

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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Report of the Trustees
For the year ended 30 November 2024

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 2024. 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
Mohammed Ali

Independent examiner

Sigma Chartered Accountants
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Approved by the Board of Trustees and signed on its behalf by


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Muhammed Taj Ullah

29 August 2025

IBN RUSHD CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE FOR ISLAMIC RESEARCH
Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees
For the year ended 30 November 2024

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

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.



Jawaid Yakoob FCA (8462707)

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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

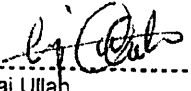
IBN RUSHD CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE FOR ISLAMIC RESEARCH
Statement of Financial Position
As at 30 November 2024

	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:



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Muhammed Taj Ullah
Trustee
29 August 2025

IBN RUSHD CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE FOR ISLAMIC RESEARCH
Notes to the Financial Statements
For the year ended 30 November 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 inappropriate 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
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Notes to the Financial Statements Continued
For the year ended 30 November 2024

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 Activities 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

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Notes to the Financial Statements Continued
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9. Movement in funds

Unrestricted Funds

	Balance at 01/12/2023 £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Balance at 30/11/2024 £
<i>General</i>				
General	252,754	73,882	(109,098)	217,538
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Unrestricted Funds - Previous year

	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
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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		
Donations	43,207	204,378
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Investments		
Bank interest receivable	1,659	335
Other investment income	11,071	-
	12,730	335
Other Income		
Rental Income	17,945	15,911
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Total incoming resources	73,882	220,624
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

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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
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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*, <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/03075072.2025.2457700> [Accessed 17 April 2025].

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. <https://www.mdpi.com/2077-1444/15/12/1496>

Avdukic A. and Mehmet A. (2024). “Testing the Moral Economy Nature of Islamic Finance”, *Economic Systems Journal* <https://www.scribbrdirect.com/science/article/pii/S0927738224100117>

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*. <https://www.crowpublishers.com/article/Details/RBE.0197>

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. <https://doi.org/10.1108/JIF-08-2024-0018>

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, Safruk 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, Safruk. 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 Ḥanafī Fiqh: An Axiomatic Comparative Assessment (peer review stage)

The Consideration of Social Stratification in Ḥanafī 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 its 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 courses 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 to 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