IBN RUSHD CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE FOR ISLAMIC RESEARCH

England & Wales · Charity number 1177848

Details

Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2018-04-06
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

Address	Ibn Rushd Centre of Excellence Greencoat House 259 Stratford Road Sparkhill Birmingham B11 1QS
Phone	07747828694

Activities

Objects: TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC IN GENERAL ON THE SUBJECT OF ISLAMIC STUDIES AND TO PROMOTE RESEARCH FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT IN ALL ASPECTS OF THAT SUBJECT AND TO PUBLISH THE USEFUL RESULTS.

Activities: The Ibn Rushd Centre is a research foundation. It aims to advance knowledge by contributing to the existing bodies of knowledge regarding the study of Islam and Muslims. To this end the Centre aims to produce research that will advance education by promoting, sustaining and increase individual and collective knowledge and understanding of specific areas of study, skills and expertise.

Classification

- **How:** Sponsors Or Undertakes Research
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Throughout England

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-11-30	£73,882	£109,098	-	-
2023-11-30	£220,624	£74,357	-	-
2022-11-30	£145,492	£84,478	-	-
2021-11-30	£115,891	£94,863	-	-
2020-11-06	£94,511	£59,768	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
MUHAMMED TAJ ULLAH	Chair	2018-04-06
Mohammed Ali		2022-12-01
Mohammed Qamer ALAM		2026-05-29

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Accounts

Charity number: 1177848

Company number: CE013732

(England and Wales)

IBN RUSHD CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE FOR ISLAMIC RESEARCH

Report of the Trustees and Unaudited Financial Statements

For the year ended 30 November 2024

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Charity registration number	1177848
Company registration number	CE013732
Principal address	10 BROOKVIEW CLOSE BIRMINGHAM B19 2UB

Trustees

The trustees and officers serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

Muhammed Taj Ullah
Ibrahim Hussain
Mohammed Ali

Independent examiner	Sigma Chartered Accountants 862-864 Washwood Heath Road Washwood Heath Birmingham B8 2NG

Approved by the Board of Trustees and signed on its behalf by

.... 29 August 2025
Muhammed Taj Ullah

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charitable company for the year ended 30 November 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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Jawaid Yakoob FCA (8462707)

Sigma Chartered Accountants
862-864 Washwood Heath Road
Washwood Heath
Birmingham
B8 2NG

29 August 2025

IBN RUSHD CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE FOR ISLAMIC RESEARCH
Statement of Financial Activities (including Income and Expenditure Account)
For the year ended 30 November 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds	2023
		£	£
Income and endowments from:			
Donations and legacies	2	43,207	204,378
Investments	3	12,730	335
Other income	4	17,945	15,911
Total		**73,882**	**220,624**
Expenditure on:			
Raising funds		(9,475)	(980)
Charitable activities		(99,623)	(73,377)
Total		**(109,098)**	**(74,357)**
Net income/expenditure		**(35,216)**	**146,267**
Reconciliation of funds			
Total funds brought forward		252,754	106,487
Total funds carried forward		**217,538**	**252,754**

IBN RUSHD CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE FOR ISLAMIC RESEARCH
Statement of Financial Position
As at 30 November 2024

	Notes	2024	2023
		£	£
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	7	739	898
		739	**898**
Current assets			
Debtors	8	-	12,796
Investments		311,071	-
Cash at bank and in hand		47,374	524,463
		358,445	**537,259**
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		(4,925)	(18,401)
Net current assets		**353,520**	**518,858**
Total assets less current liabilities		**354,259**	**519,756**
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year		(136,721)	(267,002)
Net assets		**217,538**	**252,754**
The funds of the charity			
Unrestricted income funds	9	217,538	252,754
Total funds		**217,538**	**252,754**

For the year ended 30 November 2024 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476,
- The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts. These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board and signed on its behalf by:

Muhammed Taj Ullah
Trustee

29 August 2025

1. Accounting Policies

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, except for investments which are included at market value and the revaluation of certain fixed assets and in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), and the Companies Act 2006.

IBN RUSHD CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE FOR ISLAMIC RESEARCH meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis unless it is inappropraite to presume that the charity will continue its activities.

2. Income from donations and legacies

	2024	2023
	£	£
Unrestricted funds		
Donations received	43,207	204,378
	43,207	**204,378**

3. Investment income

	2024	2023
	£	£
Unrestricted funds		
Bank interest receivable	1,659	335
Other investment income	11,071	-
	12,730	**335**

4. Other income

	2024	2023
	£	£
Unrestricted funds		
Rental Income	17,945	15,911
	17,945	**15,911**

5. Particulars of employees

	2024	2023
Research and Development	4	4
	4	**4**

6. Comparative for the Statement of Financial Activities

The comparative year values on the Statement of Financial Activites are for unrestricted funds.

7. Tangible fixed assets

Cost or valuation	**Plant and Machinery £**
Additions	1,056
At 30 November 2024	**1,056**
Depreciation	
At 01 December 2023	158
Charge for year	159
At 30 November 2024	**317**
Net book values	
At 30 November 2024	**739**

8. Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Amounts due after more than one year:		
Other debtors	-	12,796
	-	**12,796**

9. Movement in funds

Unrestricted Funds

	Balance at 01/12/2023 £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Balance at 30/11/2024 £
General				
General	252,754	73,882	(109,098)	217,538
	252,754	**73,882**	**(109,098)**	**217,538**

Unrestricted Funds - Previous year

	Balance at 01/12/2022 £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Balance at 30/11/2023 £
General				
General	106,487	220,624	(74,357)	252,754
	106,487	**220,624**	**(74,357)**	**252,754**

Purpose of unrestricted Funds

General

These funds are received by Ibn Rushd Centre of Excellence for Islamic Research with no particular preference expressed by donors.

IBN RUSHD CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE FOR ISLAMIC RESEARCH
Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
For the year ended 30 November 2024

	2024	2023
	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENT		
Donations and legacies		
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Investments		
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EXPENDITURE		
Raising donations and legacies		
Donations	(9,475)	(980)
	(9,475)	**(980)**
Charitable activities		
Cost of direct charitable activity	(158)	(158)
	(158)	**(158)**
SUPPORT COSTS		
Management		
Management	(69,212)	(45,300)
	(69,212)	**(45,300)**
Governance costs		
Governance costs	(30,253)	(27,919)
	(30,253)	**(27,919)**
Total resources expended	**(109,098)**	**(74,357)**
Net Expenditure	**(35,216)**	**146,267**

Annual Report 2023-2024

Ibn Rushd Centre of Excellence for Islamic Research

Chair of Trustees' Forward

All praise due to Allah, who is unique in the majesty of His essence and the perfection of His attributes, and who is free from blemishes and marks of defect through the qualities that belong to His great Power. Peace and blessing be upon Muhammad, the final Prophet of Allah and upon his family and companions.

"*And cooperate in righteousness and piety, but do not cooperate in sin and aggression. And fear Allah; indeed, Allah is severe in penalty.*" (Al-Maidah, 2)

The Trustees are pleased to present their annual Trustees' Report, together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ending November 2023, which are prepared to meet the requirements for Charities Commission purposes. The Trustees confirm that the annual report and financial statements of the charitable company comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Articles of Association and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (second edition October 2019, effective 1 January 2019). Together with this, this report will highlight the activities of this year. Our commitment to producing high quality research and educational activities remains strong. The team have been working tirelessly in developing even more research projects and offer more educational courses. We remain focussed on maintaining high standard of work and serving the community who continuously supports us.

This year is particularly significant as it marks our strongest endeavour to secure a premises for our Organisation. Securing a premises has been our top priority because, many activities have been pushed to the back and the growth of the Organisation stalled. Due to the hard work of our Team, a suitable venue has been found and our formal offer to buy the site has been accepted. At the time of this report, legal paperwork has commenced and we anticipate completing the purchase of the site within two months.

Our accomplishments stand as a testament to the tireless efforts, passion and dedication of our board, staff, students, researchers, associates, friends and patrons and I personally thank them all for their support over the past year.

Ibn Rushd Centre of Excellence for Islamic Research continues to pursue a robust scholarly study of various disciplines of Islamic studies. The Institute successfully brings together professionals and community leaders, both secular and religious, through a variety of academic and practice-based courses that provide a framework within which people can establish common ground and constructively tackle differences.

We thank all our supporters and friends especially our volunteers for their help in making Ibn Rushd Centre of Excellence for Islamic Research relevant, productive and for the service of people. Finally, I would like to thank all of Ibn Rushd's Research Scholars for their patience and hard work and their scholarly endeavours.

Muhammad Taj Ullah
Chair of Trustees
5th March 2025

IBN RUSHD CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE FOR ISLAMIC RESEARCH: WHO ARE WE?

The Ibn Rushd Centre of Excellence for Islamic Research is a specialised multi-disciplinary centre of excellence, established to deliver world-class, cutting-edge research in the various disciplines of Islamic Studies. Its current and future aims are to achieve an international profile among scholars and students of Islam, and to deliver a multi-disciplinary teaching and research programme of Islamic Studies at national and international levels. The Centre aims to bring together established expertise in research and play an important role in public debates on contemporary Islamic issues: nationally and internationally.

AIMS & OBJECTIVES

The Centre aims to be a world-class centre of excellence in research and Islamic studies

- The Centre's activities will focus on issues of significance and relevance to Islam and Muslims in the contemporary period with a special focus on the United Kingdom and Europe
- The Centre will establish international connections and develop research programmes that will advance international understanding of Islam, with particular focus on Islam and Muslims in the United Kingdom and Europe.
- The Centre will function as a source of expert advice for government, national and international organisations on matters related to contemporary Islamic issues
- The Centre will offer professional development programme for the community.
- The Centre will provide courses to help equip people with a better understanding of Islam for work within Muslim communities, such as schoolteachers, social workers, health professionals, business managers, community leaders and other professionals

OUR VISION

To create a research centre of excellence and a library accessible to all members of society for community activities from academic courses, adult courses, training and research to serving children helping them reach their potential. A resource centre providing community based provision with focus on crime prevention, health awareness and recreational activities.

OUR MISSION

To serve society through education and impactful research, promote and preserve knowledge and making our society and country a better place for all.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

The aim of our public engagement activities will be to achieve one or more of the five following objectives:

1- Build bridges between the different religious, racial and ethnic communities
2- Nurture confidence
3- Develop artistic talent
4- Improve academic achievements
5- Create rounder and more developed individuals.

WHAT DO WE DO

- Produce cutting-edge worldclass research in Islamic studies for the academic community and general public
- modern library open to everyone
- provide community service such as counselling
- vital training for imams and other professionals
- education for adults
- education for children with special focus of SEN provisions
- courses and pastoral care for the deaf and blind, braille Qur'an classes
- media centre

OUR RESEARCH ACTIVITIES 2023-24

Ibn Rushd Centre of Excellence for Islamic Research continues to pursue robust scholarly activities with aim to produce academic research to be published in peer reviewed journals. Our new team of research scholars continue to produce high quality research. In like manner, we continue to engage with other academic institutions and explore possibilities of collaboration.

We are committed to pursuing impactful activities and as such we have introduced measures to record this. There is much for us to improve on and we will continue to grow, improve and get better as we serve the community and the wider society.

Activities:

1- Research papers
2- Book publications
3- Book reviews
4- Courses
5- Seminars
6- Community activities

Research Activities

Research Publications

The following are the latest research output our research scholars:

Dr Alija Avdukic
Journals:

Khaleel, F.; Abu Ghunmi L.; Avdukic, A.; Abu Ghunmi, D. Patrick H. (2025). "The Delphic ambiguity in academic integrity breaches of international students", Studies in Higher Education, [illegible]

Khaleel, F. and Avdukic, A. (2024). Islamic Classical Literature (AD 950–1450) on Institutionalisation of Ethics for Regulating Markets and Society. Religions, 15(12), 1496. [illegible]

Avdukic A. and Mehmet A. (2024). "Testing the Moral Economy Nature of Islamic Finance", Economic Systems Journal [illegible]

Avdukic A.; Manjoo F.A.; Rahmani, A; Ahmad, A. (2024). "Co-exploring the process of decision making on the use of pensions for financing the old age: A Behavioural Geography of Muslim workers living in England" Review of Behavioural Economics. [illegible]

Edited Books Chapters:

Hasanović, B. & Avdukic, A. (2025). "An Analytical Exploration and Assessment of the Commercialisation of Islam Through Financial Institutions and Education", in Business, Economy and Commerce in the Name of God: Prospects and Pitfalls (pp. 97-115). Cham: Springer Nature Switzerland.

Avdukic, A. & Smolo E. (2024). "Promoting Sustainable Development Through Islamic Social Finance", in The Future of Islamic Finance edited by Smolo, E. and Raheem, M.M. (Ed., Emerald Publishing Limited, Leeds, pp. 121-139. [illegible]

Inazzone, S. & Avdukic, A. (2024). "Integrating micro-finance and philanthropy through the Syrian Sanduq: lessons learnt from Jabal al-Hoss", in Different Forms of Microcredit and Social Business from the 14th to the 20th Centuries: Essays on the Global History of Microfinance, Springer.

Khaleel, F.; Harte, P. & Avdukic, A. (2024). "Future Proofing the Integrity of Assessments Within Business Management Studies for the Age of Artificial Intelligence", in International Encyclopedia of Business Management. Elsevier.

Mr Afsan Yusaf Redwan

Redwan, A. 2025. Integrating insights from the multi-tiered systems of support to enrich the Chartered College of Teaching's professional framework. In Lee.C, ed, Impact, 23 (Spring), Chartered College of Teaching. pp. 59-61.

Redwan, A., 2025. Shaping the Qur'ān's Journey: A Global History of Translation. In F. R. Karim, ed., History of the Qur'an: Approaches and Explorations. Leicester: Kube Publishing, pp. 381-400

Redwan, A., Amin, M.D. and Carss, J., 2024. Bioethics Enhancement Sessions at the Bedford Sixth Form: A Case Study in Developing Enhancement Spaces Practitioner Research in College-Based Education. The Bedford College Group, UK: IGI Global, pp. 24. DOI: 10.4018/979-8-3693-1499-9.ch017

Dr Safruk Chowdhury:

Chowdhury,Safaruk and Ahmad, Farah. 2024.'Rethinking contemporary schooling in Muslim contexts: An Islamic conceptual framework for reconstructing K-12 education. *Educational Philosophy and Theory*. DOI: 10.1080/00131857.2024.2411325.

Chowdhury, Safaruk. 2024. 'Suffering, Islamic Consolation Literature and the Process of Meaning-Making.' Journal of Islamic Ethics 8: 173-200. DOI: 10.1163/24685542-20240013.

4 publications forthcoming

Dr Shahrul Hussain research publications:

The Islamic Legal Responsibility of Caring for the Older Muslim People in Britain: A Socio-religious Survey and Financial Responsibility of it in Islam (peer review stage)

The '*Incoherence*' of Ascertaining Consent in Transactional Ḥanafi Fiqh: An Axiomatic Comparative Assessment (peer review stage)
The Consideration of Social Stratification in Ḥanafi Jurisprudence: A Case Study of Wife's Duty to Carry out Household Chores and its Impact in Contemporary Times (peer review stage)

"100% Donation Policy" Corporate Altruism or Marketing Ploy: The Islamic Ethico-Legal Axiom of Using Charity Money for Administration Purposes (peer review stage)

Book

Female Contractual Capacity in Islamic Law, (peer review stage)

Paper

Paper presented: ***Waqf*** **in Islamic History and it Modern Challenges: A Call for Adaptation**

Symposium organised by Waqf International,

Dr Abbas Ahsan

(2024). Transcending Ibn Rushd's methods of reasoning. Asian Philosophy, 1–33. https://doi.org/10.1080/09552367.2024.2403816

(2024). 'Expanding logical space; making room for Islamic theological contradictions'. Journal of Applied Non-Classical Logics, 1–37. https://doi.org/10.1080/11663081.2024.2366757

Presentations

'Metaphysical Anti-Exceptionalism and the Law of Non-contradiction', The Inaugural Symposium on Logic in the Arab World, Kuwait University.

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Community Engagement Activities

In the pursuit of our foremost priority, to wit, securing a site for the Project, the Institutional effort has been focused on that endeavour. Despite this we have tried our best to deliver as many activities as possible. Our online course are on its way. It is still on development stages.

Course

This year we are paying special focus on improving and developing our range of courses. There are a series of community courses which is be offered annually and accessible online and offered for free to our members. The following courses have been offered:

1- Usul al-Fiqh
2- Fiqh of Janazah

3- The Amazing World of Juristic Maxims
4- Islamic Law of Inheritance
5- Ijazah in the Shama'il al-Tirmidhi

Non-academic Seminars

A special visit from Dr Naoki Yamaoto who delivered an art course under the title: Is it possible to create Japanese Islamic art

Other Community Activities

Children Funday at Playstation 8th December 2023

5-A-SIDE football tournament, 4th February 2024

Eid Funday for Children, 21st June 2024

Conclusion

Our pursuit to deliver high quality services and research remains at the forefront of our activities. We wish to engage in serving the community in more meaning ways. Our plans to do so have been seriously hampered due to our current situation in terms of our venue. We have outgrown the premises and require new site in order to develop provisions. For example, our current site does not allow the partnership with a university to move forward because the look of the site does not fit, the space is inadequate and the like. Before, any visits take place we need to address this point.

Our priorities for next year:

1- Repay debt for the building
2- Exploring delivery of courses
3- Exploring relationship universities

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(: 01 December 2022)
Mohammed Ali
(Appointed: 01 December 2022)

Independent examiner	Alpha Tax Solutions No.1, 2 Pritchett Street Birmingham B6 4EH

Approved by the Board of Trustees and signed on its behalf by

.... 04 July 2024
Muhammed Taj Ullah

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Faheem Ghumra FCCA

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- The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts. These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board and signed on its behalf by:

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Muhammed Taj Ullah
Trustee

04 July 2024

1. Accounting Policies

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, except for investments which are included at market value and the revaluation of certain fixed assets and in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), and the Companies Act 2006.

IBN RUSHD CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE FOR ISLAMIC RESEARCH meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis unless it is inappropraite to presume that the charity will continue its activities.

2. Income from donations and legacies

	2023	2022
	£	£
Unrestricted funds		
Donations received	204,378	131,826
	204,378	**131,826**

3. Investment income

	2023	2022
	£	£
Unrestricted funds		
Bank interest receivable	335	-
	335	**-**

4. Other income

	2023	2022
	£	£
Unrestricted funds		
Rental Income	15,911	13,666
	15,911	**13,666**

5. Particulars of employees

	2023	2022
Research and Development	4	2
	4	**2**

6. Comparative for the Statement of Financial Activities

The comparative year values on the Statement of Financial Activites are for unrestricted funds.

7. Tangible fixed assets

	Plant and Machinery
Cost or valuation	£
Additions	1,056
At 30 November 2023	**1,056**
Depreciation	
Charge for year	158
At 30 November 2023	**158**
Net book values	
At 30 November 2023	**898**

8. Debtors

	2023	2022
	£	£
Amounts due after more than one year:		
Other debtors	12,796	16,494
	12,796	**16,494**

9. Movement in funds

Unrestricted Funds

	Balance at 01/12/2022 £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Balance at 30/11/2023 £
General				
General	106,487	220,624	(74,357)	252,754
	106,487	**220,624**	**(74,357)**	**252,754**

Unrestricted Funds - Previous year

	Balance at 01/12/2021 £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Balance at 30/11/2022 £
General				
General	45,473	145,492	(84,478)	106,487
	45,473	**145,492**	**(84,478)**	**106,487**

Purpose of unrestricted Funds

General

These funds are received by Ibn Rushd Centre of Excellence for Islamic Research with no particular preference expressed by donors.

IBN RUSHD CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE FOR ISLAMIC RESEARCH
Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
For the year ended 30 November 2023

	2023	2022
	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENT		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	204,378	131,826
	204,378	**131,826**
Investments		
Bank interest receivable	335	-
	335	**-**
Other income		
Rental Income	15,911	13,666
	15,911	**13,666**
Total incoming resources	**220,624**	**145,492**
EXPENDITURE		
Raising donations and legacies		
Donations	(980)	(7,583)
	(980)	**(7,583)**
Charitable activities		
Cost of direct charitable activity	(158)	-
	(158)	**-**
SUPPORT COSTS		
Management		
Management	(45,300)	(46,000)
	(45,300)	**(46,000)**
Governance costs		
Governance costs	(27,919)	(30,895)
	(27,919)	**(30,895)**
Total resources expended	**(74,357)**	**(84,478)**
Net Income	**146,267**	**61,014**

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Ibn Rushd Centre of Excellence for Islamic Research

Chair of Trustees' Forward

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This report will highlight the activities of this year. Our commitment producing high research and educational activities remains strong. The team have been working tirelessly in developing even more research projects and offer more educational courses. We remain focussed on maintaining high standard of work and serving the community who continuously supports us.

Working to serve and share in providing common good in the academic arena and the advancement of education and knowledge is a privilege. Our engagement with other academic institutions enriches both ourselves and others, strengthening our communities, and helping to make our world a better place for all.

We thank all our supporters and friends especially our volunteers for their help in making Ibn Rushd Centre of Excellence for Islamic Research relevant, productive and for the service of people. Finally, I would like to thank all of Ibn Rushd's Research Scholars for their patience and hard work and their scholarly endeavours.

Muhammad Taj Ullah
Chair of Trustees
25th June 2024

Ibn Rushd Centre of Excellence for Islamic Research Impact factor 2023-24

The Ibn Rushd Centre of Excellence for Islamic Research continues to pursue robust scholarly activities with aim to produce academic research to be published in peer reviewed journals. The Centre remains steadfast and committed to maintaining high standards and developing even more research projects and offer more educational courses. We believe that we have been given a unique opportunity to work for the common good in the academic arena and the advancement of education and knowledge. Our engagement with other academic institutions enriches both ourselves and others, strengthening our communities, and helping to make our world a better place for all.

This year we have focused on developing community engagement activities primarily focused on developing and delivering a series of educational courses.

Ibn Rushd Centre of Excellence for Islamic Research now has two entities:

1- Ibn Rushd Centre of Excellence for Islamic Research
2- Ibn Rushd Academy

The former continues to be the main Organisation with the object to advance education and increase the stock of human knowledge via the production of cutting-edge research in the field of Islamic studies. It will be responsible for all academic activities including leading on the National Islamic Studies Library project.

The latter will be responsible for all public facing activities. This is an important aspect of the Organisation as it seeks to engage general members of the public, provide training, short courses and much more. Ibn Rushd Academy is managed and administrated by Ibn Rushd Centre of Excellence for Islamic Research.

We are committed to pursuing impactful activities and as such we have introduced measures to record this. There is much for us to improve on and we will continue to grow, improve and get better as we serve the community and the wider society.

Activities:

1- Research papers
2- Book publications
3- Book reviews
4- Courses
5- Seminars
6- Community activities

Research

New Research Scholars

Ibn Rushd Centre of Excellence for Islamic Research is delighted announce two new recruitments to join the already portfolio of research scholars. They are **Dr Abbas Ahsan** who is Visiting Research Fellow at University of Birmingham School of Philosophy, Theology and Religion, Department of Philosophy Postdoctoral Research Fellow April 2022 to June 2023 in Islamic Philosophy of Religion, University of Birmingham School of Philosophy. And **Dr Sohail Hanif**, CEO of National Zakat Foundation, former lecturer in Islamic studies at Cambridge Muslim College.

Our Research scholar for Islamic Banking & Finance, Dr Alija Avdukic, has now been promoted to Professor by the University of Abertay Dundee. Our many congratulations to him.

Research Publications

The following are the latest research output our research scholars:

Dr Alija Avdukic

Kalinowska, A.G.; Khaleel, F.; Avdukic, A. & Harte, P. (2023). Exploring the Customer Trust Building Strategies used by Fintech Firms. Journal of Business & Economics , 15(2). https://journals.au.edu.pk/ojs/index.php/jbe/article/view/572

Meskovic, A.; Avdukic A & Kozarevic, E. (2023). "Assessing the Impact of External Determinants on the Social Performance of Islamic Banks", International Journal of Islamic and Middle Eastern Finance and Management, https://www.emerald.com/insight/publication/issn/1753-8394. (CAB 2 star) (accepted 16th November, 2023)

Meskovic, A.; Kozarevic, E. & Avdukic A (2023). "The influence of national and individual Islamic governance on Islamic banks' social performance", Journal of Islamic Accounting and Business Research, ISSN: 1759-0817 (CAB 1 star)

Mr Afsan Yusaf Redwan

Redwan A, Amin, MD, Carss, J., forthcoming 2024, A Theoretical Exploration of Enhancement Sessions at Bedford Sixth Form, Practitioner Research in College-Based Education, IGI Global.

Redwan, A., Muslim World Book Review, forthcoming 2023: The ethics of Generating Posthumans. Bloomsbury Academic.

Muslims in the UK and Europe Postgraduate Symposium, Centre of Islamic Studies, University of Cambridge, 22-23 June 2023, forthcoming 2024 'Engaging with the Quran in the Anglosphere: How New Textual Productions, Quranic essays and commentary contribute to the Discursive Canon of Anglophone Islam'.

Chapter in Islam and Pastoral Care edited collection, Kube Publishing, forthcoming 2024.

Redwan, A., Changing the fabric, embedding an Islamic ethos across the curriculum and form time: a case study on Al Hikmah Boys School.

Book Review

Redwan, A., Muslim World Book Review, Vol 42, Iss.4, The Islamic Foundation 2022: I, WARBOT: THE DAWN OF ARTIFICIALLY INTELLIGENT CONFLICT, by Kenneth Payne. Location: C Hurst & Co. Publishers Ltd., 2021, ix+288pp. ISBN: 9781787384620 Redwan, A., GloQur

Dr Safruk Chowdhury research publications:

1- Exploring Isalmic Meaning-Making in the Midst of Suffering
2- Abu al-Muin al-Nasafi's Critique of Various Definitions of Knowledge in Tabsirat al-Adila: A Philosophical Analysis
3- Bay'a to the Machines: Hiw us a Sufi to be within a Posthuman Tariqa? Ibn Haldun
4- The Scales of God: Al-Ghazali and Divine Conceptualism

Dr Shahrul Hussain research publications:

Books
Six volume collection of forty Hadith of the Sihah Sitta, Kube Publishing House, 2023.

Book reviews

All Necessary Measures? The United Nations and International Intervention in Libya. Ian Martin, London: Hurst & Company, 2022. Pp. 218. ISBN: 978-1-78738-584-9

Conciliation in the Qur'an: The Qur'anic Ethics of Conflict Resolution. Shafi Fazaluddin, Berlin: Walter de Gruyter, 2022. Pp. 241. ISBN: 977-3-11-074720-1

Course

This year we are paying special focus on improving and developing our range of courses. There are a series of community courses which is be offered annually and accessible online and offered for free to our members. They are:

1- Usul al-Fiqh
2- Fiqh of Janazah
3- Fiqh of Purification according to the Hanafi School
4- Fiqh of Purification according to the Maliki School
5- Fiqh of Purification according to the Shafi'i School
6- Fiqh of Purification according to the Hanbali School
7- Forty Hadith from Sahih al-Bukhari
8- Forty Hadith from Sahih Muslim
9- Forty Hadith from Sunan Abu Dawud
10- Forty Hadith from Al-Tirmidhi
11- Forty Hadith from Al-Nasa'i
12- Forty Hadith from Ibn Majah
13- The Amazing World of Juristic Maxims
14- A Complete Guide to Zakat: 3 Levels and a three part course
15- Islamic Law of Inheritance
16- Ijazah in the Shama'il al-Tirmidhi

Our new course series are bespoke and tailored to meet the demand of our community. Inshallah, we want to increase the courses on offer year by year. We are keen to listen to our users and see how we can improve and serve them better. Our data collection form are simple and direct to the point. We find that service user do not like to engage in writing lengthy answers or respond well to too many questions.

The data collected shows that provisions are of benefit and they are something service user appreciate and benefit from. We will continue to monitor our provisions and listen to feedback and improve. Already action is being made to improve the zakat seminar for next year as a result of feedback.

Non-academic Seminars

This year we are offering a series of non-academic seminars on issues related to spirituality targeted at members of the public. The following suggestive tentative titles for seminars:

1- **Jannah: The Enteral Bliss by Dr Shaykh Abu Ibrahim 26th January 2024**
2- How to find *khushoo* in Salah
3- Qadr
4- Journey of the soul
5- Black Magic / Evil Eye
6- Marriage

7- Healing the heart and soul
8- From Darkness to light
9- The Prophecies of the Muhammad (pbuh)
10- Tawakkul
11- How to attain closeness to Allah
12- Istigfaar - The power of Forgiveness
13- Dajjal
14- Lessons from the story of the Prophets
15- Istikhara
16- Sabr
17- How to be a productive Muslim
18- Finding a balance between Deen and Dunya
19- Tawhid – Who is Allah?
20- Hasbi' Allah - (getting through trials and tribulations)
21- Tahajjud
22- Adkhaar
23- Aafiyah
24- Emaan – holding on to faith
25- Inheritance – A comprehensive Guide

Outreach Training:

As a part of outreach work and networking with other organisations we have put together a series of training and open discussions to explore how we can collaborate and work together. Below are a list:

1- **Zakat Training for workers in the charity sector:** This was a special training course to help workers in the humanitarian sector understand the rules of zakat. It was attended by 30 people. Two organisations attend and both wanted their own private training workshop. They were GRT and Penny Appeal.

2- **Islamic societies (ISOCs):** This is a roundtable discussion to try and understand the challenges and issues Muslim students face at university campuses and how we can help.

3- **Training on delivering the Khutbah for Friday prayer:** This workshop was to help ISOC students to learn the rules of the Jumma Khutbah and how to deliver it for those students attending the Friday prayer.

Collaboration with other Institutions

Ibn Rushd Centre of Excellence for Islamic Research is continuously looking for collaboration with other organisations and institutions. It does so because it believes that working together makes you stronger, increases productivity and output and helps create a better impact factor than what can be achieve working solo. In this light we have either direct discussions or exploratory visits with various institutions. From such institutions are the Woolf Institute, Cambridge, Dhaka University, Bangladesh, Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies, and various local mosques.

University of Wales St Davids

We have started formal discussions with the University of Wales St Davids to explore possibilities of getting a degree and PhD programme validated by them. Our initial meeting went well. There is lengthy bureaucratic processes involved with dealing universities. We have to be patient and see what the outcome will be. Prof. Gary Bunt has shown his support for the partnership and said he will raise the issue with the vice-chancellor.

Conclusion

Our pursuit to deliver high quality services and research remains at the forefront of our activities. We wish to engage in serving the community in more meaning ways. Our plans to do so have been seriously hampered due to our current situation in terms of our venue. We have outgrown the premises and require new site in order to develop provisions. For example, our current site does not allow the partnership with a university to move forward because the look of the site does not fit, the space is inadequate and the like. Before, any visits take place we need to address this point.

Our priorities for next year:

1- Find new venue
2- Establish children weekend Islamic studies classes
3- Media centre

Accounts

Charity number: 1177848

Company number: CE013732

(England and Wales)

IBN RUSHD CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE FOR ISLAMIC RESEARCH

Report of the Trustees and Unaudited Financial Statements

For the year ended 30 November 2022

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IBN RUSHD CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE FOR ISLAMIC RESEARCH
Report of the Trustees
For the year ended 30 November 2022

The Trustees, who are also directors for the purposes of company law, have pleasure in presenting their report and the financial statements for the charitable company for the year ended 30 November 2022. The Trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The trustees have considered the Charity Commision's guidance on public benefit, including the guidance 'public benefit: running a charity (PB2)'.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Name of Charity	IBN RUSHD CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE FOR ISLAMIC RESEARCH
Charity registration number	1177848
Company registration number	CE013732
Principal address	10 BROOKVIEW CLOSE BIRMINGHAM B19 2UB

Trustees

The trustees and officers serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

Muhammed Taj Ullah
Ibrahim Hussain
Rizwan Mustafa

Independent examiners	Alpha Tax Solutions No.1, 2 Pritchett Street Birmingham B6 4EH

Approved by the Board of Trustees and signed on its behalf by

.... 25 October 2023

Muhammed Taj Ullah

IBN RUSHD CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE FOR ISLAMIC RESEARCH
Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees
For the year ended 30 November 2022

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charitable company for the year ended 30 November 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity Trustees, who are also directors for the purposes of company law, are responsible for the preparation of the accounts 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 your charity's accounts 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 examiners 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 that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the 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 accounts 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 (FRS 102).

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.

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Faheem Ghumra FCCA

Alpha Tax Solutions
No.1, 2 Pritchett Street
Birmingham
B6 4EH

25 October 2023

IBN RUSHD CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE FOR ISLAMIC RESEARCH
Statement of Financial Activities (including Income and Expenditure Account)
For the year ended 30 November 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted funds	2021
		£	£
Income and endowments from:			
Donations and legacies		131,826	99,262
Other income	2	13,666	16,629
Total		**145,492**	**115,891**
Expenditure on:			
Raising funds		(7,583)	(5,411)
Charitable activities		(76,895)	(89,452)
Total		**(84,478)**	**(94,863)**
Net income		**61,014**	**21,028**
Reconciliation of funds			
Total funds brought forward		45,473	24,445
Total funds carried forward		**106,487**	**45,473**

Registered Number : CE013732

IBN RUSHD CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE FOR ISLAMIC RESEARCH
Statement of Financial Position
As at 30 November 2022

	Notes	2022	2021
		£	£
Current assets			
Debtors	5	16,494	10,000
Cash at bank and in hand		304,887	66,136
		321,381	**76,136**
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		(9,894)	(6,663)
Net current assets		**311,487**	**69,473**
Total assets less current liabilities		**311,487**	**69,473**
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year		(205,000)	(24,000)
Net assets		**106,487**	**45,473**
The funds of the charity			
Unrestricted income funds	6	106,487	45,473
Total funds		**106,487**	**45,473**

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Muhammed Taj Ullah
Trustee

25 October 2023

IBN RUSHD CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE FOR ISLAMIC RESEARCH
Notes to the Financial Statements
For the year ended 30 November 2022

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2. Other Income

	2022	2021
	£	£
Unrestricted funds		
Rental Income	13,666	16,629
	13,666	**16,629**

3. Particulars of employees

	2022	2021
Research and Development	2	3
	2	**3**

4. Comparative for the Statement of Financial Activities

The comparative year values on the Statement of Financial Activites are for unrestricted funds.

5. Debtors

	2022	2021
	£	£
Amounts due after more than one year:		
Other debtors	16,494	10,000
	16,494	**10,000**

6. Movement in funds

Unrestricted Funds

	Balance at 01/12/2021 £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Balance at 30/11/2022 £
General				
General	45,473	145,492	(84,478)	106,487
	45,473	**145,492**	**(84,478)**	**106,487**

Unrestricted Funds - Previous year

	Balance at 07/11/2020 £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Balance at 30/11/2021 £
General				
General	24,445	115,891	(94,863)	45,473
	24,445	**115,891**	**(94,863)**	**45,473**

Purpose of unrestricted Funds

General

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IBN RUSHD CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE FOR ISLAMIC RESEARCH
Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
For the year ended 30 November 2022

	2022	2021
	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENT		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	131,826	68,361
Grants receivable	-	30,901
	131,826	**99,262**
Other income		
Rental Income	13,666	16,629
	13,666	**16,629**
Total incoming resources	**145,492**	**115,891**
EXPENDITURE		
Raising donations and legacies		
Donations	(7,583)	(5,411)
	(7,583)	**(5,411)**
SUPPORT COSTS		
Management		
Management	(46,000)	(65,891)
	(46,000)	**(65,891)**
IT		
IT	-	(14)
	-	**(14)**
Governance costs		
Governance costs	(30,895)	(23,547)
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We continue to grow and get stronger and stronger and what we have achieved in a relatively short space of time in comparison to other organisations proves our commitment and hard work of the team. The next step we will take will be, Inshallah, a game changer for the Organisation.

We thank all our supporters and friends especially our volunteers for their help in making Ibn Rushd Centre of Excellence for Islamic Research relevant, productive and for the service of people. Finally, I would like to thank all of Ibn Rushd's Research Scholars for their patience and hard work and their scholarly endeavours.

Muhammad Taj Ullah
Chair of Trustees
28th September 2023

Research Activities

Research output has not been as active as previous years. This is largely due to a diversion and distraction in recent endeavours to procure land for the library and our attempt to get validation from a university to offer degree programmes.

The following is the list of research and academic activities of our Research Scholars:

Dr Alija Avdukic has published his article in a peer reviewed journal:

1) "The Infaq Theory of Islamic Pension", International Journal of Islamic Banking and Finance Research, 9(1), 32-44. (2022).

"The Impact of Islamic Spirituality on Job Satisfaction and Organisational Commitment: Exploring Mediation and Moderation Impact.", *Journal of Business Ethics* (2021)

"Examining the Performance of Islamic and Conventional Stock Indices: A Comparative Analysis", *Asia-Pacific Financial Markets.* (2021)

"Social Performance of Islamic Banks", *European Journal of Islamic Finance* (2021).

"*Awqaf* Properties and their Development in Eastern Europe: The Case of Bosnia and Herzegovina" (Routledge Edited Book) (2021).

"An Analytical Exploration and Assessment of the Social Risks Faced by Islamic Banks and Financial Institutions: Credibility, Legitimacy, Sustainability and Trust Risks", in *Islamic Banking: Risk Management, Regulation and Supervision.* Edward Elgar Publishing (2021).

"Sustainability in Abrahamic Religions" (Routledge Edited Book) (2021).

Dr Shahrul Hussain, due to the focus on securing property attention has been diverted to securing funding. Consequently, no published articles in peer reviewed journals this year. He is still currently working on two research projects.

1. The Islamic Legal Responsibility of Caring for the Muslim Elderly in Britain: A Socio-religious Survey and its Financial Implications

2. "100% Donation Policy" Cooperate Altruism or Marketing Ploy: The Islamic Ethico-Legal Axiom of Using Charity Money for Administration Purposes

With regards the former, it is almost complete. It requires another 3 months of work for data collection and analysis after which and further 2 months will be required for writing up.

Books:

6 volumes Hadith collection, Kube Publioshing House, 2023 – September

Book review:

All Necessary Measures? The United Nations and International Intervention in Libya. Ian Martin, London: Hurst & Company, 2022. Pp. 218. ISBN: 978-1-78738-584-9

Conciliation in the Qur'an: The Qur'anic Ethics of Conflict Resolution. Shafi Fazaluddin, Berlin: Walter de Gruyter, 2022. Pp. 241. ISBN: 977-3-11-074720-1

Courses

It is time to take the courses to the next level. A part of the sustainability objective we have decided that course will no longer be free. Course materials will be designed professionally and materials will be printed professionally. Short non-academic courses will be offered through the Ibn Rushd Academy.

Ibn Rushd Centre of Excellence for Islamic Research will focus on academic activities such as academic courses, seminars and research.

Ibn Rushd Academy

We would like to thank Moulana Yoosuf Zaman for heading the Ibn Rushd Academy. It is unfortunate that he could not continue due to personal reasons. He has shown great enthusiasm in leading this project and many activities were delivered due to his hard work.

Courses offered this year:

1- Usul al-Fiqh
2- Inheritance
3- Seerah of the Prophet Muhammad

BA Degree in Islamic Studies

We are trying to secure validation partnership from a university. However, this has not yielded any result yet. One of the major problem is the site we have currently. Partners are not comfortable with our current location. Our endeavour has not changed and we remain committed to offering a BA degree programme in Islamic Studies.

Library Users

There is improvements to library users after Covid restrictions were removed. However, it is still slow.

Social Media

Social media engagement remains poor and focus needs to be paid to it as a matter of urgency. Discussions are taking place with agencies to help remedy this problem. Ibn Rushd Centre of Excellence for Islamic Research has social media accounts on;

1- Facebook
2- Twitter
3- Instagram

The National Islamic Studies Library

Major achievement has been made in that the conveyancing process to the site for the National Islamic Studies Library is ongoing.

Priorities of Last Year and its progress

The priorities for the next year are to:

1- **Appoint fundraising team and implement our fundraising strategy in order for us to repay our lenders.**

This has been actioned. A team of fundraisers have been recruited and due to start in November. Funding strategy will fall in place.

2- **Appoint architects and planning consultants for the project**

Our aims to buy the Small Heath site will no longer take place. This is because securing planning permission is not possible.

3- **Start the degree programme**

Discussed above

4- **Start the launch of the new Islamic Studies journal Nexus**

This has been delayed due to financial issues.

Priority for New Year:

1- The main priority is to secure the Bournville site and stabilise it via the implementation of the business plan in order to make it sustainable.
2- Deliver courses
3- Explore degree programme
4- Reach fundraising target

Conclusion

We set a target to secure a site by next year and so far we are om target to achieve it. There is still a lot of work that needs to be done and progress is being made. Our focus on improving academic and non-academic courses remains strong and more attention needs to be made in this area. Research output needs to be better and more structured and social media engagement remains a priority.

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Muhammad Taj Ullah
Chair of Trustees
19th January 2022

Research Activities

Research output has not been as active as previous years. This is largely due to a diversion and distraction in recent endeavours.

The following is the list of research and academic activities of our Research Scholars:

Dr Alija Avdukic has published his article in a peer reviewed journal:

"The Impact of Islamic Spirituality on Job Satisfaction and Organisational Commitment: Exploring Mediation and Moderation Impact.", Journal of Business Ethics (2021)

"Examining the Performance of Islamic and Conventional Stock Indices: A Comparative Analysis", Asia-Pacific Financial Markets. (2021)

"Social Performance of Islamic Banks", European Journal of Islamic Finance (2021).

"Awqaf Properties and their Development in Eastern Europe: The Case of Bosnia and Herzegovina" (Routledge Edited Book) (2021).

Dr Shahrul Hussain has no published articles in peer reviewed journals this year. However, he is currently working on two research projects:

1. The Islamic Legal Responsibility of Caring for the Muslim Elderly in Britain: A Socio-religious Survey and its Financial Implications

2. "100% Donation Policy" Cooperate Altruism or Marketing Ploy: The Islamic Ethico-Legal Axiom of Using Charity Money for Administration Purposes

Books:

His co-authored book, the six-volume book set on Hadith, is almost read for publication.

Book review:

Women as Imams: Classical Islamic Sources and Modern Debates on Leading Prayer. Simonetta Calderini, London: I.B. Tauris, 2021. Pp. 23. ISBN: 978-1-83860-618-3

Shahin Rahman

Rethinking Islamic Pedagogy: The Interface of Theology and Tafsir, Journal of Islamic Education

Rethinking Education: A case for Tarbiyah in contemporary Britain, Journal of Islamic Education

Public Facing Articles

As agreed in the previous year, Ibn Rushd Centre of Excellence for Islamic Research has started to engage with public facing research articles. This is an important step because the Research Centre wishes to occupy this area of producing unique research article of interest to the public. Producing academic articles filled jargon and complicated words is not something most non-specialist members of the public appreciate.

These articles will aim to provide readers with information about various topical issues of interest in contemporary times. This year two public facing articles have been produced.

1-**Solving the riddle of cryptocurrencies: A shari'ah legal analysis**

2- **The Islamic Rules of *Udhiyya* (Qurbani)**

Courses

The courses offered at Ibn Rushd Centre of Excellence for Islamic Research usually run from January to June/July. The course for 2019-20 were started and then Covid-19 lockdown forced us to stop for the year. Strategically it is better to suspend courses until 2022. This is because 2021 is still uncertain as to what will happen.

BA Degree and course

The welcome addition to our team means that we have the capacity and the ability bring our plans to offer a BA degree programme in Islamic Studies. We are in advanced stages of talks about delivering course from September 2022. The exact course is not known but there will be accredited vocational courses as well as academic degree courses.

Partnership:

Ibn Rushd Centre of Excellence for Islamic Research has been trying to build partnerships and work in collaboration with other institutions. In particular our relationship with Al-Maktoum Institute has become very strong and they are our keys allies. Our discussion with them regarding delivering academic courses are at a very advanced stage. We plan to offer academic degree level courses from September 2022. We hope further academic activities will develop as a result of this.

We have been in touch with the International Islamic University in Malaysia for match funding opportunities for research. They have relied in the meeting with great positivity, and they wait for our response for potentials areas for collaboration.

Library Users

Due to current circumstances, there is no improvements to library users. However, a new initiative to rent desks for people looking for working space has resulted in 4 people taking up the offer. Of which there are two retentions.

Social Media Report – Ibn Rushd Centre of Excellence for Islamic Research (January 2021 to September 2021): produced by Ammar Nana

SOCIAL MEDIA ENVIRONMENT PRIOR:

- The social media presence of Ibn Rushd Centre of Excellence for Islamic Research was close to none, with Facebook not only being the sole social media outlet when I commenced in January 2019 but also with very little content, updates or likes/followers.
- Outside of videos produced by Br. Shahid and donation videos produced for Ramadan, it was my responsibility to come up with the content to (1) improve the social media presence and (2) increase the awareness of the project.

MY STRATEGY & PLAN TO IMPROVE THE SOCIAL MEDIA PRESENCE & HOW I ACHIEVED THAT:

With my experience running my own social media (for example, I grew up my Facebook following to over 5000 likes after several years of being active), I intended on implementing a similar strategy where I share a variety of content across multiple platforms (Facebook, Instagram, etc) but with a particular focus on Facebook and resharing the content into various (and relevant) Facebook groups.

I therefore created the Ibn Rushd Twitter, Instagram & LinkedIn accounts, and in addition to the existing Facebook page, I also utilised my own social media by resharing the content so as to improve the social media presence of Ibn Rushd across all these platforms.

Below is the different types of content I utilised to achieve all of this;

- Videos produced by Br. Shahid
- Donation videos with Sh. Ahsan
- Information/text from the website about the Library
- Pictures of books that are on-site/have been donated by others
- Donation Appeals & Volunteer requests
- Quotes from the Qur'an & Hadith
- Quotes from scholars
- Quotes from books
- Charity events
- Islamic history
- Quizzes
- Ramadan & Eid content/messages
- New research published
- New research scholars

SOCIAL MEDIA BY STATS (BY MONTH):

January 2021:

- Facebook Page already in existence with 180 likes and 183 followers
- Instagram (created from scratch): 45 followers
- Twitter (created from scratch): 17 followers
- LinkedIn (created from scratch): 43 followers

February 2021:

- Facebook: 281 likes and 284 followers
- Instagram: 75 followers
- Twitter: 25 followers
- LinkedIn: 83 followers

March 2021:

- Facebook: 320 likes and 343 followers
- Instagram: 144 followers
- Twitter: 32 followers
- LinkedIn: 101 followers

April 2021:

- Facebook: 385 likes and 413 followers

- Instagram: 187 followers
- Twitter: 42 followers
- LinkedIn: 156 followers

May 2021:

- Facebook: 491 likes and 527 followers
- Instagram: 242 followers
- Twitter: 55 followers
- LinkedIn: 182 followers

June 2021:

- Facebook: 516 likes and 552 followers
- Instagram: 270 followers
- Twitter: 111 followers
- LinkedIn: 205 followers

July 2021:

- Facebook: 532 likes and 569 followers
- Instagram: 338 followers
- Twitter: 114 followers
- LinkedIn: 214 followers

August 2021:

- Facebook: 544 likes and 581 followers
- Instagram: 360 followers
- Twitter: 121 followers
- LinkedIn: 218 followers

September 2021:

- Facebook: 554 likes and 594 followers
- Instagram: 410 followers
- Twitter: 131 followers
- LinkedIn: 224 followers

CONCLUSIONS & RECOMMENDATION:

- My conclusion is that across the nine months of running the social media of Ibn Rushd, awareness of the project has not only substantially increased but interest has garnered to such an extent that some persons even expressed seeing the project in other parts of the UK.
- My recommendation for the social media would be to utilise the professional services of Hassen Rasool who expressed interest to totally revamp the social media and improve the awareness of the project much more radically so to speak.

Future Plans: Priorities for Next Year

The National Islamic Studies Library

One of the major developments of this year was to secure the purchase of a site. The aim to is acquire the site in order to eventually build the National Islamic Studies Library. The site is in Small Heath, Birmingham.

Effort is focussed on trying to raise the funds to buy it.

Other news

We would like to congratulate Dr Shahrul Hussain for being appointed a visiting lecturer at Birmingham City University, in the School of Business.

Further to this, a new research fellow joined us. Shaykh Shahinur Rahman is a keen an up and coming academic. He has a passion for research and shows great potential and he has published two research papers with an Indonesian journal.

Conclusion

Despite the challenges of the pandemic (Covid-19) a lot has been achieved. There are two major focus which is required this year. The first is to secure the site. This requires team work on a colossal level. It is a major challenge but mothing that cannot be achieved through hard work. Secondly, focus needs to be paid to making the academic and non-academic courses successful. This is because the funding for the library will depend heavily on our relationship with the partner organisation. Secondly, having successful courses will help fund research and research scholars.

The key to achieving our aims and targets is teamwork.

IBN RUSHD CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE FOR ISLAMIC RESEARCH
Report of the Trustees
For the period ended 30 November 2021

The Trustees, who are also directors for the purposes of company law, have pleasure in presenting their report and the financial statements for the charitable company for the period ended 30 November 2021. The Trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The trustees have considered the Charity Commision's guidance on public benefit, including the guidance 'public benefit: running a charity (PB2)'.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Name of Charity	IBN RUSHD CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE FOR ISLAMIC RESEARCH
Charity registration number	1177848
Company registration number	CE013732
Principal address	10 BROOKVIEW CLOSE BIRMINGHAM B19 2UB

Trustees

The trustees and officers serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

Muhammed Taj Ullah
Ibrahim Hussain
Rizwan Mustafa

Independent examiner	Alpha Tax Solutions Radclyffe House 66/68 Hagley Road Birmingham B16 8PF

Approved by the Board of Trustees and signed on its behalf by

.... 29 September 2022
Muhammed Taj Ullah

Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees

For the period ended 30 November 2021

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charitable company for the period ended 30 November 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity Trustees, who are also directors for the purposes of company law, are responsible for the preparation of the accounts 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 your charity's accounts 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 examiners 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 that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the 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 accounts 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 (FRS 102).

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.

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Faheem Ghumra ACCA

Alpha Tax Solutions
Radclyffe House
66/68 Hagley Road
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29 September 2022

IBN RUSHD CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE FOR ISLAMIC RESEARCH
Statement of Financial Activities (including Income and Expenditure Account)
For the period ended 30 November 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted funds	2020
		£	£
Income and endowments from:			
Donations and legacies		99,262	77,555
Other income	2	16,629	16,958
Total		**115,891**	**94,513**
Expenditure on:			
Raising funds		(5,411)	(634)
Charitable activities		(89,452)	(59,134)
Total		**(94,863)**	**(59,768)**
Net income		**21,028**	**34,745**
Reconciliation of funds			
Total funds brought forward		24,445	(10,300)
Total funds carried forward		**45,473**	**24,445**

IBN RUSHD CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE FOR ISLAMIC RESEARCH
Statement of Financial Position
As at 30 November 2021

	Notes	2021	2020
		£	£
Current assets			
Debtors	5	10,000	9,500
Cash at bank and in hand		66,136	34,965
		76,136	**44,465**
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		(6,663)	(1,020)
Net current assets		**69,473**	**43,445**
Total assets less current liabilities		**69,473**	**43,445**
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year		(24,000)	(19,000)
Net assets		**45,473**	**24,445**
The funds of the charity			
Unrestricted income funds	6	45,473	24,445
Total funds		**45,473**	**24,445**

For the period ended 30 November 2021 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476,
- The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts. These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board and signed on its behalf by:

Muhammed Taj Ullah
Trustee

29 September 2022

1. Accounting Policies

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, except for investments which are included at market value and the revaluation of certain fixed assets and in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), and the Companies Act 2006.

IBN RUSHD CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE FOR ISLAMIC RESEARCH meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis unless it is inappropraite to presume that the charity will continue its activities.

2. Other income

	2021	2020
	£	£
Unrestricted funds		
Rental Income	16,629	16,958
	16,629	**16,958**

3. Particulars of employees

	2021	2020
Research and Development	3	2
	3	**2**

4. Comparative for the Statement of Financial Activities

The comparative year values on the Statement of Financial Activites are for unrestricted funds.

5. Debtors

	2021	2020
	£	£
Amounts due after more than one year:		
Other debtors	10,000	9,500
	10,000	**9,500**

6. Movement in funds

Unrestricted Funds

	Balance at 07/11/2020 £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Balance at 30/11/2021 £
General				
General	24,445	115,891	(94,863)	45,473
	24,445	**115,891**	**(94,863)**	**45,473**

Unrestricted Funds - Previous year

	Balance at 07/11/2019 £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Balance at 06/11/2020 £
General				
General	(10,300)	94,513	(59,768)	24,445
	(10,300)	**94,513**	**(59,768)**	**24,445**

Purpose of unrestricted Funds

General

These funds are received by Ibn Rushd Centre of Excellence for Islamic Research with no particular preference expressed by donors.

IBN RUSHD CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE FOR ISLAMIC RESEARCH
Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
For the period ended 30 November 2021

	2021	2020
	£	**£**
INCOME AND ENDOWMENT		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	68,361	63,983
Grants receivable	30,901	13,572
	99,262	**77,555**
Other income		
Rental Income	16,629	16,958
	16,629	**16,958**
Total incoming resources	**115,891**	**94,513**
EXPENDITURE		
Raising donations and legacies		
Donations	(5,411)	(634)
	(5,411)	**(634)**
SUPPORT COSTS		
Management		
Management	(65,891)	(42,808)
	(65,891)	**(42,808)**
IT		
IT	(14)	(173)
	(14)	**(173)**
Governance costs		
Governance costs	(23,547)	(16,153)
	(23,547)	**(16,153)**
Total resources expended	**(94,863)**	**(59,768)**
Net Income	**21,028**	**34,745**

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Muhammad Taj Ullah
Chair of Trustees
15th January 2021

Research Activities

Despite the current pandemic crisis, research scholars have continued with their research activities. We are delighted to announce that our Research Scholar Zeeshan Choudri has successfully defended his doctoral thesis. The title of his thesis is: *Demarcating the Contours of the Deobandi Tradition,* (School of Oriental an African Studies).

The following is the list of research and academic activities of our Research Scholars:

Dr Safaruk Zaman Chowdhury has published his article in a peer reviewed journal:

God, Gluts and Gaps: Examining an Islamic Traditionalist Case for a Contradictory Theology, Journal of History and Philosophy of Logic, 2020

and a book *A Ṣūfī Apologist of Nishapur: The Life and Thought of Abū 'Abd al Raḥmān al-Sulamī.* Sheffield: Equinox Publishing. 2019

Dr Amra Bone has published her academic journal:

Islamic Marriage and Divorce in the United Kingdom: The Case for a New Paradigm. *Journal of Muslim Minority Affairs,* 2020

Dr Alija Avdukic has published his article in a peer reviewed journal:

An Analytical Exploration and Assessment of the Social Risks Faced by Islamic Banks and Financial Institutions: Credibility, Legitimacy, Sustainability and Trust Risks", in *Islamic Banking: Risk Management, Regulation and Supervision,* Edward Elgar Publishing, 2020, Alija Avdukic

"*When It Comes to Risk, is Sukuk Better than Conventional Bonds? A Comparative Study of Nasdaq Securities*" Routledge Edited Book, 2020

"*Sustainability in Abrahamic Religions*" Routledge Edited Book, 2020

"*History of Economic Thoughts in the Ibrahimc Religions: A Case of Religiously Informed Regulative Environment*" Palgrave Edited Book on Islamic Economics and Finance

Dr Shahrul Hussain has published two of his articles in peer reviewed journals:

Khalifah, the Environment and Recycling Copies of the Holy Qur'an: A Symbiotic Sematic Consideration, Manchester Journal of Transnational Islamic Law & Practice, Vol 16, Issue 1, 2020. The Issue is also available online (subscription only): https://www.electronicpublications.org/catalogue/244
Vol 16, Issue 1 (2020) of the Manchester Journal of Transnational Islamic Law & Practice

Tamlīk-proper to Quasi-*tamlīk*: Unconditional Cash Transfer (UCT) of Zakat Money, Empowering the Poor and Contemporary Modes of Distributing Zakat Money with Special Reference to British Muslim Charities, *Journal of Muslim Minority Affairs*, 2020

Book review:

Blowback: How the West f*cked up the Middle East (and why it was a bad idea). Michael Luders, Devon: Old Street Publishing Limited, 2017. Pp.151. ISBN: 9781910400555

Books:

The has also finished a six volume book set on Hadith. He co-authored the books with Shaykh Zahed Fatteh. The volumes are with the published for editing and preparation for publication.

New Research Scholars

We are delighted that this year we were able to recruit two new Research Scholars.

1- Dr Jabal M. Buaben former Lecturer in Islamic Studies at the University of Birmingham, Centre for the Study of Interreligious Relations, School of Philosophy, Theology and Religion; College of Arts and Law, and Associate Professor of Islamic History and Civilisation, Sultan Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Centre for Islamic Studies [SOASCIS], Universiti Brunei Darussalam [UBD]; Brunei Darussalam.

2- Dr Yusuf Abdul-Jobbar is an academic with over 15 years of experience and is currently a visiting lecturer at the Knowledge International University (Riyadh, Saudi Arabia). He is a Certified Shari'ah Advisor & Auditor who has authored books, written journal articles, hosted and presented at many conferences around the world. Dr Yusuf Abdul-Jobbar is an Imam & Scholar who lecturers internationally and has taught classes in Masjid An-Nabawi – Madinah (

Public Facing Articles

It is very important that the Ibn Rushd Centre of Excellence for Islamic Research engages with the public and keeps them engaged. Producing academic articles filled jargon and complicated words is not something most non-specialist members of the public appreciate. With this in mind, we have decided to produce public facing articles. These articles will aim to provide readers with information about various topical issues of interest in contemporary times.

Public Facing Books

The six volume work on Hadith is complete and sent off to the publisher for editing. This work was a joint project between Dr Shahrul Hussain and Shaykh Zahed Fatteh. It is a box set of the six major Hadith collection, each volume will have a selected sample of forty Hadith. The publishers are Kube Publishing House.

Courses

The courses offered at Ibn Rushd Centre of Excellence for Islamic Research usually run from January to June/July. The course for 2019-20 started and then Covid-19 lockdown forced us to stop for the year. Strategically it is better to suspend courses until 2022. This is because 2021 is still uncertain as to what will happen.

Partnership:

The Ibn Rushd Centre of Excellence for Islamic Research is keen build partnerships and work in collaboration with other institutions. Our attempts to reach out to Al-Maktoum Institute has been fruitful. We are now in discussion with them to establish areas of collaboration. We are also pursuing building relationship with other universities in the South East Asia. It was our aim to explore partnership and research collaboration with Sultan Sharif Ali Islamic University and Universiti Brunei Darussalam of Brunei, and Universiti of Science and Islam of Malaysia. Unfortunately, the pandemic as completely hammered progress in that field.

Conferences

There have been few ideas for conferences:

1- The role of zakat in British society and its distribution nationally and internationally
2- The Islamic Ruling of Organ donor

We were in the process of holding a conference for the public regarding the Islamic Ruling of Organ donor. The speaker was identified and confirmed, and the venue booked. However, lockdown forced us to cancel all plans. We were going to work in partnership with Global Relief Trust who were happy to sponsor the event. Inshallah, after the pandemic crisis is over we can continue with the conferences.

Library Users

The users to library have increased slightly, but it has not picked up after lockdown easing. We have received more books as donations for the library and we have reached our current capacity to accept more.

Future Plans: Priorities for Next Year

BA Degree and course

The welcome addition to our team means that we have the capacity and the ability bring our plans to offer a BA degree programme in Islamic Studies. We will explore this opportunity with our partners and see what academic courses we can offer.

The National Islamic Studies Library

The National Islamic Studies Library is a project of the Ibn Rushd Centre of Excellence for Islamic Research. Our vision is to create a library which will host the most extensive collection of Islamic literature in Europe and a 'Centre' of Islamic academic and intellectual activities. Our aim is to make this place 'a Centre for community activities from academic courses and research to serving children to achieve their potential in school and higher education'.

There is a massive effort towards this project. The response of the community has been overwhelmingly positive. We are trying to find a suitable site and two places have been identified. We are still exploring help to acquire the land. To build the building there have been positive response to secure large donations from the middle east. The great struggle is securing the land.

Conclusion

Despite the challenges of the pandemic (Covid-19) a lot has been achieved. It is important, strategically, to have our own place, a purpose-built research centre, but its use and function must be multipurpose and multifunctional. Community engagement is important. Therefore, more work needs to be done in order to provide more articles for non-specialist members of the public, courses and facilities. We believe we can achieve this better with the National Islamic Studies Library. The Library will be the new home of the Research Centre. The idea of the library will be to bring a library to be functional in the modern world. It will maximise usage and functionality and thereby the benefit. The aim of the project it to serve the public as well as our academic aims and ambition. The project is still in its foetal stage, but great strides have been made and an excellent network of volunteers, donors and potential donors have been created. We hope that in the following year more grounds would have been made to make the dream of UK's first Islamic Studies Library a reality.

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Report of the Trustees
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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The trustees have considered the Charity Commision's guidance on public benefit, including the guidance 'public benefit: running a charity (PB2)'.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Name of Charity	IBN RUSHD CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE FOR ISLAMIC RESEARCH
Charity registration number	1177848
Company registration number	CE013732
Principal address	10 BROOKVIEW CLOSE BIRMINGHAM B19 2UB

Trustees

The trustees and officers serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

Muhammed Taj Ullah
Ibrahim Hussain
Sujan Ali
(: 31 August 2020)
Rizwan Mustafa
(Appointed: 01 September 2020)

Independent examiner

Alpha Tax Solutions
Radclyffe House
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Approved by the Board of Trustees and signed on its behalf by

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Muhammed Taj Ullah

29 September 2022

Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees
For the year ended 06 November 2020

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charitable company for the year ended 06 November 2020.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity Trustees, who are also directors for the purposes of company law, are responsible for the preparation of the accounts 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 your charity's accounts 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 examiners 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 that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the 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 accounts 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 (FRS 102).

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.

Faheem Ghumra ACCA

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29 September 2022

IBN RUSHD CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE FOR ISLAMIC RESEARCH
Statement of Financial Activities (including Income and Expenditure Account)
For the year ended 06 November 2020

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	2019 £
Income and endowments from:			
Donations and legacies		77,555	42,771
Other income	2	16,958	11,027
Total		**94,513**	**53,798**
Expenditure on:			
Raising funds		(634)	(2,925)
Charitable activities		(59,134)	(60,653)
Total		**(59,768)**	**(63,578)**
Net income/expenditure		**34,745**	**(9,780)**
Reconciliation of funds			
Total funds brought forward		(10,300)	(520)
Total funds carried forward		**24,445**	**(10,300)**

IBN RUSHD CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE FOR ISLAMIC RESEARCH
Statement of Financial Position
As at 06 November 2020

	Notes	2020	2019
		£	£
Current assets			
Debtors	5	9,500	5,000
Cash at bank and in hand		34,965	13,889
		44,465	**18,889**
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		(1,020)	(13,189)
Net current assets		**43,445**	**5,700**
Total assets less current liabilities		**43,445**	**5,700**
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year		(19,000)	(16,000)
Net assets		**24,445**	**(10,300)**
The funds of the charity			
Unrestricted income funds	6	24,445	(10,300)
Total funds		**24,445**	**(10,300)**

For the year ended 06 November 2020 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476,
- The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts. These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board and signed on its behalf by:

Muhammed Taj Ullah
Trustee

29 September 2022

1. Accounting Policies

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, except for investments which are included at market value and the revaluation of certain fixed assets and in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), and the Companies Act 2006.

IBN RUSHD CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE FOR ISLAMIC RESEARCH meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis unless it is inappropraite to presume that the charity will continue its activities.

2. Other income

	2020	2019
	£	£
Unrestricted funds		
Rental Income	16,958	11,027
	16,958	**11,027**

3. Particulars of employees

	2020	2019
Research and Development	2	2
	2	**2**

4. Comparative for the Statement of Financial Activities

The comparative year values on the Statement of Financial Activites are for unrestricted funds.

5. Debtors

	2020	2019
	£	£
Amounts due after more than one year:		
Other debtors	9,500	5,000
	9,500	**5,000**

6. Movement in funds

Unrestricted Funds

	Balance at 07/11/2019 £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Balance at 06/11/2020 £
General				
General	(10,300)	94,513	(59,768)	24,445
	(10,300)	**94,513**	**(59,768)**	**24,445**

Unrestricted Funds - Previous year

	Balance at 07/11/2018 £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Balance at 06/11/2019 £
General				
General	(520)	53,798	(63,578)	(10,300)
	(520)	**53,798**	**(63,578)**	**(10,300)**

Purpose of unrestricted Funds

General

These funds are received by Ibn Rushd Centre of Excellence for Islamic Research with no particular preference expressed by donors.

IBN RUSHD CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE FOR ISLAMIC RESEARCH
Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
For the year ended 06 November 2020

	2020	2019
	£	**£**
INCOME AND ENDOWMENT		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	63,983	42,771
Grants receivable	13,572	-
	77,555	**42,771**
Other income		
Rental Income	16,958	11,027
	16,958	**11,027**
Total incoming resources	**94,513**	**53,798**
EXPENDITURE		
Raising donations and legacies		
Donations	(634)	(2,925)
	(634)	**(2,925)**
SUPPORT COSTS		
Management		
Management	(42,808)	(51,827)
	(42,808)	**(51,827)**
IT		
IT	(173)	(173)
	(173)	**(173)**
Governance costs		
Governance costs	(16,153)	(8,653)
	(16,153)	**(8,653)**
Total resources expended	**(59,768)**	**(63,578)**
Net Income	**34,745**	**(9,780)**

This page does not form part of the statutory financial statements