

Muhammadia Saifia Education Trust

(Registered Charity 1170057)

Trustees Annual Report

Period 01/04/2021 to 31/03/2022

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Report of the Trustees for the financial period 01 April 2021 till 31 March 2022

Reference and Administrative Information

Charity Name: **Muhammadia Saifia Education Trust**
Charity Registration Number: **1170057**
Address: **120 Waterloo Street, Oldham, OL4 1EU**

Board of Trustees

Sohail Liaqat (Chairman)

Waqar Ali (Secretary)

Sajid Amin (Treasurer)

Structure, governance and management

Governing Document

Muhammadia Saifia Education Trust is constituted as a charitable trust registered with the Charity Commission in June 2016 under charity number 1170057. It is governed by Constitution set out as an Incorporated Organisation.

Organisational Structure

The charity trustees are responsible for the general control and management of the charity. The trustees give their time freely and voluntarily and receive no remuneration or any other financial benefits.

The trustees meet once a month or where required and are responsible for all decisions taken in relation to the running of the charity. Due to the small scale of the workload the trustees handle all day to day and financial matters and no subcommittee, or such is appointed.

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

The current trustees are responsible for recruitment and appointing further trustees, in doing so the trustees seek views and recommendations from prominent members of the local community and members of the charity, however the final decision lies in trustee votes. By seeking views and recommendations of the local community and wider members of the charity the trustees believe that it is possible to ensure that there is a healthy relationship between the management and the local community that use our services.

In selecting trustees, we aim to identify people who are aligned with the charity's values, regularly attend our events and functions and are willing to volunteer to help the community without any financial or personal benefits. Potential candidates are invited to trustees meeting and open discussion is carried out which enables us to consider their eligibility, personal competence, knowledge and skills required for their role. Once the candidate is selected, they are publicly announced.

As for the current financial year there has been no change in the number of trustees or any nominations/applications put forward .

Activities and objectives in the year

The organisation objective is to provide an educational centre to the local community which promotes the Islamic Faith in the Oldham area, the centre welcome members of all communities, ages and groups. To help the organisation's objectives and for the benefit of the community the following activities are carried out regularly.

- **5 Daily congregational prayers and weekly congregational prayer and sermon** led by an Imam from the local community
- **Children evening class** Children from age 5-11 attend classes in which they learn basic Islamic principles, learn how to read the Holy Quran and basic Islamic law. Children are also taught manners and given advice on how to avoid illnesses of today's communities. The classes are held for 1 hour every evening Monday to Friday. These classes are now back in person.
- **Weekly gatherings** held in the evenings; this is open to general public especially the youth. The aim of this is to focus on the importance of spirituality, discussion held on various topics and issues pertinent to the community, highlighting the importance of education to broaden knowledge and perspective on life, introduction to various professionals from the local community including discussion on prominent historical figures and attributes that made them successful, learning lesson from their life and educate youngsters in current issues. The gathering also includes spiritual meditation. Food is served to the attendees.
- **Monthly Gatherings** are also held where members of the community from other areas are also invited along with the local community. Guest speakers are invited to talk and share their thoughts and valuable advice on modern day challenges and issues faced by the community with a focus on Islamic values, spirituality and meditation. Discussions focus on educating attendees on Islam and the Holy Prophet Muhammad (May Peace Be Upon Them), the importance of spirituality and meditation. There is emphasis on spiritual reflection and the role we each play in our households, local community and wider society to benefit those around us and wider society.
- **General Educational Classes** – Following on from previous year, we continued to offer classes to the general public where we aim to go through recitation of the Holy Quran in correct pronunciation, this is held every Monday after the nightly (Isha) prayer. Currently the number of attendees is around 10 students, and we aim to increase this in future. In addition, we are looking to arrange an additional weekend evening session for the youth targeting youngsters in their teens, the aim of these will be to have a "get together" session and allow the teenagers to interact with each other and discuss topics they may wish to discuss.

Achievements and performance, including reporting on its public benefit

Response has been positive post pandemic; the public has been donating generously to help with improvements at the centre. We continued with evening student classes and weekly gathering in person now as opposed to Zoom classes.

We also continued to speak to parents remotely to seek feedback on students attending the classes and evening classes, feedback from the community and parents of students has been extremely positive.

We undertook a litter pick around immediate vicinity of the building and neighbouring streets.

Facility improvements and building extension has been, exterior work has been completed and we are in process of completing internal work which consists of boarding, plastering and decorating interior walls and electrics.

During this time, we also increased our donation activities where we spoke to individuals and groups through telephone conversations and word of mouth, encouraging the public to donate towards the extension project, the public was already in agreement of improvement to the facilities therefore we had good response with generous donations all around.

Future Projects

We will continue with the daily/weekly/monthly activities previously mentioned and work on completion of the extension project to improve current facilities. Improved facilities will include an Ablution area, Kitchen and shoe area improvements along with creating additional space to accommodate demand from local community for weekly education classes and events. We will expand the learning/education classes to benefit all members of the local community, this includes expanding existing facilities for women and youth activities. Other community activities that we will look to implement are on a regular or annual basis:

- Charity car wash
- Charity BBQ
- Charity football training/matches
- Charity food packages

All the organisation income comes from public donations which are collected on various events held throughout the year. We have improved significantly on our donation income. However, we aim to increase of fundraising activities further to help us raise money toward extension of the premises using various platforms and fundraising activities.

The extension project is estimated to cost around £120k and we aim to complete this over the next couple of years providing the lockdown eases. Post pandemic response has been positive, we have managed to end the year with available balance of over £24k which will be used to finish off extension work and decorating the new.

Debts

There are no debts owed by the organisations.