

SILAH

Trustees' Annual Report and Receipts & Payments Accounts

For the period 11 December 2024 to 1 September 2025

Registered Charity Number: 1210433

Reference and Administrative Details

Charity Name

Silah

Charity Number

1210433

Legal Structure

Foundation Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)

Date of Registration

11 October 2024

Reporting Period

11 October 2024 to 1 September 2025

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Bankers

The Co-operative Bank plc

Trustees

- Dr Omar Abdul Jolil (Founder and Chair)
 - Dr Masud Awil
 - Ms Zainab Ali
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Chair's Introduction

It is my pleasure to present Silah's first Trustees' Annual Report following our registration as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation.

Silah was established to advance the Islamic faith through high-quality educational programmes that reconnect individuals with their faith and identity. Since our inception,

we have sought to provide structured and accessible Islamic education that equips participants with authentic knowledge while encouraging thoughtful reflection, critical engagement and meaningful spiritual development.

During this first reporting period, the trustees concentrated on laying strong foundations for the charity. Alongside establishing governance procedures and operational systems, we delivered a range of educational programmes addressing the needs of Muslims from different backgrounds and levels of learning. We are grateful to Allah for enabling the charity to begin fulfilling its charitable purposes and we remain thankful to all those who have supported our work through their generosity, encouragement and participation.

As trustees, we remain committed to ensuring that Silah continues to develop as an educational institution that serves the public benefit through accessible, authentic and engaging Islamic education.

Dr Omar Abdul Jolil
Founder and Chair of Trustees

Objectives and Public Benefit

Charitable Objects

The objects of Silah are:

- To advance the Islamic faith for the public benefit through education and community activities, particularly for those who are not typically engaged in Islamic learning.
- To promote understanding and awareness of Islamic teachings and values through workshops, courses and other educational initiatives.

Public Benefit

The trustees have complied with their duty under section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Silah exists to reconnect individuals with their faith and identity through structured Islamic education. The charity seeks to advance the Islamic faith not simply by delivering information but by enabling participants to understand, critically engage with and emotionally connect to authentic Islamic teachings.

The trustees believe that structured educational programmes provide lasting public benefit by strengthening religious understanding, encouraging positive moral development and supporting individuals to apply Islamic principles in their personal, family and community lives. Educational activities are promoted through the charity's website, social media platforms and community networks, making participation accessible to those who may not ordinarily engage with traditional Islamic learning.

Activities and Achievements

During its inaugural operating period, Silah focused on establishing a sustainable educational model while delivering a range of structured educational programmes for public benefit.

The charity's principal educational activities included:

The Stage Programme

Silah's flagship educational programme delivered approximately 30–40 structured sessions throughout the reporting period. The programme provides participants with a progressive curriculum designed to develop a coherent understanding of Islam while strengthening faith, identity and personal development.

Islamic Teamwork

An eight-session programme exploring the Islamic principles of collaboration, leadership, responsibility and community engagement from an Islamic perspective.

History of Palestine Programme

A four-session educational series examining the historical, religious and cultural significance of Palestine through an evidence-based educational approach.

Islam 101

An introductory eight-session course developed for reverts and individuals seeking foundational knowledge of Islam, covering essential beliefs, worship and practical aspects of Muslim life.

More Than Mediocre University Tour

Silah delivered educational talks at five universities, encouraging students to reflect on faith, purpose and identity while demonstrating the relevance of Islam to contemporary life.

Alongside these programmes, the charity continued to produce educational content through its website and social media platforms, extending access to Islamic learning beyond in-person teaching.

Educational Philosophy

The trustees believe that meaningful Islamic education extends beyond the transmission of information.

Silah's educational approach is centred upon helping individuals develop a lasting relationship with their faith through structured learning, intellectual engagement and personal reflection. Rather than relying solely upon isolated lectures, the charity develops coherent educational pathways that encourage participants to think critically, engage confidently with Islamic knowledge and cultivate a deeper spiritual connection to Islam.

The trustees believe this approach equips participants with knowledge that can be understood, internalised and applied throughout everyday life, contributing to stronger individuals, healthier families and more resilient communities.

Financial Review

This was Silah's first financial period following its registration as a Foundation Charitable Incorporated Organisation on 11 October 2024. The trustees adopted a prudent and measured approach to financial management, prioritising the establishment of the charity's governance, educational infrastructure and operational systems while ensuring that expenditure remained proportionate to the charity's activities.

During the reporting period, the charity received total income of **£6,216.42**. Income comprised voluntary donations received from supporters together with an initial contribution from the founder to enable the establishment of the charity and its educational activities.

Total expenditure during the period was **£323.68**. Expenditure related primarily to essential operational costs, including website hosting, digital educational software and transaction charges necessary to deliver and administer the charity's educational programmes.

The charity finished the reporting period with a surplus of **£5,892.74**. The trustees will apply these funds exclusively towards the furtherance of the charity's charitable objects in accordance with the charity's governing document and the trustees' legal duties. This will include the continued development of educational programmes, curriculum resources, organisational infrastructure and future charitable activities that advance the Islamic faith for the public benefit.

The trustees are satisfied that the charity remains in a sound financial position and that its resources are being managed responsibly in support of its charitable purposes.

Receipts and Payments Account

For the period 11 December 2024 to 1 September 2025

Receipts

Description	£
Founder's initial contribution	3,433.26
Voluntary donations	2,783.16
Total Receipts	6,216.42

Payments

Description	£
Website hosting and online infrastructure	93.13
Educational software and digital resources	174.01

Description	£
Banking and transaction charges	56.54
Total Payments	323.68

Net Receipts for the Period: £5,892.74

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

As at 1 September 2025

Cash Funds

Description	£
Cash held in bank	5,892.74

Other Monetary Assets

None.

Liabilities

The trustees confirm that, to the best of their knowledge, the charity had no outstanding liabilities at the reporting date.

Reserves Policy

As this was the charity's first reporting period, the trustees have not yet adopted a formal reserves policy. Any funds retained at the end of the reporting period are held to support the continued advancement of the charity's objects and to provide financial stability as Silah expands its educational activities.

The trustees intend to review and formalise an appropriate reserves policy as the charity grows.

Principal Risks and Uncertainties

The trustees recognise that effective risk management is an important part of good charity governance and regularly review the principal risks facing the charity.

During the reporting period, the principal risks identified were:

- reliance upon voluntary donations as the charity's primary source of income;
- maintaining appropriate governance and financial controls during the charity's early stages of development;
- ensuring the continued quality, consistency and accessibility of educational programmes as activities expand.

The trustees have implemented appropriate financial controls, conflict of interest procedures and governance arrangements to mitigate these risks and remain satisfied that the charity is well placed to continue pursuing its charitable purposes.

Plans for Future Periods

The trustees intend to build upon the strong foundations established during the charity's first operating period.

Priorities for the forthcoming year include:

- expanding delivery of the Stage Programme;
- completing and refining the Stage Programme curriculum;
- developing additional structured educational courses;
- further developing Silah's educational initiatives and supporting resources;
- increasing engagement with universities and local communities; and
- continuing to strengthen the charity's governance and organisational capacity to support sustainable long-term growth.

The trustees remain committed to developing Silah into a leading Islamic educational institution that reconnects people with their faith and identity through structured, authentic and intellectually engaging Islamic education for the public benefit.

Trustee Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved this Trustees' Annual Report and the accompanying Receipts and Payments Accounts for the period ended 1 September 2025.

Signed on behalf of the Board of Trustees

Dr Omar Abdul Jolil

Founder and Chair of Trustees

Date: 19/06/2026