

**Newtownards Islamic Cultural Centre (NICC),
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NICC (AGM 2025) Annual Report 202-2025

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Welcome

- On behalf of the Executive Committee of NICC, I would like to welcome each and every one of you for taking the time to attend our 2023-2024 AGM. Special thanks to those brothers and sisters who have travelled from outside Newtownards to be with us today.

Minutes of last AGM

• Chairman's Report

As the Chairman of (NICC) I am pleased to present our Annual General meeting report for years 2024-2025. Looking back on 2024-2025 and reflecting on all the developmental activities including a series of meetings and networking, NICC has increased their profile level significantly.

I am determined to ensure that myself and the Management Committee continue to make extremely positive contributions to meeting the needs of our community including education, personal development, Islamic Culture, Integration and organizational development. Particularly working towards securing premises for NICC that are safe and clean.

Acknowledgements

I would like to thank my fellow members of the Management Committee and our Trustees.

for their untiring support throughout the year.

Abdul Kayum for their continuous commitment to arranging activities and support.

Abdul Shohid for all the financial record keeping and unwavering support in arranging financial activities specially the charity events during Ramadan.

Br Reza Khan for his administrative support with funding and activities.

All other brothers and sisters and donors who have come forward in support of our NICC throughout the years.

A special acknowledgement to our elders who are no longer with us (may Allah grant them Jannat) who had the foresight to establish this Muslim Community Centre for the future generations.

Activities

Internal Activities

- The NICC organises Islamic Cultural awareness programmers, Arabic classes, and English classes. We organise and assist in organising workshops, meetings, exhibitions, events and activities consistent with NICC's objectives.

New Projects undertaken –

- We endeavour to provide annual Islamic Cultural event that brings together the intergeneration of Muslim with the wider community.

Future plans

The Management Committee, volunteers and community are extremely commendable and are strength to the Muslim community here in NI. However, we need to source and secure funding, increase volunteer capacity to achieve our Strategic Goals and secure future stability.

The upcoming year will present challenges for us with funding opportunities, especially with the restrictions due to staffing and funding. However, I am confident in the commitment of the Management Committee, volunteers and community contribution to continue to provide a place for activities and support for our community.

Many of our community are marginalised due to language barrier, stereo typing and racism. As this is an inter-generational project it will help to

engender confidence and self-esteem across all ages as the wider community will be involved, it will help to build community relationships whilst maintaining cultural heritage.

The continued development of NICC will encourage volunteer capacity building in a charitable organisation and skill development including computer literacy, project co-ordination and administrative skills.

I would like to announce that the Newtownards Islamic Cultural centre is in the process of acquiring a new building where it will be developed to fully service the needs of our community.

In due course we will be appealing to our brothers and sisters to come forward and help us develop it in a way we can be proud of leaving to the next generation to carry on the good work

Concluding remarks

Considering the recent anti-Islamic protest throughout UK, it is important that we as Muslims are steadfast under these difficult times, keeping vigilant and patient, staying safe making sure the police are notified in circumstances when we are under any attack in public places or at our houses.

The PSNI have been in constant communication reassuring and advising us in places where there are any potential risks making sure the community is kept safe.

In conclusion, I would like to acknowledge the PSNI for all their help and members of the Management Committee for all their hard work, commitment and dedication over the past years to make NICC a valuable community resource.

I would like to thank the wider community for their ongoing support of the project.

I would like to thank all of those who have contributed to NICC, I must say that without them and their financial and voluntary support we would not be able to continue the work and

services.

Thank you

Management Committee

Shibaji Miah (Chairman)

Abdul Kayum (Vice Chairman)

Thabib Reza Khan (Secretary)

Abdul Shohid (Treasury)

Trustees

Shibli Miah

Faruk Miah

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Abdul Hamid

Abdul Karim

Mr Jilu Miah

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