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IBN RUSHD CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE FOR ISLAMIC RESEARCH

Report of the Trustees and Unaudited Financial Statements

For the year ended 06 November 2020

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Annual Report 2019-2020

Ibn Rushd Centre of Excellence for
Islamic Research



Chair of Trustees' Forward

It is by the grace of Almighty Allah that another year has passed, and it was the will of Allah that this year will be challenging. The pandemic is still not over and there is still a lot of uncertainty. The latest covid variant, Omnicom, seems to be mild but it is still creating a wave of uncertainty.

This report will highlight the activities of this year. Despite the challenges we remain 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.

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.

Despite the challenges of this year a lot has been achieved in terms of project development, in particular the National Islamic Studies Library project as well as , however, there is a lot more that needs to be done and achieved. Finally, I would like to thank all of Ibn Rushd's Research Scholars for their patience and help during this stressful time.

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 and 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 Sūfī 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 lectures 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 has 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 is 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.

IBN RUSHD CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE FOR ISLAMIC RESEARCH

Report of the Trustees For the year ended 06 November 2020

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 06 November 2020. 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 Commission'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 66/68 Hagley Road Birmingham B16 8PF
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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

IBN RUSHD CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE FOR ISLAMIC RESEARCH

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').

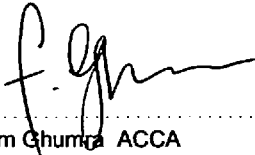
Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). 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

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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)

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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

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Notes to the Financial Statements For the year ended 06 November 2020

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 inappropriate 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 Activities 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

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Notes to the Financial Statements Continued

For the year ended 06 November 2020

6. Movement in funds

Unrestricted Funds

	Balance at 07/11/2019	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Balance at 06/11/2020
	£	£	£	£
<i>General</i>				
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
	£	£	£	£
<i>General</i>				
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)