

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 2023

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Report of the Trustees For the year ended 30 November 2023

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 2023. 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
(: 01 December 2022)
Mohammed Ali
(Appointed: 01 December 2022)

Independent examiner	Alpha Tax Solutions No.1, 2 Pritchett Street Birmingham B6 4EH
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Approved by the Board of Trustees and signed on its behalf by


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Muhammed Taj Ullah

04 July 2024

IBN RUSHD CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE FOR ISLAMIC RESEARCH
Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees
For the year ended 30 November 2023

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charitable company for the year ended 30 November 2023.

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').

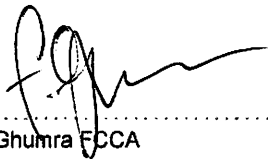
Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').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

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04 July 2024

IBN RUSHD CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE FOR ISLAMIC RESEARCH
Statement of Financial Activities (including Income and Expenditure Account)
For the year ended 30 November 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	2022 £
Income and endowments from:			
Donations and legacies	2	204,378	131,826
Investments	3	335	-
Other income	4	15,911	13,666
Total		220,624	145,492
Expenditure on:			
Raising funds		(980)	(7,583)
Charitable activities		(73,377)	(76,895)
Total		(74,357)	(84,478)
Net income		146,267	61,014
Reconciliation of funds			
Total funds brought forward		106,487	45,473
Total funds carried forward		252,754	106,487

IBN RUSHD CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE FOR ISLAMIC RESEARCH
Statement of Financial Position
As at 30 November 2023

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	7	898	-
		898	-
Current assets			
Debtors	8	12,796	16,494
Cash at bank and in hand		524,463	304,887
		537,259	321,381
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		(18,401)	(9,894)
Net current assets		518,858	311,487
Total assets less current liabilities		519,756	311,487
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year		(267,002)	(205,000)
Net assets		252,754	106,487
The funds of the charity			
Unrestricted income funds	9	252,754	106,487
Total funds		252,754	106,487

For the year ended 30 November 2023 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:



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 Muhammed Taj Ullah
 Trustee

04 July 2024

IBN RUSHD CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE FOR ISLAMIC RESEARCH
Notes to the Financial Statements
For the year ended 30 November 2023

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. 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

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Notes to the Financial Statements Continued
For the year ended 30 November 2023

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 Activities are for unrestricted funds.

7. Tangible fixed assets

Cost or valuation	Plant and Machinery £
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

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Notes to the Financial Statements Continued
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9. Movement in funds

Unrestricted Funds

	Balance at 01/12/2022	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Balance at 30/11/2023
	£	£	£	£
<i>General</i>				
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
	£	£	£	£
<i>General</i>				
General	45,473	145,492	(84,478)	106,487
	45,473	145,492	(84,478)	106,487

Purpose of unrestricted Funds

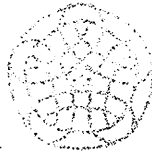
General

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
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Investments		
Bank interest receivable	335	-
	335	-
Other income		
Rental Income	15,911	13,666
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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

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)

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 Islamic 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: How 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 achieved 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 meaningful 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