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IBN RUSHD CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE FOR ISLAMIC RESEARCH

Report of the Trustees and Unaudited Financial Statements

For the period ended 30 November 2021

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Annual Report 2020-2021
**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
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 is to 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 and 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 nothing 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 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
Rizwan Mustafa

Independent examiner

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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 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').

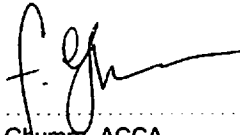
Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). 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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29 September 2022

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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

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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

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Notes to the Financial Statements For the period ended 30 November 2021

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

	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 Activities 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

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Notes to the Financial Statements Continued

For the period ended 30 November 2021

6. Movement in funds

Unrestricted Funds

	Balance at 07/11/2020	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Balance at 30/11/2021
	£	£	£	£
<i>General</i>				
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
	£	£	£	£
<i>General</i>				
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.

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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