

AL-ASHARAF COMMUNITY WELFARE ASSOCIATION

England & Wales · Charity number 1179893

Details

Other names	AL-ASHARAF WOMEN AND CHILDREN WELFARE ASSOCIATION IN THE UK
Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2018-09-11
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

Address	Voluntary Action Islington 200A Pentonville Road London N1 9JP
Phone	02076093976
Email	al-asharafcwa@hotmail.com

Activities

Objects: THE RELIEF OF THOSE WHO LIVING IN THE BEMERTON ESTATE AND SURROUNDING AREAS, IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY THOSE OF AL ASHARAF ORIGIN AND WHO ARE IN NEED BY REASON OF YOUTH, OLD AGE, ILL HEALTH, DISABILITY, FINANCIAL HARDSHIP OR OTHER DISADVANTAGE BY THE PROVISION OF ADVOCACY, INFORMATION, EDUCATION AND TRAINING AND HEALTHY ACTIVITIES DESIGNED TO IMPROVE THEIR CONDITIONS OF LIFE.

Activities: We operate out of Jean Stokes Community Centre, offering a range of activities to the local community. From them: Stay and play activities for parents and their children Lunch club Sewing club Holiday activities for young children: 'celebrate your identity' One to one support services Interpreting services 'Bridging the gap' services Outreach services Home visits

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Recreation
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Throughout London

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£1,593	£1,590	-	-
2024-12-31	£744	£662	-	-
2024-03-31	£4,408	£4,408	-	-
2023-03-31	£1,200	£1,200	-	-
2022-03-31	£1,070	£1,070	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Abdarahman Sharif		2024-11-16
Mana Fatima AlSharif Abbas Al-Sharif		2009-01-14
SHEKHA SHARIF ALI		2009-01-14
Samir Muhdar		2024-11-16

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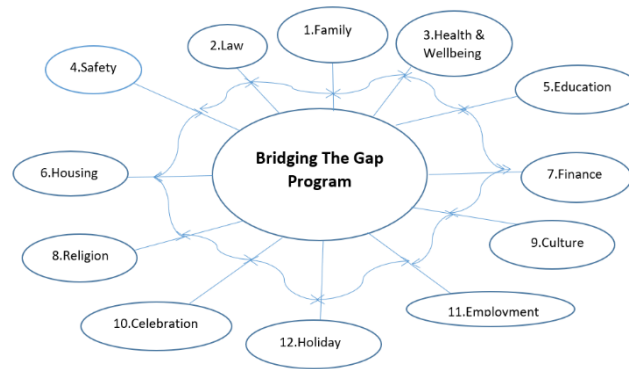
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- **Family** events with 'Bright Start' & 'Bright Futures'
- **'Local Health & Wellbeing'** workshops with Voluntary Action Islington
- **Educational** workshops with London Metropolitan University & West Library Islington
- **Housing:** liaising between residents and their landlords, in Islington and other boroughs – by interpreting and assisting cases throughout until the reaching of mutual agreements.
- Supported migrants with **Islington Refugee and Migrant Forum**
- **Networking** with Jeans Stokes 'Service Users Team'
- Cooperated with 'We Are Cally' for numerous events
- Cooperated with **Community Safety Team**
- **Cooperated** with other **religious communities** in several **'Inter-Faith Meal'** events at Jean Stokes
- Cooperated with the Muslim Council of Britain

Supported Somali Speakers Women's Group to establish a network for Somali communities in Islington.

Among the major **celebrations** we participated in:

- Cally Festival
- Black History Month
- Jean Stokes Iftar & Eid Party
- Outdoor Christmas Event

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Ms Emily Thornberry
Ms Una O'Halloran
Mr Paul Covery
Ms Sara Hyde (newly appointed member of the House of Lords who invited us to her inauguration)

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Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

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Full name(s)	Mana Fatima Al-Sharif Abbas Al-Sharif	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	

Date 10/1/2026

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- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

'Al-Asharaf Community Welfare Association' strongly believes that working together is the only way to succeed. We supported the forming and establishment of 'Somali Speakers Women's Group' in 2000 and have continued to cooperate with them ever since, forming a strong partnership. Likewise, in 2008, we built a solid partnership with 'Help on Your Doorstep'. We also successfully cooperated and bonded with 'JAN Trust' as well as Islington Council's 'School Improvement Service'.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

Providing relief for those living in Bemerton Estate and the surrounding areas, focusing on '**Health & Wellbeing**'. In particular, but not exclusively, those of 'Al-Asharaf' origin, as well as those in need (e.g. elderly, ill health/disabled and those in financial hardships).

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity

After years of closure, we managed to resume using the Jean Stokes Community Centre. We restarted our weekly activities on Saturdays, between 11am-1pm. Among them were:

- 'Stay and Play' activities for parents and children.

Commission on public benefit)

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

In accordance with our organisation’s focus on ‘**Health & Wellbeing**’ – we continued our services of supporting families afflicted with mental health. We achieved this by establishing a link between families and **Camden Crisis Resolution** and liaising between them.

Moreover, we also intervened in marital disputes between young parents by attempting reconciliation – along with recommending ‘Couples Therapy’ & mediation sessions.

We also assisted elderly residents that were seeking support during the ‘**Cost of Living**’ crisis, by filling out forms – as well as accompanying them with GP/hospital visits.

We also assisted young parents in securing nursery places for their children.

Section D Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

We were nominated by Voluntary Action Islington as one of the few organisations that showcased and demonstrated their values under their campaign of ‘**Working for a Fairer Islington**’.

Throughout the year, we were supported by the honorary councillors: Paul Covery, Una O’Halloran, and Sara Hyde. Including offering us ‘free-use’ of the Jean Stokes Community Hall.

Our volunteers single-handedly cooked and provided lunch for the general public during the Cally Festival.

We registered our organisation with an insurance company, with the support of James Barrell (We Are Cally).

Our volunteers also organised and ran regular ‘faith-based’ celebrations at Finsbury Park Mosque.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity’s policy on reserves

Monthly contributions into the company’s account, by the trustees, ensure sufficient reserves in place.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

N/A

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

- The main funding came primarily from the trustees themselves, as well as the community members.
- With this communal effort, we managed to successfully continue our services throughout the year.

Section F Other optional information

History:

1998 – Initially 'Asharaf Welfare Association' based in Manor Garden. Then after moving to West Library Hall. After years of community growth, we relocated to Bemerton Children's Centre, before transferring to Copenhagen Primary School (on Saturdays)

2008 – Our name was fraudulently stolen by another entity, who tried to tarnish our image

2009 – Subsequently, we 'rebranded' to 'Al-Asharaf Women & Children Association', before finally changing to 'Al-Asharaf Community Welfare Association' in 2018.

Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	Mana Fatima Al-Sharif Abbas Al-Sharif	
Full name(s)	Mana Fatima Al-Sharif Abbas Al-Sharif	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Secretary	
Date	17/12/2023	