yet actively engaging teenagers in their local area on a consistent basis. Our approach aims to build on the existing strengths and resilience of these communities, creating safe spaces and facilitating long-term, sustainable development for local teenagers.

In 2022, we completed our Youth Engagement Framework, designed to effectively engage teenagers. By the end of the year, six communities—Mosques and grassroots

organisations from the Muslim community in the UK—had received training and coaching on our framework, gained access to our resource library, and begun engaging teenagers in weekly youth hubs.

Throughout 2023, our reach at Here for Youth has grown organically as a direct result of this work. Even without a formal outreach programme, mosques and grassroots organisations from Muslim communities that had not previously engaged with their youth began approaching us for training in our framework. This demonstrates a widespread desire among communities across the UK to engage with teenagers and underscores the critical need for our framework.

As we look to the future, the urgency of our mission at Here for Youth has never been clearer. The challenges faced by Muslim youth in deprived communities need immediate action through grassroots collaboration. We are committed to bridging the gaps in youth services and empowering local leaders to create sustainable, safe spaces for teenagers. We can ensure that every young person has the opportunity to have access to mentors that back them to grow and give them opportunities to take on leadership roles in their local area. Together, we can make a difference in our communities for generations to come.

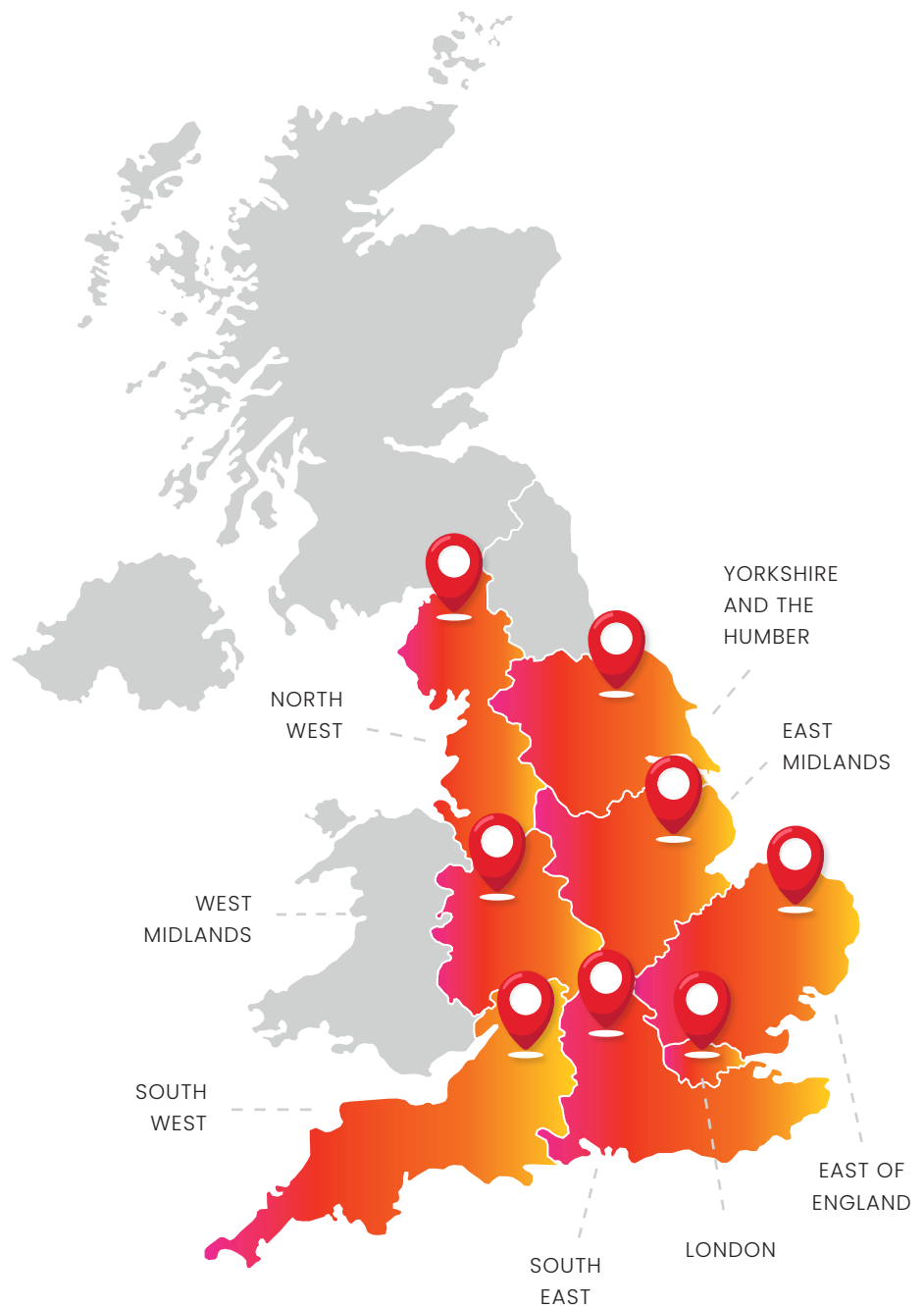


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KEY ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2023

TRANSFORMATIVE IMPACT THROUGH YOUTH ENGAGEMENT

2023 was a pivotal year for the rollout of our **Youth Engagement Framework** across the UK. Inspired by our vision, we delivered dynamic "**How to Effectively Engage Teenagers**" workshops and coaching sessions across the UK, including **London, Gloucestershire, the East and West Midlands, Lancashire, West Yorkshire, Surrey, Kent, and Essex**. The program equips community leaders and youth leaders with essential skills to connect with teenagers in a meaningful, faith-inspired manner as well as ensuring the organisation is doing so in line with best practices and excellent governance.

We hosted a series of interactive workshops in Northwest London that attracted teenagers from as far afield as Luton travelling to attend, demonstrating the strong demand for such initiatives.

Through the workshops, we explored themes including:

- **Maintaining Faith and Resilience:** Guiding teenagers in preserving their faith amidst societal pressures while developing emotional and mental fortitude.
- **Spiritual Growth and Reflection:** Offering space for teenagers to explore deep questions on spirituality, such as the existence of God, life after death, and the exploring the life of Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings be upon him)
- **Navigating Modern Challenges:** Equipping teenagers with tools to handle social media pressures and build emotional intelligence, supporting their holistic development.





KEYNOTE SPEECHES AND GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT

In 2023, we extended the reach of our work on youth engagement to global audiences through keynote speeches and participation in high-profile conferences. These platforms allowed us to share our bold vision for faith-inspired youth engagement and highlight the transformative impact of our work on communities.

At the **4th Commonwealth Conference on Youth Work 2023**, our CEO, Ayub Seedat, delivered the keynote presentation, "The Mosque – A Safe Space for Faith-Inspired Youth Work." This powerful session resonated with international delegates from **Malaysia, Nigeria, Trinidad and Tobago, Papua New Guinea, and the UK**, showcasing the historical precedent and current untapped potential of Mosques to serve as safe and loving spaces for youth engagement.

We're incredibly grateful to the **National Youth Agency (NYA) and the Commonwealth Alliance of Youth Workers' Association (CAYWA)** for giving us the honour of contributing to this important conference.

Additionally, Hamza Ahmed, our Head of Youth Work, was invited to speak at the Faith, Intersectionality, and the Future of Youth Work Partnerships conference, hosted by The **Faiths & Civil Society Unit at Goldsmiths University**. His presentation, "The Challenge of Recognising Faith-Based Youth," introduced our innovative 'Youth Engagement Framework,' sparking meaningful discussions with sector leaders and highlighting the nine essential areas the framework addresses.

COLLABORATIVE INITIATIVES AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

2023 saw us further our commitment to collaborative efforts, contributing our youth engagement expertise to broader community development initiatives. Our role in shaping strategies for regional and national bodies underscored the importance of faith-based youth work in tackling today's challenges.

We proudly contributed to the **West Midlands Faith Alliance**, playing a pivotal role in developing a visionary three-year plan to support faith communities across the region. Our expertise in youth engagement was instrumental in shaping this initiative, ensuring that young people remain at the heart of future community strategies.

Representing our network of Youth Hubs and trained Youth Leaders, we participated in the **NYA Youth Work Summit 2023 at the Houses of Parliament, Westminster**. We highlighted the untapped potential of Mosques and community organisations as safe spaces for teenagers, emphasising the importance of local, faith-inspired youth hubs in fostering personal growth and community connection.

Our participation in the launch of the **London Violence Reduction Unit Multi-Faith Network** further solidified our influence in shaping youth engagement across London. By sharing our experiences in creating safe, local youth engagement spaces within mosques, we helped unite leaders around the shared values of community, safety, and faith. This led to our invitation to join the **Core Steering Group** of the Multi-Faith Network, where we will continue to contribute to the future of youth engagement in the capital.

PODCAST LAUNCH AND COMMUNITY DIALOGUES

In 2023, we expanded our influence through innovative platforms such as the launch of the **Here For Youth Podcast**. This platform enabled us to host deep, meaningful conversations on youth engagement, faith, and community, bringing together voices from across the sector.

With guests including Iqbal Nasim MBE, Imam Dawud Walid, and Youth Leaders Fayaz Iqbal and Yasin Erkul, the podcast has become a vital resource for sharing diverse perspectives on the evolving landscape of youth work. Each episode explored topics essential to our mission, from faith and community leadership to practical insights on supporting young people in today's complex world.

Additionally, our **Palestinian Solidarity Webinar** provided a vital platform for Mosques to engage with their communities during a critical moment in world history, addressing the distressing situation unfolding in Palestine. With a plausible genocide taking place in full view of the international community, this event facilitated meaningful dialogue and mobilised community support, allowing participants to reflect on their roles in promoting justice and solidarity in these challenging times.



THE MUSLIM YOUTH ENGAGEMENT AWARDS 2023

CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE AT THE MUSLIM YOUTH ENGAGEMENT AWARDS

In December 2023, we celebrated the exceptional contributions of individuals and organisations through the inaugural **Muslim Youth Engagement Awards** in London.

The awards brought together a diverse audience, highlighting the remarkable efforts of various initiatives aimed at fostering positive change among teenagers.

Special guest **Professor Andy Turner**, lecturer in Applied Social Studies, Community, and Youth Work at Goldsmiths, University of London, praised the achievements saying, *"We live in a time where it's so tough, so challenging, and also so inspiring to be with and learn from young people."*

Our CEO, **Ayub Seedat**, expressed gratitude, stating, *"This event was a pivotal moment where these outstanding grassroots initiatives received well-deserved recognition, showcasing their crucial role in empowering and guiding our youth."*

The ceremony featured several award categories, including:



Youth Mentor Of The Year Award
Male & Female



The Abdullah Ibn Masood Award
For Most Youth-Led Organisation



The Arkam Ibn Abi Arkam Award
For Most Consistent Youth Engagement



The Mu'adh Ibn Jabal Award
For Individual Growth and Development



**The Abu Ubaidah
Ibn al-Jarrah Award**
For Best Implementation and Practice



The Maryam Award
For Best Female Team



The Khalid Ibn Walid Award
For Team Development



Tamim Al Dari Award
For The Most Resilient Youth



The Fatima Zahra Award
For Best Female Youth Engagement





CHALLENGES ADDRESSED

Despite our achievements, 2023 was not without its challenges. One of the main hurdles was the growing demand for our services amid financial constraints. With a waiting list of communities requesting our training, coaching and accreditation programme, the pressure to scale our operations exceeded the available resources. Additionally, navigating the complexities of delivering impactful faith-inspired youth engagement within an increasingly secular environment required us to continually advocate for the value of faith-inspired engagement and the role of community organisations to act as youth hubs. Securing sustainable funding for our programmes was also a pressing challenge, emphasising the need for stronger partnerships and more focused investment from stakeholders.

As the expanding scale of our work required immense dedication we prioritised the mental and spiritual well-being of our team to ensure staff and volunteer burnout was minimised while maintaining the quality of our programmes. Finally, the broader social climate, marked by political instability and crises such as the Palestinian struggle for liberation, added a layer of emotional and moral complexity to our youth engagement efforts, prompting us to provide more holistic support to the communities we serve.

LOOKING FORWARD

As we reflect on the successes of 2023, our vision for the future remains ambitious and focused on expanding the impact of our **Youth Engagement Framework**. We aim to provide organisations with a formal accreditation based on their practical implementation of our framework.

We are dedicated to making youth engagement accessible to the communities we serve whilst supporting them to continually improve their work in a sustainable viable way that truly gives space for their local teenagers to be leaders.

Our advocacy for faith-inspired youth engagement will continue to be a cornerstone of our strategy. We are committed to unlocking existing physical infrastructures, such as Mosques and community centres, to establish safe, loving, local youth hubs. This will ensure that every young person has access to a supportive environment that fosters growth, resilience, and community belonging.

IN CONCLUSION

Here For Youth has made remarkable progress, expanding from 4 to 22 active youth hubs by the end of 2023, all unified under a shared vision of effectively engaging teenagers in their local areas. In 2023 alone, we trained 384 youth mentors, empowering them with the skills necessary to make a positive impact in their communities. The impact of our framework is now felt by over 1,000 teenagers weekly, ensuring that we foster safe, inclusive, and engaging spaces for youth—particularly within ethnic minority communities.

We remain committed to establishing safe, inclusive, and engaging spaces for UK youth, particularly in minority communities. We look forward to continued growth and development in the years to come and to making a meaningful impact on teenagers' lives.

Our heartfelt gratitude goes out to our partners, supporters, and the communities we serve, whose collaboration is vital to our ongoing success.

Approved by the trustees and signed on its behalf by:



MR JAMEIL CHAUDHRY
Chairman
10th October 2024



INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF **HERE FOR YOUTH**

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts (under section 145 of the 2011 Act);
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act);
- and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiners report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently, I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Basis of independent examiners report

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - a. to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - b. to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

S M Q Accountancy and Management Consultancy Ltd
Crown House-Suite 702, North Circular Road, London NW10 7PN

Date: 10th October 2024

A man with a beard, wearing a white zip-up jacket, is shown in profile, looking towards the left. The background is a blurred indoor setting. The entire image is overlaid with a gradient that transitions from red on the left to yellow on the right.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
Incoming Resources		£	£	£	£
Donations and similar incoming resources		123,697	0	123,697	118,554
Other Receipts	2	11,587	0	11,587	13,713
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		135,284	0	135,284	132,267
Resources Expended					
Costs of generating funds: Fundraising and publicity	3	34,774	0	34,774	26,983
Charitable expenditure: Direct Charitable Expenditure	4	72,331	0	72,331	93,194
Governance Costs: Management and Administration	5	4,519	0	4,519	1,483
TOTAL INCOME EXPENDED		111,624	0	111,624	121,445
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources Net Movements in Funds		23,660	0	23,660	10,822
Fund balances b/fwd. 1 January 2023		27,412	(85,394)	(57,982)	(68,804)
Fund balances c/fwd. 31 December 2023		51,072	(85,394)	(34,322)	(57,982)

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Notes	31.12.2023	31.12.2022
		£	£
Fixed Assets			
Fixture & Fittings			
Current Assets			
Cash At Bank		24,380	11,374
		24,380	11,374
Creditors: (amounts falling due within one year)			
Creditors & Accruals	6	720	552
Net Current Assets		23,660	(10,822)
Net Assets Employed		23,660	(10,822)
-			
FUNDS			
Restricted and unrestricted funds		23,660	10,822
Fund balances carried forward		23,660	10,822

Approved by the trustees on 10th October 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



Mr Jameil Chaudhry | Chairman

NOTES FORMING PART OF THE **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

For the year ended 31st December 2023

1. Accounting policies

- a. Accounting convention
 - i. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the inclusion of investments at market value and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective March 2000). In preparing the financial statements the charity follows best practice as laid down in the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (SORP 2005).
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 - i. These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the charity becomes entitled to the income and the trustees are reasonably certain they will receive it.
- c. Tax reclaims on donations.
 - i. Tax reclaims are included in the SOFA at the same time as the gift to which they relate.
- d. Investment Income
 - i. Investment income is accounted for in the period in which the charity is entitled to receipt.
- e. Resources expended
 - i. Expenditure is included on an accruals basis.
 - ii. Grants payable are charged in the year when conditions attaching to the grant are fulfilled and a properly completed claim has been received by the charity.
 - iii. Support costs relate to costs of processing grants and applications and general office expenses.

**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023**

	31.12.2023		
	£		
2. Donations and similar incoming resources	123,697		
3. Other Receipts			
Gift Aid	11,587		
4. Cost Of Generating Funds			
The amount payable in the year comprises:			
Fundraising Campaigns Costs	(34,774)		
5. Direct Charitable Costs			
Donations to Charitable Activities	(72,331)		
6. Governance Costs			
Admin Staff Salary	0		
Office Rent	0		
Telephone	0		
Postage & Stationery	0		
Bank Charges	0		
Travelling	0		
Professional Fees	(3,420)		
Misc	(1,099)		
7. Creditors			
Other Creditors	0		
Fund balances c/fwd. 31 December 2023	23,660		
8. Fund	Reserve Fund £	Gift Aid Fund £	Total £
Balance at 1st January 2022	(57,982)	0	(57,982)
Incoming/(Outgoing) resources	23,660	0	23,660
	(34,322)	0	(34,322)

The Reserve fund represents the unrestricted funds which the Trustees are free to use in accordance with the charitable objects.



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The background image shows three men in a meeting room. One man is standing on the left, and two are seated on the right. A whiteboard in the background has the text 'to PERFECTLY MANAGE TEENAGERS' and the 'here for youth' logo. The entire image is overlaid with a red-to-yellow gradient.

HERE FOR YOUTH ANNUAL TRUSTEE & FINANCIAL REPORT

For the year ended 31st December 2022

**here for
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CHARITY NUMBER: 1101603



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LEGAL AND **ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

Registered Charity Name

Islamic Network
Registration history: 19 January 2004
Other names: Here For Youth (Working name)

Trustees

Mr Amir Malik (Treasurer)
Mr Sumir Akhtar (Trustee)
Mr Jameil Chaudhry (Chairman)

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Here For Youth, formerly known as Islamic Network, is a charitable organization dedicated to addressing the growing crisis Muslims face, particularly teenagers, in the UK.

Our mission is to create a world where we empower teenagers with confidence in their identity, have access to safe spaces, and mentor them to develop strong character traits that will guide them through life.

In 2022, we continued our relentless efforts to train and coach individuals from Black, Asian, and Minority Ethnic (BAMER) backgrounds to engage teenagers through our bespoke 'Youth Engagement Framework' (YEF). This report outlines our key achievements, challenges addressed, and plans.

OUR HISTORY

Here For Youth, formerly known as Islamic Network, was established as a charity in 2004. Initially, we focused on educational programs, conferences, workshops, and a regular magazine.

Over the years, our mission evolved to concentrate on grassroots engagement and youth work, particularly with teenagers from ethnic minority backgrounds.



CHARITABLE OBJECTS

Here For Youth is dedicated to fulfilling our charitable objects, which are:

- To advance the Islamic faith for the benefit of the public by acting as a resource for young people and voluntary sector organizations.
- To provide guidance, networking opportunities, media, literature, and training.
- To organize programs of spiritual, mental, physical, and educational support that will develop a positive identity and allow them to participate in society confidently.

THE NEED FOR OUR WORK

Our extensive experience over a decade engaging with 250+ ethnic minority communities across the UK has revealed a dire gap in youth engagement. A severe shortage of qualified youth workers consistently serving these communities, combined with a lack of governance, strategy, safeguarding, and finance, has left these communities amongst the most deprived in the UK.

The statistics are alarming. Nearly half of the Muslim population, a significant portion of our target demographic, resides in the 10% most deprived local authority districts. This dire situation has severe implications for their access to resources, educational opportunities, progression to higher education, and job availability, thereby perpetuating the cycle of deprivation.

Mainstream youth work, while essential, often fails to address the specific needs of these marginalized communities.

Ethnic diversity within the sector is limited, due to an underrepresentation of ethnic minorities.

Our research into youth provision in London underscores the urgency of our work. Over 90% of users come from ethnic minority backgrounds. While there is a grassroots desire to engage young people in these communities, there must be a clear pathway for individuals to enter youth work and serve their communities effectively.

Due to our unique access and position as a leader in this space, we have taken on the responsibility to facilitate, motivate, train, and coach individuals who aspire to enter the field of Youth Work. We recognize the pressing need to bridge the gap and provide resources, guidance, and mentorship to empower BAMER youth workers and support the most deprived communities in the UK.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2022

1. Adoption of 'Here For Youth' as the Official Working Name:

In response to implicit bias encountered as an organization working in mainstream youth engagement spaces, we adopted "Here For Youth" as our official working name. This change reflects our commitment to inclusivity and open access.

2. Implementation of the Youth Engagement Framework (YEF):

We continued focusing on training and coaching individuals to deliver our bespoke Youth Engagement Framework in their local communities. The YEF makes youth work easy, effective, and consistent. We guide youth leaders and empower them to start weekly local "Youth Hubs."

Youth Engagement Framework (YEF) Training Program:

Our training program is at the core of our efforts to empower youth workers and create lasting impact. It comprises of the following elements:

- Assessment and Bespoke Training Plans: We assess the current engagement of individuals or partners with teenagers and create tailored training and coaching plans to address their specific needs.
- YEF Certification: Individuals undergo comprehensive training on our Youth Engagement Framework, earning a certification demonstrating their readiness to engage with teenagers effectively.

- Resource and Session Setup: We guide participants to relevant resources and assist in setting up and launching their weekly youth sessions, ensuring they are well-prepared to engage with teenagers.

- Ongoing Coaching: Our participants benefit from group and private coaching sessions, where they receive guidance and support in handling real-life situations they may encounter while working with teenagers.

- Accreditation: After one year of engagement, the Youth Hubs created by our participants are reviewed and accredited based on the requirements outlined in our YEF. This process ensures the quality and consistency of the youth engagement programs.

4. Collaboration and Advocacy:

We partnered with organizations like the National Youth Agency (NYA) in their Impact Incubator. We also actively engaged in conferences discussing racial justice, faith-led practices, and the need for open access provision in communities.

5. Impactful Activities:

Our Youth Hubs in various areas of London, Bedfordshire, Surrey, and Kent served as spaces where young people could grow, share their experiences, and find mentorship and support.



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CHALLENGES ADDRESSED

Here For Youth addressed significant challenges, including the lack of consistent and qualified youth workers in ethnic minority communities, the deprivation of these communities, and the disconnection of mainstream youth work from these groups.

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

Our plans for the future involve further expansion and accreditation of our Youth Engagement Framework, enabling individuals to progress from 'youth support worker' to professional youth worker. We will continue to advocate for the inclusion of ethnic minority youth workers in the sector and create a lasting impact on young people's lives.



IN CONCLUSION

Here For Youth has made substantial progress in 2022, advancing our mission to empower teenagers and provide them with the resources and mentors they need. We remain committed to establishing safe, inclusive, and engaging spaces for UK youth, particularly in ethnic minority communities.

We look forward to continued growth and development in the years to come, making a meaningful impact on the lives of teenagers in need.

Approved by the trustees and signed on its behalf by:



MR JAMEIL CHAUDHRY
Chairman
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
Incoming Resources		£	£	£	£
Donations and similar incoming resources		118,554	0	118,554	87,088
Other Receipts	2	13,713	0	13,713	6,470
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		132,267	0	132,267	93,558
Resources Expended					
Costs of generating funds: Fundraising and publicity	3	26,983	0	26,983	24,493
Charitable expenditure: Direct Charitable Expenditure	4	93,194	0	93,194	95,696
Governance Costs:					
Management and Administration	5	1,483	0	1,483	8,162
TOTAL INCOME EXPENDED		121,445	0	121,445	128,351
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources Net Movements in Funds		10,822	0	10,822	(34,793)
Fund balances b/fwd. 1 January 2022		16,590	(85,394)	(68,804)	(34,011)
Fund balances c/fwd. 31 December 2022		27,412	(85,394)	(57,982)	(68,804)

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Notes	31.12.2022	31.12.2021
		£	£
Fixed Assets			
Fixture & Fittings			
Current Assets			
Cash At Bank		11,374	11,909
		11,374	11,909
Creditors: (amounts falling due within one year)			
Creditors & Accruals	6	552	45,920
Net Current Assets		(10,822)	(34,011)
Net Assets Employed		(10,822)	(34,011)
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FUNDS			(2,838)
Restricted and unrestricted funds		(10,822)	(31,173)
Fund balances carried forward		(10,822)	(34,011)

Approved by the trustees on 10th October 2023 and signed on its behalf by:



Mr Jameil Chaudhry | Chairman

NOTES FORMING PART OF THE **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022

	31.12.2021		
	£		
2. Donations and similar incoming resources	118,554		
3. Other Receipts			
Gift Aid	13,713		
4. Cost Of Generating Funds			
The amount payable in the year comprises:			
Fundraising Campaigns Costs	(26,983)		
5. Direct Charitable Costs			
Donations to Charitable Activities	(93,194)		
6. Governance Costs			
Admin Staff Salary	0		
Office Rent	0		
Telephone	0		
Postage & Stationery	0		
Bank Charges	(15)		
Travelling	(300)		
Professional Fees	(953)		
Misc	0		
7. Creditors			
Other Creditors	(0)		
Fund balances c/fwd. 31 December 2022	10,822		
8. Fund	Reserve Fund £	Gift Aid Fund £	Total £
Balance at 1st January 2022	(68,804)	0	(68,804)
Incoming/(Outgoing) resources	10,822	0	10,822
	(57,982)	0	(57,982)

The Reserve fund represents the unrestricted funds which the Trustees are free to use in accordance with the charitable objects.



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ISLAMIC NETWORK ANNUAL TRUSTEE & FINANCIAL REPORT

For the year ended 31st December 2021

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

As-salamu 'Alaykum,

Our communal responsibility is to engage the young people in our community effectively. Moreover, the ever-changing world presents new situations that young people must overcome in their journey towards adulthood.

According to the 2011 Census, young people (under 25) make up 48% of the Muslim community in the UK. Recognising they are a significant segment of our society, we designed, developed and piloted our 'Youth Engagement Framework' this year.

It was built over a decade of delivering direct youth engagement sessions for local communities across the UK through our flagship projects such as NITEMANIA and CRAZIA.

Our framework helps individuals and organisations to engage and nurture young people into becoming the future leaders of our community.

Due to successive government policies, youth clubs and specific youth facilities have closed their doors to the community. This has been detrimental to young people, especially Muslims, leaving a gaping hole in catering to their ever-growing needs.

Our youth engagement framework has helped plug this hole by establishing the Mosque or other local community organisations as a hub for weekly youth engagement activities. Through this, young men and women will find a welcoming, safe, and supportive environment in their Mosque to grow.

We look forward to scaling this initiative that we have been incubating nationwide.

Jazakallah-Khair,



MR JAMEIL CHAUDHRY
Chairman



CHARITABLE OBJECTS

Our charitable objects are to advance the Islamic faith for the benefit of the public by acting as a resource for young people and voluntary sector organisations. To provide guidance, networking opportunities, media, literature and training. To organise programmes of spiritual, mental, physical and educational support that will develop a positive identity and allow them to confidently participate in society.

VISION & MISSION

At Islamic Network, we have seen first-hand that if a young man or woman is confident in their identity, has a clear sense of purpose, and has the tools to succeed in life. Coupled with a connection with their community - with Allah's help, they will be ready to overcome the challenges life places in front of them.

Our vision at Islamic Network is to enable our community partners to become a hub where young people can develop their identity and capabilities to become role models for each other and the wider society.

We do this by working with local community organisations to engage young people weekly at the grassroots level in their community by implementing our online and in-person youth engagement framework quarterly in collaboration with our network of partners.

With over a year of lockdowns, the impact on our young men and women has been catastrophic. There has never been a more crucial time to step up and act.

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- ✓ Positive Islamic Identity
 - ✓ Positive Character Traits
 - ✓ Positive Role Models

ACTIVITY REPORT

OUR ACTIVITIES AND INITIATIVES

In 2021, coming out of successive lockdowns, we piloted the delivery of our 'Youth Engagement Framework' in five London and the home counties. We delivered projects like 'The Game Spot' and 'The Big Brunch' and subsequently established weekly 'Youth Hubs'. We also launched our podcast to explore real-life topics and the root cause of what drives young people.

Our Youth Hubs across the UK delivered 249 sessions for 1,355 young people between May and December 2021 - an average of 5 youth engagement sessions a week!

During that time, we had Youth Hubs running in the following locations:

- The London Borough of Hackney,
- The London Borough of Brent,
- The London Borough of Enfield,
- The London Borough of Waltham Forrest,
- Bedfordshire.

249

Sessions

1,355

Young People



"THE YOUTH
ARE NOT
THE
FUTURE,
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ARE THE
FUTURE."

JANUARY 2021

LOCKDOWN 3.0 - WHAT MOSQUES NEED TO KNOW IN 'TIER 5'

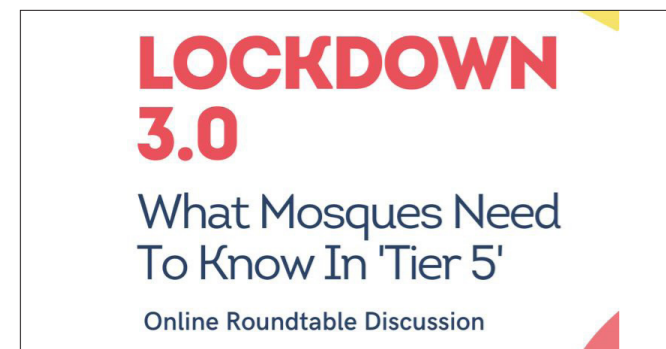
In response to the announcement that the UK would go into its third national lockdown, we organised an impromptu online roundtable discussion for Mosques in our network and others to have instant feedback and analysis on how to carry their community through this next period of shutdown.

Given that places of worship can remain open, discussions took place on various topics, including effective youth engagement strategies, additional safety measures, medical advice and guidance for Mosques to share with their communities.

We were honoured to have 149 people register for the session at short notice, which included:

- 26 Imams
- 21 Mosque Trustees
- 11 Mosque Chairmans
- 11 Teachers
- 7 Directors Of Organisations
- 6 Doctors
- 4 Head Teachers

Our thanks to Dr Wajid Akhter (BIMA), Jahangir Mohammed (Communica), Iqbal Nasim (NZF), Hamza Ahmed (Islamic Network), Foziya Reddy (Islamic Network) and Shaykh Suleiman Gani (Al Khalil Institute/Purley Masjid) for their expert analysis and insight.



Lockdown 3.0 Social Media Post

NEW SOCIAL MEDIA STRATEGY LAUNCHED

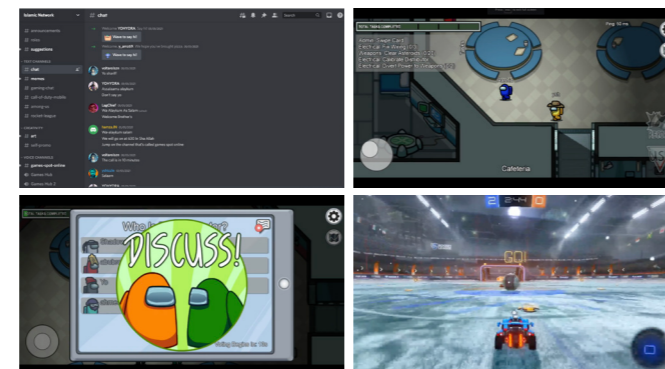
We launched a new social media strategy to explore key themes outlined in our youth engagement framework - identity, role models, community and more.



Social Media Posts

THE GAME SPOT: ONLINE!

Due to the impending lockdown, we decided to take The Game Spot Online! We created a private room on Discord to chat with everyone and we played multiplayer games such as Among Us and Rocket League.



Pictures from The Game Spot: Online

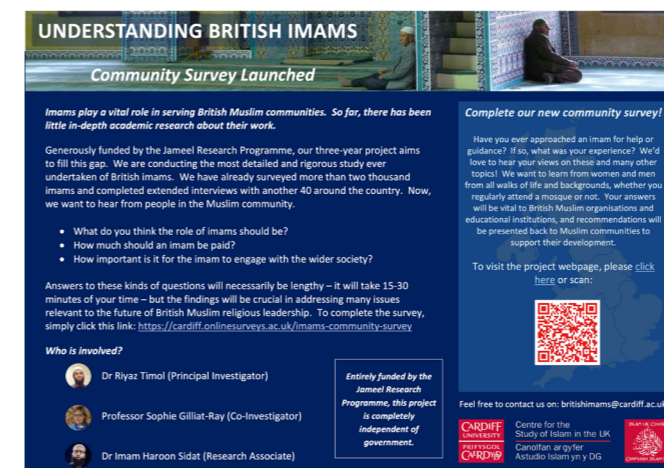
FEBRUARY 2021

'UNDERSTANDING BRITISH IMAMS' STUDY

In February, we were contacted by Maulana Dr Haroon Sidat from Cardiff University's Centre for the Study of Islam in the UK to support their study on 'Understanding British Imams'.

Imams play a significant role in British Muslim communities, yet relatively little academic research has emerged about them. We support this project by reaching out to our network of Mosques and other community organisations to help understand more about British imams and their day-to-day work.

The outcome of this will be that wider society will better appreciate the role imams play in modern Britain. The researchers working on this project were Dr Riyaz Timol, Professor Sophie Gilliat-Ray and Maulana Dr Haroon Sidat.



Understanding British Imams

THE DIGITAL MOSQUE: DELIVERING ENGAGING SERMONS & BAYANS

In February, as the month of Ramadan drew nearer, we needed to keep our families and community as safe as possible by minimising COVID-19 transmission. To that end, we were invited by the Muslim Council Of Britain (MCB) to deliver a session on "The Digital Mosque: Delivering Engaging Sermons & Bayans".



Event Poster

MARCH
2021

BRITISH RITUAL INNOVATION UNDER COVID-19

In March, we were invited by the Manchester Metropolitan University to be part of their Action Research Group exploring "British Ritual Innovation under COVID-19".

We worked with Dr Paulina Kolata (Postdoctoral Research Associate), who said, "I attended your workshop back in November as part of the "Our Mosques, Our Future" Conference organised by the MCB where you shared your experiences on developing Mosque services digitally. your reflections really struck me on creating "digital Masjid". We have subsequently connected via LinkedIn, and I have been observing your work since then.

I would like to invite you to join our Action Research Group. We are assembling a group of ritual makers/facilitators as a forum for discussion about solutions you have already or would like to employ to support religious communities' ritual life. For example, this may include the ways you have supported mosque communities with developing digital outreach strategies. The forum will serve as a way of sharing best practice, discussing ideas of what is or is not working and why."

The study was published in September 2021 with our report on 'Taking Mosques Digital' on pages 98-99. In it, we discussed the strategy we developed for Mosques in our network and others to engage and empower their local communities online, on the radio, and across social media. To date, we have been able to impact 258 Mosques in the UK and worldwide. Some of those who benefitted from our strategy said that before engaging with us, they felt a little lost and needed guidance to cope with the uncertainty of the lockdown.

As noted in the report, the feedback we received from Mosques and other community organisations across the country was that

British Ritual Innovation under COVID-19

Joshua Edelman
Alana Vincent
Paulina Kolata
Eleanor O'Keeffe

Katja Stuerzenhofecker • Mark A. Minott
David Lowe • Jennie Bailey • Charles Pemberton



[British Ritual Innovation under COVID-19 PDF Guide](#)

this project filled a gap, and the impact was that engagement went up across the board.

Going digital made mosque services, aside from ritual prayer, open to all community segments, including working individuals, parents, and children. We advised 'councils' of mosques like the Muslim Council of Britain (MCB), the Muslim Council of Wales (MCW) and the UK Islamic Mission (UKIM) on how to improve the digitisation of their affiliates, as well as delivering training for them.

From small shopfront mosques like Harlesden Ummah to purpose-built mosques like Cambridge Central Mosque or the East London Mosque and London Muslim Centre, this project gave direction at such an uncertain time in our collective history.

THE BIG BRUNCH

We launched 'The Big Brunch' for young women at our hub in Dalston in the London Borough of Hackney. Every week they got together to learn how to make various brunch items from around the world while casually having a friendly chat. They also discussed issues they may face in the 21st century, all in a safe environment with like-minded people.



The Big Brunch Poster



Pictures from The Big Brunch



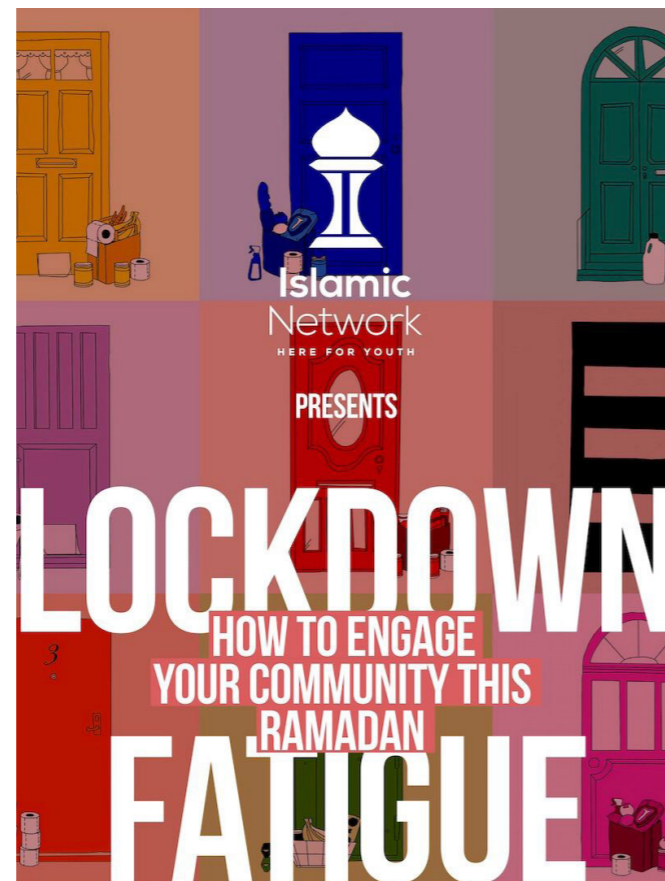
The Three C's Poster

HOW TO ENGAGE YOUR COMMUNITY THIS RAMADAN

To help Mosques and other community organisations in our network plan what to offer their local community in Ramadan, we delivered this webinar where we overviewed "The 3 C's" every Mosque and local community organisations should aim to achieve this Ramadan.

THE 3 C'S - ENGAGE YOUR MOSQUES COMMUNITIES THIS RAMADAN - LAUNCHGOOD

Following the successful delivery of our pre-Ramadan session, we were invited by LaunchGood to deliver a similar presentation, this time to their vast network of Charities, including Mosques and other community groups, on how to engage their communities in Ramadan.



Lockdown Fatigue PDF Guide

GUIDE LAUNCHED: LOCKDOWN FATIGUE: HOW TO ENGAGE YOUR COMMUNITY THIS RAMADAN

In this guide, we discussed 'The Three C's' that every Mosque should aim to achieve during Ramadan insha'Allah. Namely to Collaborate, Communicate and build Community.

Ramadan 2021 was seen as a beacon of hope for the Muslim community with the vaccine rollout underway and places of worship open for Taraweeh/night prayers.

Through this guide, we helped Mosques and other community organisations to understand how this is an opportunity for them to develop your community's mental, physical, and spiritual well-being and reestablish the Mosque's role as the hub of it.

THE GAME SPOT: AFTER LOCKDOWN - FACE MASKS ON!

We went back to in-person youth engagement sessions once lockdown was over with our face masks on. Young people enjoyed returning to the youth sessions. They just needed somewhere they felt at ease after a stressful period of lockdown being stuck at home.



Pictures from our youth engagement sessions in March

COFFEE MASTERCLASS

To engage our amazing volunteers we decided to hold a fun coffee workshop where we showcased a live interactive demonstration on the process of making a fresh brew! Alongside this we planned ahead with everyone in attendance to help us grow our aims as an organisation.



APRIL-MAY (RAMADAN) 2021

PODCAST LAUNCH!

In Ramadan 2021, we launched the Here For Youth Show on YouTube and Instagram, targeting young people and those who work with- or aspire to work with young people.

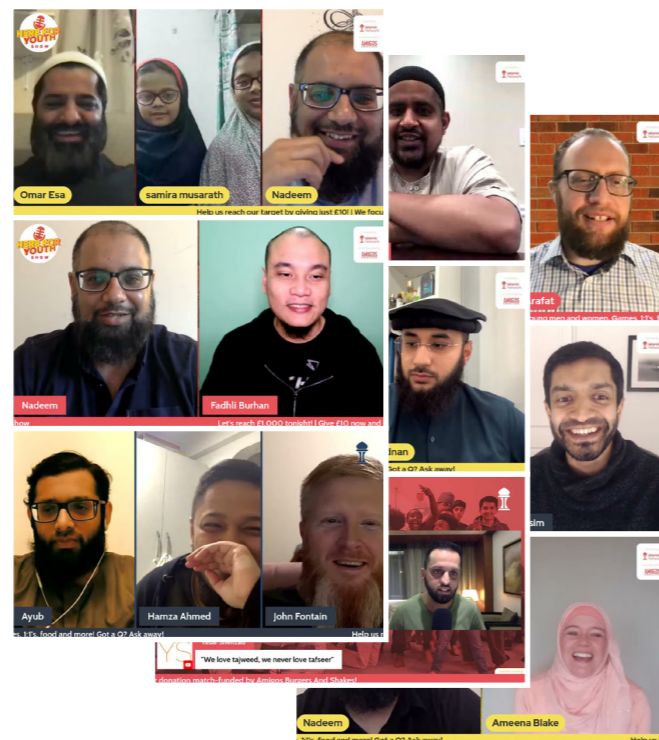
Special Guests included;

- Omar Esa (Nasheed Artist)
- Iqbal Nasim (NZF - National Zakat Foundation)
- Dr Deen (University Lecturer and Social Worker)
- Fadhli Burhan (Malaysia)
- Bro Lim Jooi Soon (Malaysia)
- Shoaib Hussain (The Sunnah Guy)
- Zeeshan Ali (Smile 2 Jannah)
- Dr Salman Butt (Islam 21C)
- Nusaybah (Muslim Mama)
- Khidr Muhammad (Blogger)
- Iqbal Nasim (NZF)
- Sheikha Fatima Barkatulla (CEO of Muslim Womanhood)
- Ustadha Ameena Blake (Muslim Chaplain and Lecturer)
- Imam Anwar Arafat (Memphis Islamic Center, USA)
- Mufti Yaseen Shaikh (Islamic Society of Baltimore, USA)
- Musa Adnan (iERA)
- Ibrahim Khan (IFG - Islamic Finance Guru)
- Shaykh Dr Yusuf Abdul-Jobbar (Ibn Rushd Centre)
- John Fontain (Young Smirks Podcast Host)

We discussed music, Islamic Media, Youth Work, Digital Dawah, Personal Finances, Safe Spaces For Teenagers, The Role Of Mosques and more!



Here For Youth Podcast Social Media Post



Here For Youth Podcast Shows

JUNE 2021

THIRTY-TWO YOUTH ENGAGEMENT SESSIONS

From April to June, Islamic Network has engaged 151 young people weekly via 32 youth engagement sessions at five youth hubs we've established.

NINETEEN COACHING SESSIONS

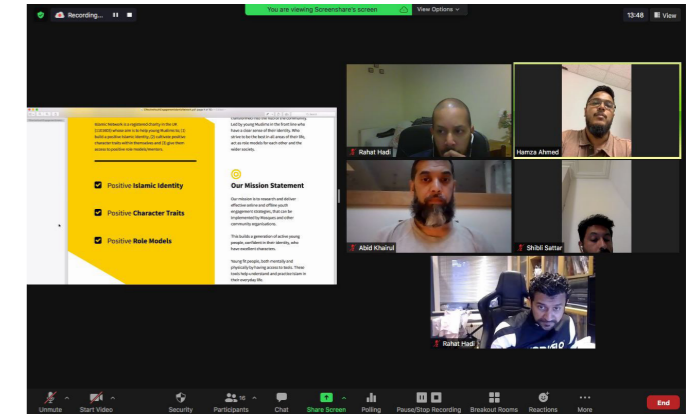
In addition, we delivered 19 development sessions to our network of existing and new youth hubs we are onboarding.

ONLINE YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH

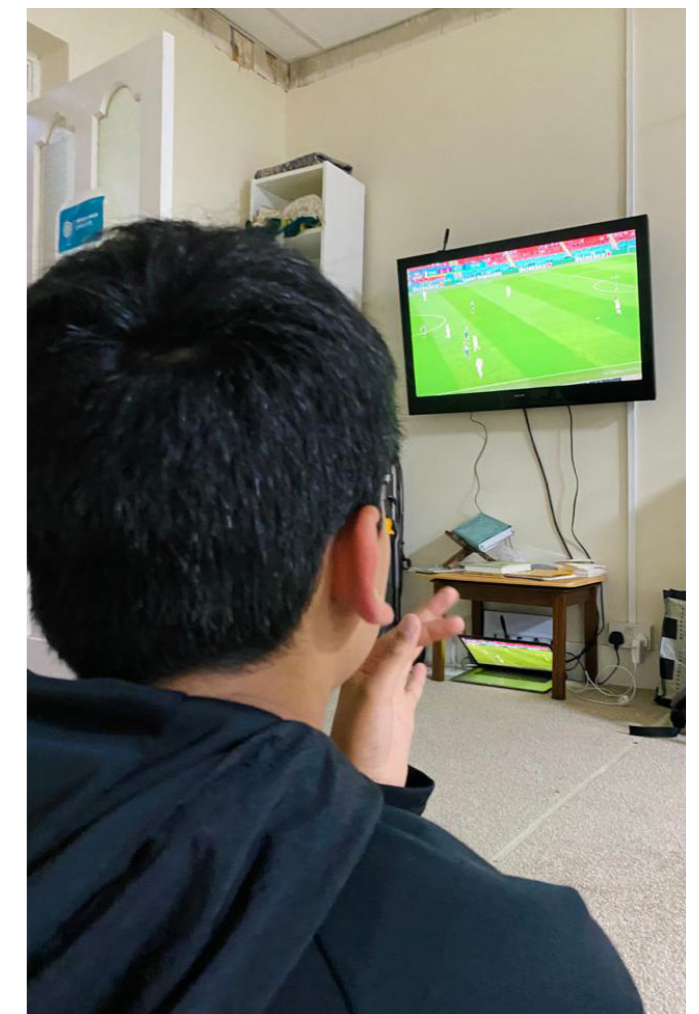
As part of our ongoing development as a team, we completed Online Youth Mental Health Champion training from MHFA England



MHFA Zoom Training



Online Training and Coaching Session



Partner youth session in June

JULY
2021

110 LIVES IMPACTED IN JULY!

July 2021 was another milestone month where we engaged 110 young people per week at four youth hubs we've established so far!

These hubs were in Leyton, Palmers Green, Harlesden and Milton Keynes! These hubs engaged the young people in their local area in unique ways this month, some choosing to organise excursions, others staying closer to home.

Trips to the beach and a BBQ in nature were some of the exciting programmes on the agenda.

UK CIVIL SERVICE MUSLIM NETWORK TRAINING

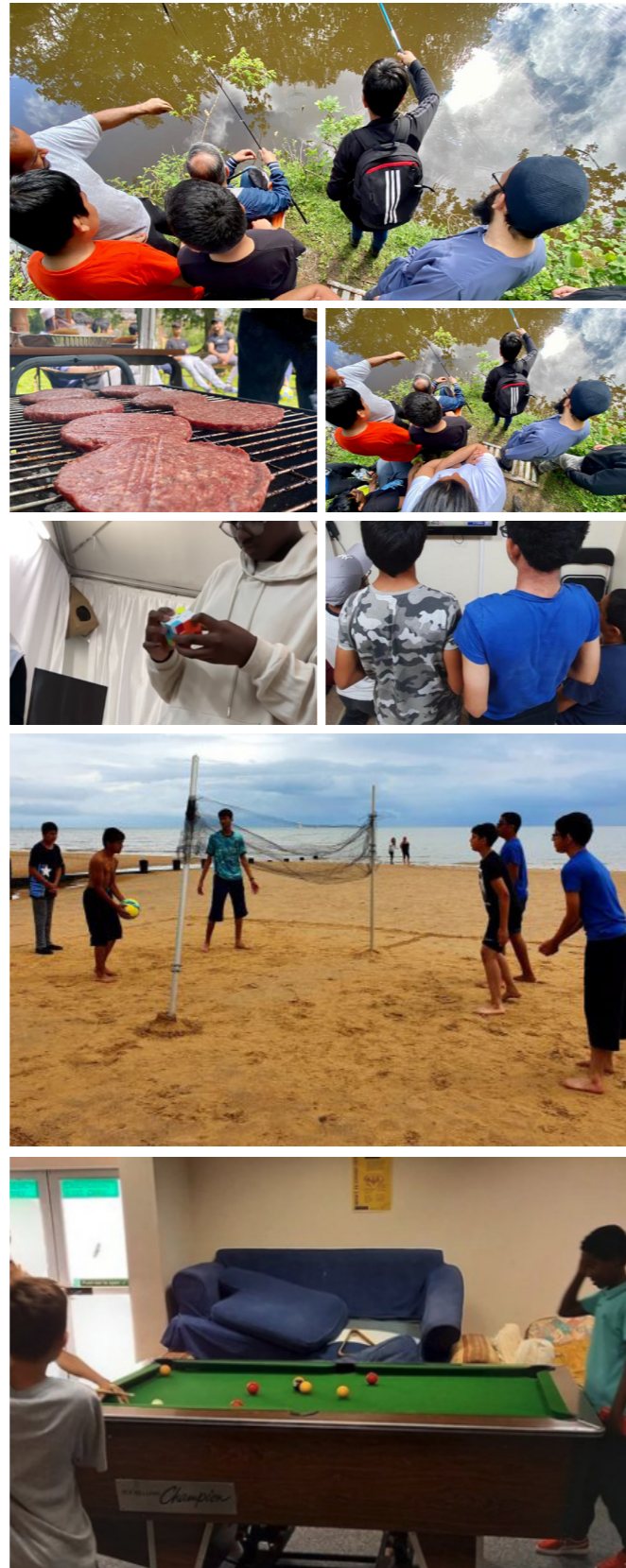


We also trained 70+ leaders from the UK Civil Service Muslim Network (CSMN) on engaging with young men and women. One attendee commented that by combining her faith, experience, and background, she could shape the community and be part of a change that will empower the younger generation to develop personally and professionally.

The CSMN is the sole cross-government, departmental umbrella network representing and supporting departmental Muslim networks and civil servants.

NINE COACHING SESSIONS

We also delivered nine development sessions to our network of existing and upcoming youth hubs on various topics, from youth engagement to organisational development.

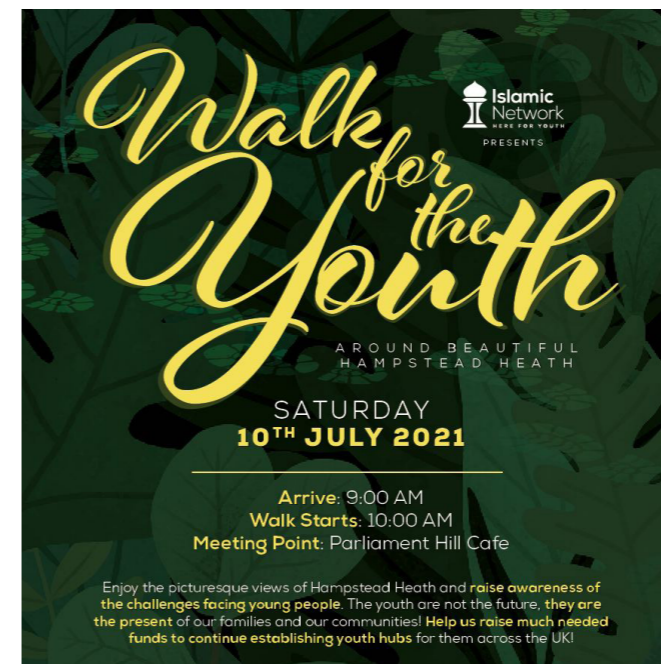
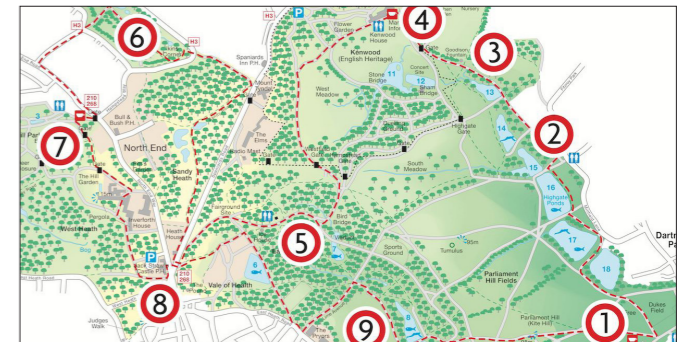


Pictures from our partner youth sessions in July



WALK FOR THE YOUTH!

With summer upon us, the team organised a ladies-only charity walk in and around the beautiful Parliament Hill in Hampstead. One of the drivers behind the hike was that there is always so much talk about the lack of organised activities for young women and ladies, and so this event directly answered that - it was organised with them in mind first!



Walk for the Youth Poster



Pictures from Charity Walk for Youth

AUGUST 2021

106 LIVES IMPACTED IN AUGUST!

August saw Islamic Network engage 106 young women and men weekly at four youth hubs we've established so far in the UK despite a summer with everchanging travel and social distancing rules!

One hub that stood out was Young MK, in partnership with the Somali Outreach Project, which organised a SUMMER OF PLAY for 11-19-year-olds in Milton Keynes. This four-week programme featured terrific indoor and outdoor activities, including football, rock climbing, knife crime workshops, and even producing food packages for refugees living in poverty/escaping from domestic violence. What a fantastic opportunity for the young women and men in Milton Keynes!

We also delivered ten development sessions to our network of existing and upcoming youth hubs on various topics, from youth engagement to fundraising strategy.

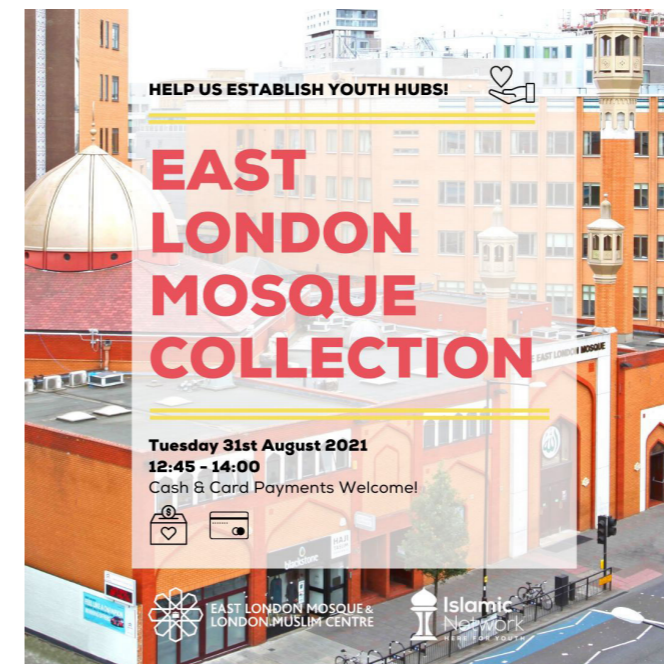


Pictures from our partner youth sessions in August

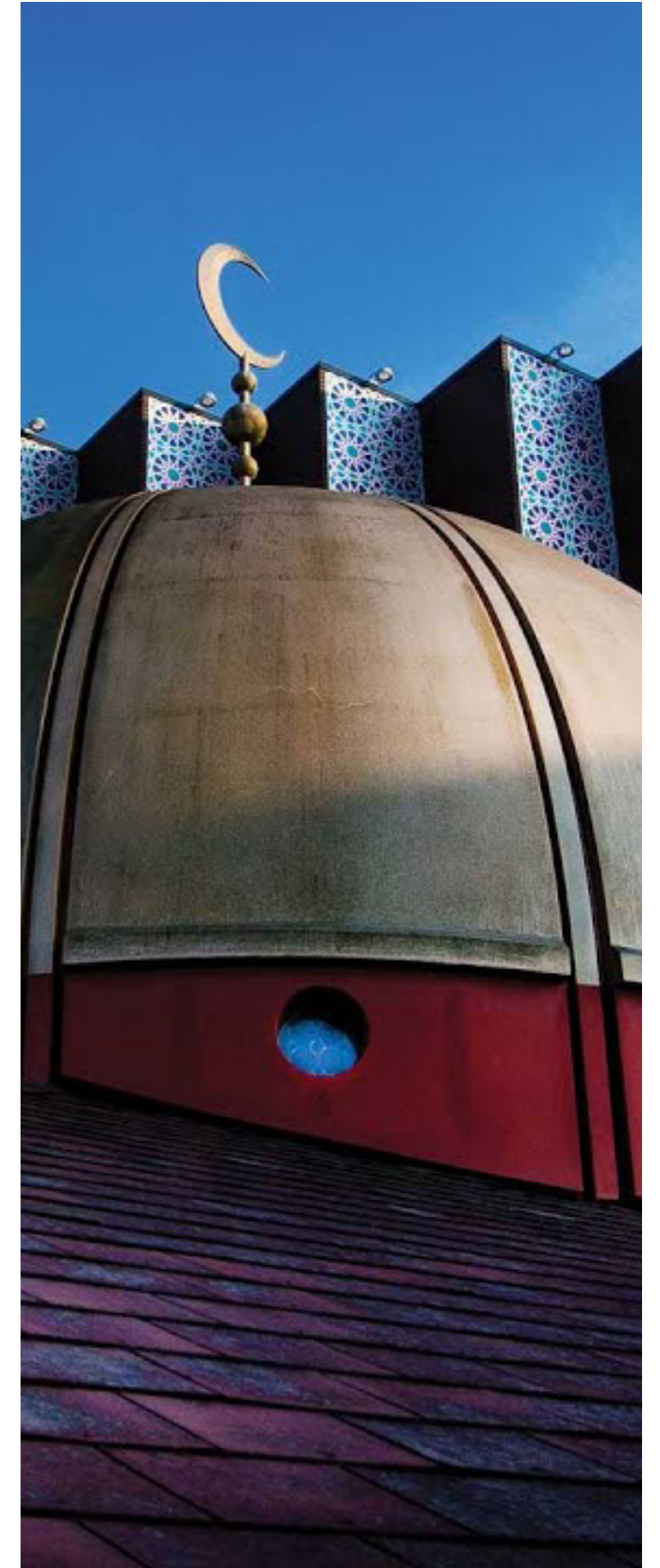
EAST LONDON MOSQUE SUPPORTS OUR WORK

We had the honour of making an announcement about the fantastic work we are doing to establish Youth Hubs in local Mosques at East London Mosque and the London Muslim Centre.

We were able to speak to a number of individuals, especially parents about the work we are doing for teenagers in the UK.



East London Mosque Collection Poster



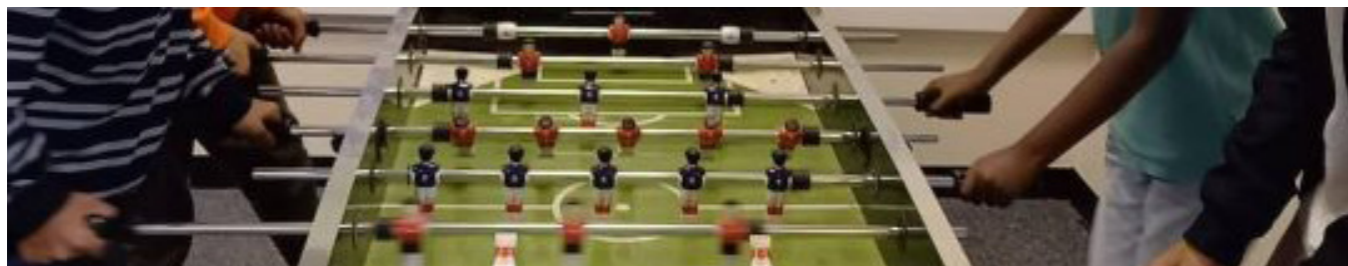
SEPTEMBER 2021

96 LIVES CHANGED IN SEPTEMBER!

September saw Islamic Network engage 96 young women and men through 19 sessions at youth hubs we support across the UK.

Young MK, our Hub in Milton Keynes, has launched its weekly girls' hub in addition to its successful boys' one. Green Stars, our hub in North London based at MCEC Palmers Green Mosque, has successfully continued their weekly sessions that alternate between girls and boys. During the month, the hub used its weekly youth engagement sessions to openly discuss local issues that young women and men go through.

We also delivered nine development sessions to help our existing and upcoming hubs improve their services.



Pictures from our partner youth sessions in September

ENGAGING WITH MAYOR OF LONDON'S OFFICE

As part of our broader work in the sector, we entered into productive talks with a liaison from the Mayor Of London's office about our youth engagement strategy this month.

RESEARCH LAUNCHED

The Manchester Metropolitan University also featured our 'Taking Mosques Digital' covid response work at the report launch of their year-long research into how the pandemic has shaped the ritual lives of religious communities across the UK. The study explored how they have adapted their work in response to these challenges. You can access the research publication here.



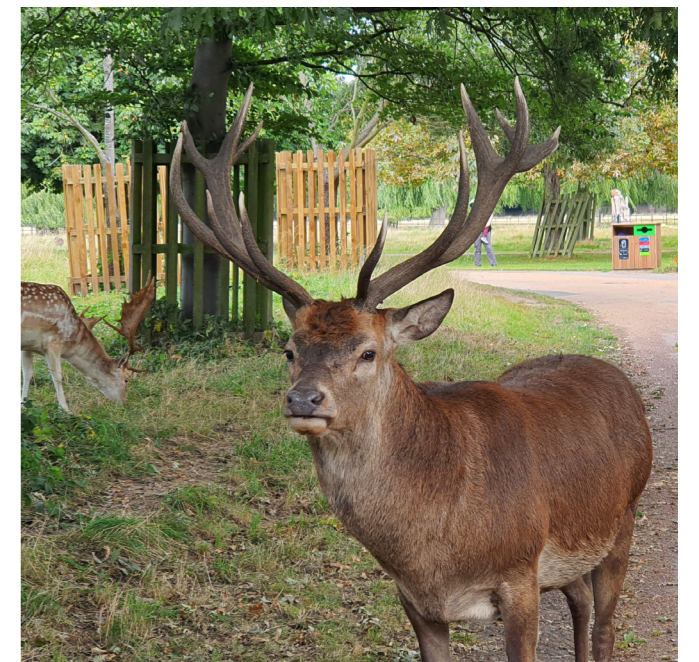
Charity Walk for Youth Poster

CHARITY WALK FOR YOUTH - HAMPTON COURT PALACE

What started as a gentle 8KM walk ended up being anywhere between 11KM-15KM, depending on which intrepid group you were with on a beautiful morning September morning. We came together to discuss young people's issues and raise money to help establish local Youth Hubs across the UK.

From the ornate Water Gardens, built in 1710, to the herds of free-roaming fallow and red deer, every second in Bushy Park was a sight to behold.

Among the things talked about as we drank in the beautiful scenery were issues with drugs in our schools, the lack of opportunities for young Muslim women and how we make the Mosque the hub of our communities once more.



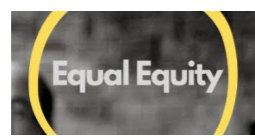
Pictures from Charity Walk for Youth

OCTOBER
2021

THE IMPACT INCUBATOR PROGRAMME

In October, Islamic Network was shortlisted and accepted onto the "The Impact Incubator". A 6-month programme to develop and strengthen specific areas within Youth Sector organisations. Led by Raymond Douglas, Co-Founder of Equal Equity and the National Youth Agency (NYA).

The programme included emersion within a community of practice and offered sector support, training, mentoring, and access to executive youth sector leaders. The programme aimed to build a fairer and more equitable youth sector.



STRONGER FUTURES EVENT

We also attended the Stronger Futures networking event at London City Hall. Organised by the Violence Reduction Unit (NRU) Young Person's Action Group where we were able to meet and share our experiences of Muslims in the Youth Work sector.



Stronger Futures Event

100 LIVES IMPACTED IN OCTOBER!

With the October Half-Term, the hubs in our network pulled out all the stops to create new ways of engaging young women and men in their areas!

We engaged 100 young women and men through 18 sessions at youth hubs we support across the UK.

This wouldn't have been possible without the volunteer hosts' fantastic work at each hub.

Some exciting stuff from Green Stars! Over the half term, the Youth Hub in the London Borough of Enfield, at MCEC Palmers Green Mosque, hosted a Young Speakers Workshop with Kossier Abdul Aziz.

Over the three-day workshop, local boys and girls learnt about public speaking skills, speech writing and confidence building when speaking to an audience.



Pictures from our partner youth sessions in October

The young people said the workshop's highlight was when sister Kossier allowed them to write their speech and deliver it from the mosque's mimbar!

A brilliant and empowering experience for the young attendees!

In the London Borough of Waltham Forest, our youth hub partner in Lea Bridge, LBECA, has agreed on a fantastic arrangement with Saffron Kitchen in Leyton to provide delicious food once a month for the young people who attend their hub. It's incredible to see local businesses partnering up and assisting the efforts of the community to provide a safe space for young people.

In the London Borough of Brent, at Harlesden Ummah, Since attending our youth event, three regular attendees, Abdulmajeed, Hassan and Yusuf, have made many contributions to other activities within the mosque.

They come early and stay late to set up and pack down our youth engagement sessions. They help with fundraising and collecting donations for the mosque during Friday Congregation and Eid in the park events.

They have also developed a close relationship with older, experienced community members, including the Imam. They often share their experiences in life, including their challenges, which they are advised on, and achievements celebrated.

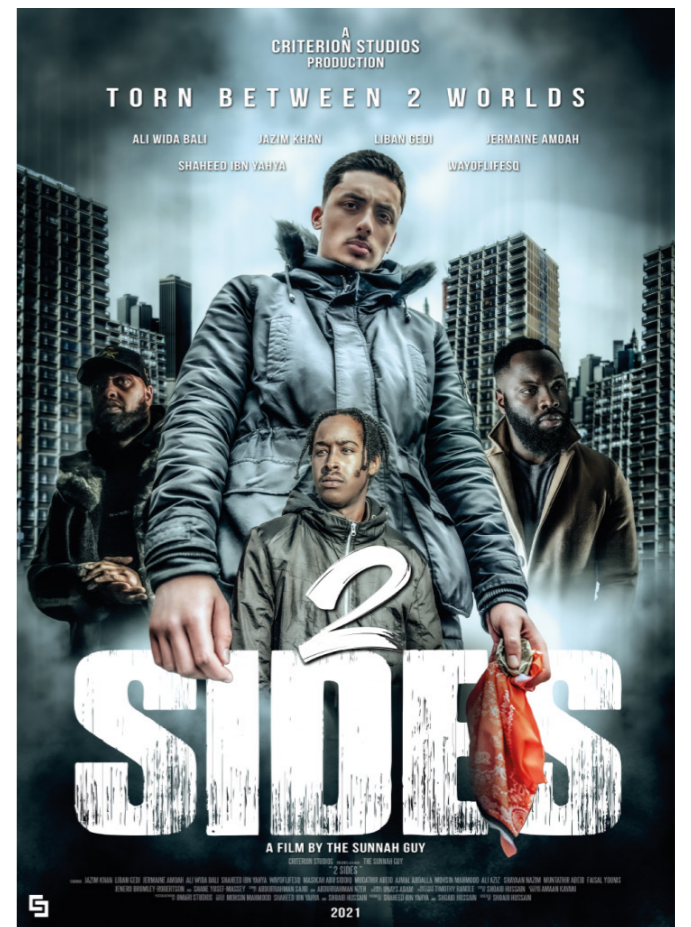
In Buckinghamshire, our partner, Young MK, based in Milton Keynes, had a hugely memorable month of engagement for young women and men, including a field trip to Green Lane Mosque in Birmingham. They attended the 'Clouded Minds' conference on 'clearing the path back to faith'. The young women and men benefitted immensely from not just hearing from the speakers but spending time together, travelling together and building their bonds of sister- and brotherhood. See the other amazing things they got up to on their Instagram, including a Girls' Ice Skating Trip, a Special Halloween Program, a Youth Night and Football tournament! What a month, Mashaa'Allah!

2SIDES MOVIE PARTNERSHIP

This month we signed up as the official Charity Partner for the new upcoming film "2Sides" by Criterion Studios. The movie focuses on a young Muslim who struggles to fit into his circle of friends. In his pursuit for acceptance, he finds himself stuck in a cycle of gang violence and drug affiliation. As he tries to escape this harsh reality, his relations with family and religion become affected to the point of no return.



Pictures from our partner youth sessions in October



2Sides Movie Poster

NOVEMBER 2021

100 LIVES IMPACTED IN NOVEMBER!

November started well-tempered, but the cold kicked in, and our partner Youth Hubbs had to embrace their attendees with a warm welcome.

Our partner Hubbs engaged with 110 young women and men through 16 sessions across the UK this month.

In Buckinghamshire, Milton Keynes, our partners Young MK hosted a fun youth night event, starting with Ustadh Mohammed Minani reciting Qur'an and then a workshop where he handed them a question to think about: Do you deserve Paradise?

It was an interactive session getting the young minds thinking and gave them a perspective on how we should live our lives as Muslims. They were discussing a Beautiful Hadith of our Prophet (Peace be upon him): "You will not enter Jannah through your Good Deeds" – [Bukhari]

They also had a competitive dodgeball session, with a delicious takeaway to top it off.

The Girls also had their night, filled with playing dodgeball, bench ball, and a thought-provoking reminder about repentance.

On the weekends, Young MK's youth worked with the Al-Fikr team, where they packed food to distribute packages to refugees living in Milton Keynes.

In the London Borough of Waltham Forest, our youth hub partner in Lea Bridge, LBECA, was busy as usual and even had a thought-provoking discussion led by Shaykh Shams Ad Duha. Saffron Kitchen was kind as always to share a massive platter set with delicious food. May Allah reward and increase them!

In Enfield, at MCEC Palmers Green Mosque, the team of Green Stars hosted their fortnightly youth event for girls aged 9-13. The girls engaged in fun activities, bringing out their creative artistic talents. The boys also were hosted for their fortnightly event, where they duelled it off at an epic tug-of-war battle.

FUNDRAISING PARTNERSHIP WITH 'MUSLIM MARRIAGE EVENTS'

We entered a partnership with Muslim Marriage Events to be their fundraising partner at some of their upcoming events. We raised much needed funds and shared our work in rooms full of working professionals.



Pictures from our partner youth sessions in November



Fundraising at 'Muslim Marriage Events'

DECEMBER 2021

114 LIVES IMPACTED IN DECEMBER!

December was another great time for Youth Hubs to embrace the cold and keep the weekly sessions running with a warm welcome, especially for the Sisters.

Our partner Hubbs engaged with 114 young women and men through 22 sessions across the UK.

In the London Borough of Brent, at Harlesden Ummah, the Hub had their annual adhan competition, with prizes of £200, £150 and £100 up for grabs.

It was a great community event where attendees enjoyed listening to the young men's voices making the call to prayer.

The competitors all did their best, so the team gave all those who auditioned £20 prize for their efforts.

In the London Borough of Waltham Forest, our youth hub partner in Lea Bridge, LBECA, had to move their sessions online due to two central volunteers having faced some personal challenges and the worry of the new covid variant being present.

The youth enjoyed the online sessions, where they went head to head on Rocket League and other competitive games while sharing their fun on the discord stream.

In Buckinghamshire, Milton Keynes, our partners Young MK have provided so much fun and engagement for the Sisters that they decided it was finally time to open up their group named Young MK Sisters.

They hosted a chilled indoor cinema event packed with popcorn, pizza and snacks.



Pictures from our partner youth sessions in December

They even booked a trip to the Light Upon Light Event in the Excel Arena, where they prayed Jummah, led by Mufti Menk and learnt many life values from all panellists.

The event left a great impression on the Sisters, with the two key lessons being:

What social media says about your values and beliefs and whether that will make it better for your afterlife.
How to spend free time remembering Allah
The brothers had their weekly Game Spot events, and on the night before Christmas, they learned about the true story of Prophet Jesus, helping them understand what the Islamic teaching says about his life.

It, of course, included delicious pizza, a fun quiz, some dodgeball to burn it off and then a competitive FIFA 21 session.



Nasheed Battle Royale Event

NASHEED BATTLE ROYALE EVENT

In December, Islamic Network worked with Al-Miftah to organise and deliver a four-city fundraising tour to close off a fantastic and productive year.

Nasheed Battle Royale featured some of the biggest names in the Nasheed industry, including award-winning - chart-topping voice-only nasheed artist Omar Esa, Canadian international sensation Ilyas Mao, world-renowned artist and member of Nasheed Group Labbayk, Ehsaan Tahmid, and nasheed artist and lecturer, Moulana Imtiyaz Sidat.

Due to the ongoing pandemic, these artists have not performed on stage for the past two years, so the pent-up demand for these events was high!

The four-city tour took in Bradford, Manchester, Oldham and Birmingham, with more than 2,000 people in attendance! Amazing highlights, including stage invasions by young people, can be seen here.





INTRODUCING HERE FOR YOUTH

Launching in 2022

As we move our work into more mainstream youth engagement spaces, we have started to adopt the working name: Here For Youth

This will help provide clarity over our services and overcome the implicit bias that we face in the course of implementing our charitable objects.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF ISLAMIC NETWORK

YEAR ENDED 31 December 2021

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Islamic Network ('the charity') for the year ended 31 December 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent Examiner's Statement

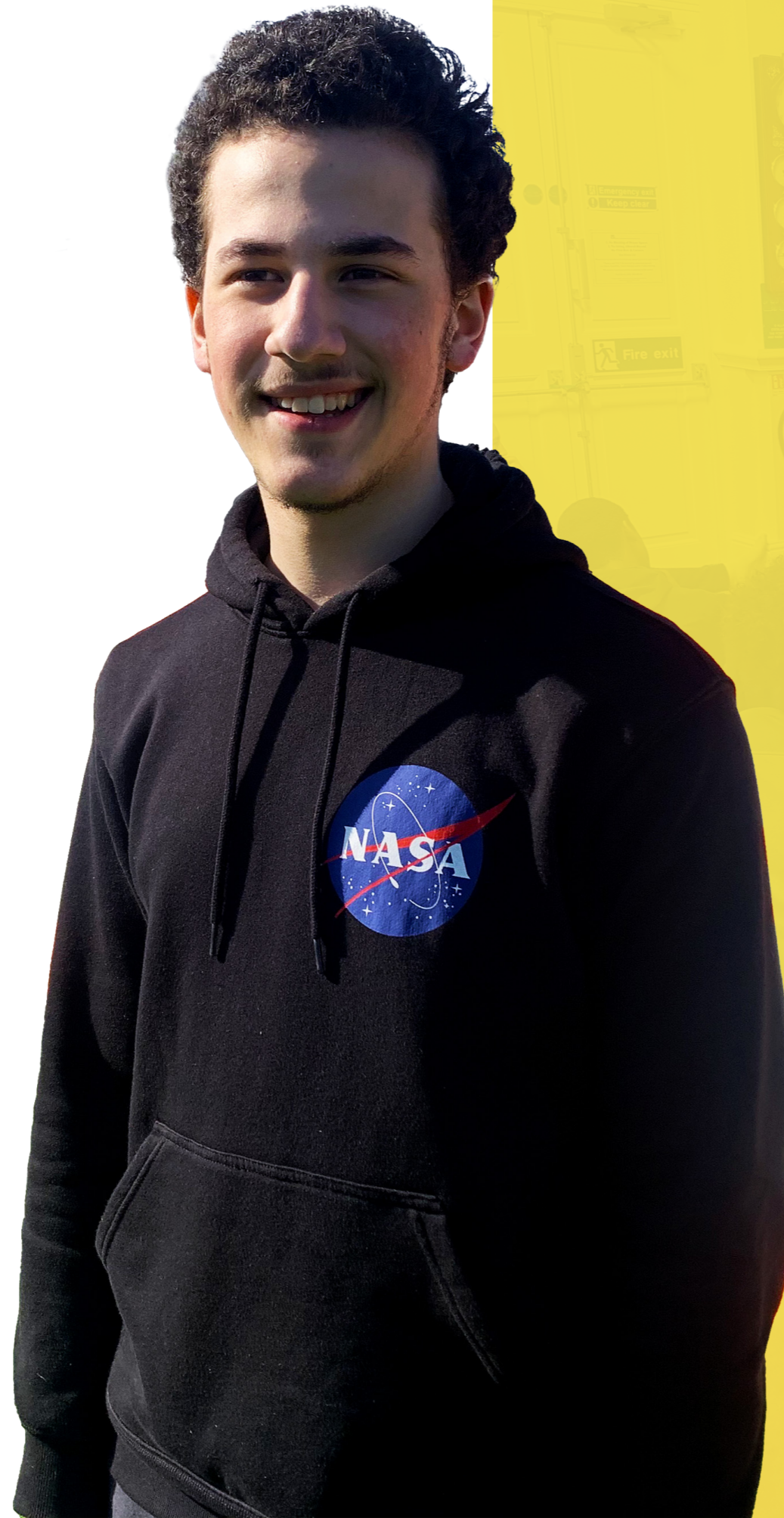
I have completed my examination; I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe.

1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. The financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. The financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. The financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102).

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

S M Q Accountancy and Management Consultancy Limited
Crown House - Suite 702, North Circular Road, London NW10 7PN

Date: 25th October 2022



STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

Annual Accounts

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2021	Total 2020
		£	£	£	£
Incoming Resources					
Donations and similar incoming resources		133,008	0	133,008	78,968
Other Receipts	2	6,470	0	6,470	7,298
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		139,478	0	139,478	86,266
Resources Expended					
Costs of generating funds: Fundraising and publicity	3	24,493	0	24,493	20,986
Charitable expenditure: Direct Charitable Expenditure	4	95,696	0	95,696	63,959
Governance Costs:					
Management and Administration	5	8,162	0	8,162	4,159
TOTAL INCOME EXPENDED		128,351	0	128,351	89,104
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources Net Movements in Funds		11,127	0	11,127	(2,838)
Fund balances b/fwd. 1 January 2021		51,383	(85,394)	(34,011)	(31,173)
Fund balances c/fwd. 31 December 2021		62,510	(85,394)	(22,884)	(34,011)

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Notes	31.12.2021	31.12.2020
		£	£
Fixed Assets Fixture & Fittings			
Current Assets			
Cash At Bank		6,126	11,909
		6,126	11,909
Creditors: (amounts falling due within one year)			
Creditors & Accruals	6	29,010	45,920
Net Current Assets		(22,884)	(34,011)
Net Assets Employed		(22,884)	(34,011)
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FUNDS		11,127	(2,838)
Restricted and unrestricted funds		(34,011)	(31,173)
Fund balances carried forward		(22,884)	(34,011)

Approved by the trustees on 25th October 2021 and signed on its behalf by:



Mr Jameil Chaudhry | Chairman

NOTES FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31st December 2021

1. Accounting policies

a. Accounting convention

i. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the inclusion of investments at market value and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective March 2000). In preparing the financial statements, the charity follows best practices as laid down in the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (SORP 2005).

b. Donations, legacies and similar income

i. These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the charity becomes entitled to the income, and the trustees are reasonably certain they will receive it.

c. Tax reclaims on donations.

i. Tax reclaims are included in the SOFA at the same time as the gift to which they relate.

d. Investment Income

i. Investment income is accounted for in the period in which the charity is entitled to a receipt.

e. Resources expended

i. Expenditure is included on an accrual basis.

ii. Grants payable are charged in the year when conditions attaching to the grant are fulfilled, and a properly completed claim has been received by the charity.

iii. Support costs relate to costs of processing grants and applications and general office expenses.

DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021

	31.12.2021		
	£		
2. Donations and similar incoming resources	133,008		
3. Other Receipts			
Gift Aid	6,470		
4. Cost Of Generating Funds			
The amount payable in the year comprises:			
Fundraising Campaigns Costs	(24,493)		
5. Direct Charitable Costs			
Donations to Charitable Activities	(95,696)		
6. Governance Costs			
Admin Staff Salary	0		
Office Rent	0		
Telephone	0		
Postage & Stationery	0		
Bank Charges	(27)		
Travelling	(345)		
Professional Fees	(7,250)		
7. Creditors			
Other Creditors	(540)		
Fund balances c/fwd. 31 December 2021	11,127		
8. Fund			
	Reserve Fund £	Gift Aid Fund £	Total £
Balance at 1st January 2021	(34,011)	0	(34,011)
	11,127	0	11,127
	(28,884)	0	(28,884)



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Accounts



Report and Financial Statements

For the year ended

31st December 2020

Charity Number: 1101603



Islamic Network

Annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2020

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Legal and Administrative Information

Trustees

- Mr Amir Malik (Treasurer)
- Mr Sumir Akhtar (Trustee)
- Mr Jameil Chaudhry (Chairman)

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Registered Charity Number

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Report of The Trustees

By the permission of Allah, Islamic Network, despite the global coronavirus pandemic that resulted in multiple lockdowns, has been able to impact the lives of 25,000+ people in the UK and around the globe during this historic year.

21	24	258	400	25,000+
GRASSROOTS EVENTS	HOURS OF LIVE ENGAGEMENT	IMAMS/MOSQUE LEADERS IN OUR NETWORK	YOUNG PEOPLE DEVELOPED IN- PERSON	GLOBAL IMPACT

The Prophet ﷺ said,

“A man is upon the religion of his friend, so let one of you look at whom he befriends.”

Tirmidhi

Activity Highlights

The Transformational Journey Continues

With every precaution taken, we’ve persevered with our in-person youth engagement activities for young men and women.





For 12 weeks straight, we provided young people like Hadid with a (COVID-safe) space to belong. Already he has made transformational strides in his own journey to become a leader in his community.

Helping Our Imams and Leaders

In response to the local and national lockdowns, we empowered 250+ Imams and Mosque Leaders like Imam Abdi Nasir Said from Edmonton on how to keep connected with the young people in his community.



During this year, Islamic Network focused on developing relationships within its network of Mosques to identify strategic partners through which we could streamline the delivery of services and activities.

Our focus was on creating a journey of change for the individuals we impacted through our events and activities.

Some of those partners include but are not limited to the Muslim Community & Education Centre (MCEC) - Palmers Green Mosque, An Noor Cultural & Community Centre (ACCC Trust), the West London Islamic Centre (WLIC), the Islamic Association of North London (IANL), Central Jamia Masjid Southall, the Muslim Cultural Welfare Association of Sutton (MCWAS) and the Purley Islamic Community Centre.

Through these partners and others, we impacted the lives of more than 2,200 people through the following activities:

We held 15 “**NITEMANIA/CRAZIA**” events which saw more than **415 young men and women** given the opportunity to take over the Mosque! During the event, they got to relax with games and activities and experience true brother- and sisterhood. Not to mention spiritual reminders centred on prayer (salaah), the Quran and many other topics. As well benefitting from as their own private Q&A session 1:1 with the qualified volunteers/scholar in attendance.

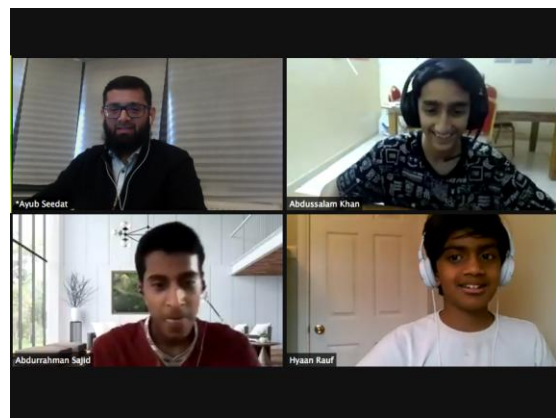
The “**Rekindling The Hearts**” tour welcomed more than **1,153 attendees** to take benefit from a range of reminders related to themselves their family and their community. This series of events took in various communities across London and the East Midlands.

On top of that, we delivered 24+ hours of inspiring live shows and workshops with guests like Abdur Rahman Munawar, a member of our youth advisory group who also acts as a trustee, specifically regarding youth affairs at the Sri Lankan Muslim Cultural Centre of Harrow. (SLMCC)

Online Live Shows and Workshops

In recognition of the value we provide to Mosques and local communities, we were invited by the Muslim Council Of Britain (MCB) and MEND to deliver keynote addresses and workshops at their conferences.

There we met Farhan Killedar from the Muslim Cultural Welfare Association of Sutton (MCWAS). We were able to facilitate the launch of their new Mosque website in less than three days. He's now working with us to get youth engagement activities off the ground for his community.



Back To Basics

This year, with our ability to deliver events/activities severely restricted, our mission has been to simplify what effective youth engagement is at the grassroots level for Mosques and community organisations. All of our activities this year have been geared towards developing our bespoke four-stage model of effective youth engagement. Throughout 2021 we will be working with Mosques and community organisations to bring this model to life.



Looking Ahead

Looking ahead to 2021, our mission is to continue to research and deliver effective online and in-person youth engagement strategies. Our vision is to see every Mosque transformed into the hub of the community, led by a generation of active young Muslims.



The trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 1993. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other Irregularities

Approved by the trustees and signed on its behalf f by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jameil Chaudhry", written over a dotted line.

Mr Jameil Chaudhry | Chairman

6th November 2021

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Islamic Network

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2020, which are set out on pages 8 to 13.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts (under section 145 of the 2011 Act);
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiners report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently, I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - a. to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - b. to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Date: 6th November 2021

Statement of Financial Activities

For the year ended 31 December 2020

	<u>Notes</u>	Unrestricted £	Restricted Total Funds Funds £	Total 2020 £	2019 £
Incoming Resources					
Donations and similar incoming resources		78,968	0	78,968	61,381
Other Receipts	2	<u>7,298</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>7,298</u>	<u>4,041</u>
Total Incoming Resources		<u>86,266</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>86,266</u>	<u>65,422</u>
Resources Expended					
Costs of generating funds:					
Fundraising and publicity	3	20,986	0	20,986	14,753
Charitable expenditure:					
Direct Charitable Expenditure	4	63,959	0	63,959	47,435
Governance Costs:					
Management and Administration	5	4,159	0	4,159	4,511
Total Income Expended		<u>89,104</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>89,104</u>	<u>66,699</u>
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources Net Movements in Funds		(2,838)	0	(2,838)	(1,277)
Fund balances b/fwd. 1 January 2020		<u>54,221</u>	<u>(85,394)</u>	<u>(34,011)</u>	<u>(29,896)</u>
Fund balances c/fwd. 31 December 2020		<u>51,383</u>	<u>(85,394)</u>	<u>(34,011)</u>	<u>(31,173)</u>

Balance Sheet

As at 31 December 2020

	Notes	31.12.2020 £	31.12.2019 £
Fixed Assets			
Fixture & Fittings			
Current Assets			
Cash At Bank		<u>11,909</u>	<u>736</u>
		11,909	736
Creditors: (amounts falling due within one year)			
Creditors & Accruals	6	45,920	31,909
Net Current Assets		<u>(34,011)</u>	<u>(31,173)</u>
Net Assets Employed		(34,011)	(31,173)
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FUNDS		(2,838)	(1,277)
Restricted and unrestricted funds		(31,173)	(28,896)
Fund balances c.fwd		(34,011)	(31,173)

Approved by the trustees on 6th November 2021 and signed on its behalf by:

Mr Jameil Chaudhry | Chairman



Notes Forming Part Of The Financial Statements

For the year ended 31st December 2020

1. Accounting policies
 - a. Accounting convention
 - i. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the inclusion of investments at market value and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective March 2000). In preparing the financial statements the charity follows best practice as laid down in the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (SORP 2005).
 - b. Donations, legacies and similar income
 - i. These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the charity becomes entitled to the income and the trustees are reasonably certain they will receive it.
 - c. Tax reclaims on donations
 - i. Tax reclaims are included in the SOFA at the same time as the gift to which they relate.
 - d. Investment income
 - i. Investment income is accounted for in the period in which the charity is entitled to receipt.
 - e. Resources expended
 - i. Expenditure is included on an accruals basis.
 - ii. Grants payable are charged in the year when conditions attaching to the grant are fulfilled and a properly completed claim has been received by the charity.
 - iii. Support costs relate to costs of processing grants and applications and general office expenses.

2. Other Receipts	31.12.2020
	£
Gift Aid	7,298
3. Cost Of Generating Funds	
The amount payable in the year comprises:	£
Fundraising Campaigns Costs	(20,986)
4. Direct Charitable Costs	£
Donations to Charitable Activities	63,959
5. Governance Costs	£
Admin Staff Salary	0
Office Rent	0
Telephone	0
Postage & Stationery	0
Bank Charges	(2,910)
Travelling	(221)
Professional Fees	(1,220)
Misc	0
6. Creditors	
Other Creditors	(11,909)
Fund balances c/fwd. 31 December 2020	(34,011)

7. Fund	Reserve Fund £	Gift Aid Fund £	Total £
Balance at 1st January 2020	(31,173)	0	(31,173)
Incoming/(Outgoing) resources	<u>(2,838)</u>	0	<u>(2,838)</u>
	(34,011)	0	(34,011)

The Reserve fund represents the unrestricted funds which the Trustees are free to use in accordance with the charitable objects.