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Islamic Foundation of Ireland

Annual
General
Meeting

Sunday

26/04/2015

After Dhuhr

Prayer, at 2:00

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FOR THE PERIOD APR. 2014 – APR. 2015.

For the 55th Annual General Meeting of the IFI to be Held on 26/04/2015

SECTION A : ADMINISTRATION

1- The General Assembly

New members admitted during the year were: **50**.

Those who left the country or ceased to be members were: **49**

Total number of registered members at present is: **1908**.

2- Annual General Meeting (A.G.M.)

The last Annual General Meeting of the Society was held on the 27th of April 2014. The agenda of the meeting included:

- i) Presentation and discussion of the annual report for the year 2013.
- ii) Presentation and discussion of the IFI financial reports for the year 2013.
- iii) Election of Majlis Ash-Shura for the years 2014-2016.
- iv) Election of one Trustee.

3- The Board of Trustees of the IFI

a) Life Trustees

- i) Hidayat Mirza.
- ii) Mohammed Beldi.
- iii) Mohammed Alhourani.

b) President of the Society:

- iv) Yahya M. Al-Hussein.

c) Elected Trustee:

- v) Riadh Mahmoudi (resigned during the year.)

4- The Majlis sh-Shura:

At the Annual General Meeting the new Majlis ash-Shura was elected by the members present. Seven members - apart from the Imam - were voted. These were:

- 1) Abdul Kabir Olufade
- 2) Abu Bakr Hassan

- 3) Dawud Gilingil
- 4) Kowiyy Bamiji Ayinde.
- 5) Madar Yusuf Abu Bakr.
- 6) Mohamed Djimani
- 7) Naveed Yousuf.

According to the new rules of the Society the Majlis term is for two years (2014-2016).

In the first meeting of the Majlis a Secretary and Treasurer were appointed for the Society. Naveed Yousuf was appointed as Secretary and Kowiyy Bamiji Ayinde as Treasurer. During the year Naveed Yousuf resigned from the Majlis due to travel abroad and was replaced by Abu Bakr Hassan as IFI Secretary.

In accordance with the rules of the Society three members were co-opted to the Majlis. These were:

- 1) Ibrahim Saad
- 2) Said El Bouzari
- 3) Osama Abu Shama

Abdul Kabir Olufade resigned from the Majlis due to travel abroad and was replaced by Tajuddion Bolaji.

The Majlis held 12 meetings and made several decisions.



Trustees and members of the outgoing and current Majlis: Back row from left to right: Madar Yusuf, Mudafar Al-Tawash, Riadh Mahmoudi, Haji Abu Bakar, Middle row: Naveed Yousuf, Mohammed Beldi, Taqiuddin Mohammed Kowwiyy Aninde and Ibrahim Saad. Front row: Mohamed Djimani, Hidayat Mirza, Yahya Al-Hussein & Dawud Glengil

5-Majlis Committees:

The Majlis formed four committees to carry out different tasks on its behalf. These committees are:

- i) Finance and Audit Committee.
- ii) Property Maintenance Committee
- iii) Social Committee.
- iv) Public Relations Committee.

i) The Finance & Audit Committee:

The primary focus of the Committee was to implement sound financial management procedures and to improve the efficiency across the operations of the IFI.

The present members of the Committee are: Kowiyy Bamiji Ayinde (Chairman) Shahrukh Mirza (Secretary) and Abu Bakr Hassan (Member.)

The Committee held nine (9) meetings during the year and carried a number of activities including the following:

- Review the monthly financial activity of the IFI and produce a report thereof.
- Review the operational activities within the IFI Administration and identify improvements.
- Review the annual accounts of the Society.
- Work with the IFI Administration Office and identify potential cost savings.
- Identify and try to secure additional funding for the IFI.
- The Committee made an application to the Department of Communications, Energy & Natural resources for “Benefit IT” training grant. Unfortunately, the application was refused but we were able to secure a partnership with Ballyfermot IT to provide the required training for our community (See also page 17.)

ii) The Social Committee:

The Committee organised a family day on the Eid al-Fitr day. Activities were held at the Transport Club on Clogher Road, Dublin 12. It also organised Eid Al-Adha celebrations on the grounds of the Mosque.

The Committee organised two teams from IFI who took part in the football tournament entitled ‘Global Goal Against Racism’ which was held on 24th of April 2014.

iii) The Property Maintenance Committee:

Members of the Committee are: Ibrahim Ahmed Saad, Abu Bakar Hassan, Madar Yusuf and Dr Mudafar Al-Tawash.

The Committee reviewed the rent of the shop, restaurant and internet café and introduced payment of rate by all three tenants. The Committee carried out inspection visits to one of the IFI houses to ensure that it is kept in good cleanliness and maintenance condition. Double glazed windows were fitted in the house No. 9 Dufferin Avenue, Dublin 8.

iv) Public Relations (P.R.) Committee:

Members of the Committee are: Mohamed Djimani, Dr Mudafar Al-Tawash, Said El Bouzari and Yahya Al-Hussein.

The Committee met several times to discuss and respond to different media events as they happened. This included statements in response to the Charlie Hebdo incident in France and different newspaper articles.

Other activities included organising and participating in open day in the Mosque, such as FAITH IN THE CITY programme, activities in the Muslim National School and interfaith meetings and activities.



Open day in the Mosque as part of Faith in the City Programme by Dublin City Interfaith Forum, Dublin City Council held on the 2nd of February 2015

The Committee also met a candidate of the local elections who wished to meet representatives of the I.F.I. Soon after the Committee organised a public meeting in the Mosque for local election candidates in the Crumlin-Kimmage ward. Nine candidates were invited. Five were present at the meeting which was held on the 29th of April 2014. The meeting was attended by members of the community living in the area. Each candidate was given a chance to speak briefly to the audience and afterwards there was a session of questions and answers in which the audience raised issues of concern to them.

The Committee is planning to organise fund raising events for the new extension project in conjunction with the project's fund raising committee and also organise events to recognise people involved in the education of Muslim children and local organisations which support the work of the Islamic Foundation of Ireland.

6- Staff of the Islamic Foundation of Ireland:

a) Full-time staff:

- 1) Yahya M. Al-Hussein: Imam.
- 2) Dr Mudafar Al-Tawash: Administrator.
- 3) Mohamed Ali: Mosque cleaning and maintenance.

b) Part-time:

1. Abdelaziz Metarfi (Qur'an School.)
2. Abdullah Echchalh (Security)
3. Abdirisak Dahir Farah (Weekend Qur'an School.)

4. Salim Binlahman (Qur'an Weekdays & Weekend Schools.)

7- Tús Community Work Placement Initiative:

Tús "Start" is a community-based work placement initiative aimed at providing short-term working opportunities for people who are unemployed for more than one year. The placement is for 19.5 hours per week and it lasts for one year. There were four people who were placed with us under this scheme. Two of them completed their term of one year and were replaced by another two. The people working with us currently under this programme are: Nor Nasib (ladies activities/office assistant), Ahmed Abdullah (security), Hakim (cleaning and maintenance) and Tuabu (abdul Karim) Malombo (maintenance)

8- Financial Contributions Towards the Running of the Mosque

Contributions by members of the community towards the running expenses of the Mosque were received in the form of:

i) Donations through the donation boxes.

ii) By direct debit. There are 15 brothers and sisters who continue to make regular contributions towards the running costs of the Mosque through direct debit. The amounts donated range between €10 and €50 per month making a total of €283.93 per month.

We are very grateful to these brothers and sisters for their generosity and support for their Mosque. We ask Allah *subhanahu wa ta'la* to reward them with the best reward and to replace –in abundance- whatever they spent for His sake.

We would like to appeal to all Muslims to support their Mosque, and to fill the direct debit form available and the end of this report and from the IFI offices.

9-The I.F.I. Awqaf (Endowments)

The Islamic Foundation of Ireland owns the following properties as Waqf for the Mosque:

1) 158 South Circular Road, Dublin 8.

2) 266 South Circular Road, Dublin 8.

3) 4 Dufferin Avenue, Dublin 8.

4) 9 Dufferin Avenue, Dublin 8.

5) Flat upstairs the I.F.I. offices at 163, South Circular Road.

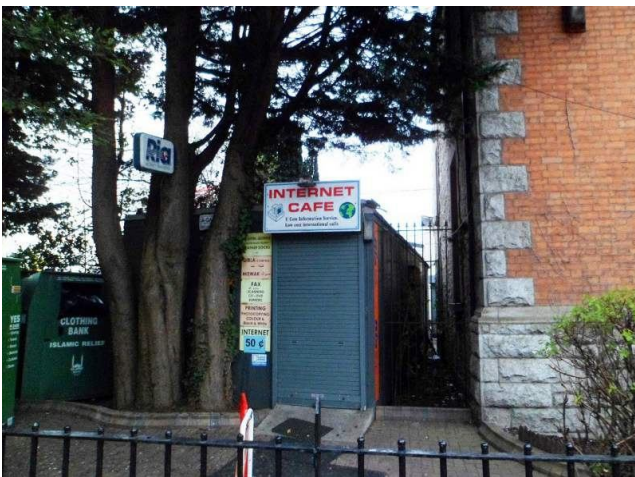
Other Waqf properties of the I.F.I. are the Al-Barakah shop, the Al-Khair restaurant and the U Com internet café. The rental income from these properties is the main source of revenue for the I.F.I. to cover its expenses.

10- New Extension Project: The Qur'an School Building:

Apart from the two state-funded primary schools, the IFI also runs three part-time schools for teaching children the Qur'an, Islamic Education and Arabic language. Children are taught in the evenings Monday to Thursday and over the weekends.

At present children are taught in areas in the Mosque that are not adequately suited for educational purposes. Many times the classes are cancelled because they clash with other activities in the Mosque. The space is too small to accommodate all the children, and we had to hire classrooms from a local Catholic school in the area. Hiring is not the best option in the long term from a financial point of view. There is also need for classrooms to teach adult men and women reading and memorisation of the Qur'an, teaching Arabic language to non-Arabic speaking people and to teach new Muslims their *Deen*.

Last year (2014) we started looking into a project to expand the current facilities of the Islamic centre. The proposed expansion includes removing the present prefab building besides the administration offices and constructing two storey building that will be connected to the administration building.



Current prefab building



Proposed two storey building on the left

A top floor on the current shop and restaurant's building will be erected which will be joined to the main Mosque at one end and the administration building at the other end.



Current shop and restaurant building



Proposed top floor building

The new project includes multi-purpose facilities for the Qur'anic schools and other related educational and Da'wa activities.



An architect services were hired and drawings were made and reviewed. An application for planning permission has been lodged with the Dublin City Council. We are expecting a positive response, insha' Allah, from the planning authorities.

Fund-raising committee has been formed and fund raising for the project will be launched immediately after planning permission is granted.

It is estimated that the construction costs of the project will be €752,644.00 according to an estimate made by a quantity surveyor.

12- The Muslim Primary Education Board (MPEB):

The Muslim Primary Education Board is the management support body for the Muslim national schools in Ireland. It was set up by the patronage of Muslim schools in Ireland and funded by the Department of Education and Skills. In addition to providing management support for the schools, the Board also represents their interests.

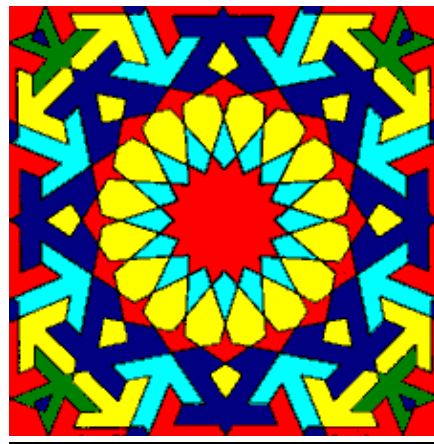
The Board consists of 10 members; including a chairperson, secretary general and treasurer. The new Board was appointed in March 2014 and will remain in office for two years. It consists of the following: Asiya Al-Tawash, Chairperson; Shaheen Ahmed, Secretary General; Amidu Ganiyu, Treasurer; Issah Huseini, Muhammed Irfan Hameed, Qaasim Abdelhafez, Nasreen Mehdi, Abdul Wasi Rahim, Shahrukh Mirza. Nasreen Mehdi resigned and was replaced by Fardus Sultan.

Following on from the previous term, in May 2014, the second stage of teacher training by the Association of Muslim Schools in UK took place in the Muslim National School, Clonskeagh where teachers from the Muslim National School, Clonskeagh and the North Dublin Muslim National School attended the training. The Board also held a meeting with the trainer at which feedback and further recommendations were given.

The National Council for Special Education who are proposing further funding for schools for their special needs gave a seminar which was attend by a couple of members at which they were briefed on how such funding is to be distributed amongst the schools.

A major new Relationship and Sexuality Education Programme has been implemented into primary schools this year which sees the introduction of some controversial teachings in this area. In this regard, the Board is arranging for some Muslim teachers to be trained on how to implement this programme in a suitable way and how to effect the lessons in an appropriate manner taking into consideration the Islamic perspective on it. They are also trying to establish links with other religious organisations who may be of assistance in the training of teachers to implement the new Relationships Programme in an appropriate manner.

There were further meetings and seminars such as Education in Ireland and opportunities for Migrants in Ireland hosted by the Sirius European Policy Network, the School Self Evaluation Programmes and the Department of Education meetings regarding school management, all of which were represented and attended by members. The Board are currently considering the next steps with regard to religion/Arabic/Quran teacher training to further develop them in their teaching methods.



SECTION B : GENERAL ACTIVITIES

1-The Prayers:

The following prayers were regularly held at the Mosque:

- The five daily prayers in Jama'ah.
- The Jumu'ah Friday Salat.
- *Taraweeh* and *Tahajjud* prayers during Ramadan.
- The two Eid prayers.

2-Ramadan and the Two Eids:

With the help of Allah and the tireless efforts of Br. Muhammad Yousuf, of the I.F.I. Al-Khair restaurant, we were able to prepare Iftar meals in the Mosque during the month of Ramadan. On average 200 people took their Iftar meals at the Centre.

All the costs of the Iftar meals were paid by contributions from some members of the community and a generous donation by Al-Maktoum Foundation. We would like to thank all the brothers and sisters who paid generously for this cause.

On the day of Eid Al-Fitr, two Eid prayers were held at the Mosque. The parking spaces of the National Stadium were hired for the day. The services of a local Garda were sought to organise traffic in the area of the Mosque.

After Eid prayers, presents were distributed to the children. Cakes and tea/coffee were served to adults. Some 35 presents were distributed to the neighbours in the area of the Mosque together with a letter explaining about the festival of Eid Al-Fitr.

As part of the celebrations of Eid al-Fitr, a family day was organised by the Social Committee. Activities were held at the Transport Club on Clogher Road, Dublin 12.



The activities included bouncy castles, small train for children, table tennis, food quarter and stalls for selling books and perfumes. The event was attended by the Deputy Mayor of Dublin and was broadcast on the evening news of RTE television



On the day of Eid Al-Adha, after Eid prayers, sweets and presents were distributed to the children. Cakes and beverages were served to adults.



Eid celebrations were organised on the Mosque grounds. Activities included bouncy castle and puppet show for the children.

3-Collection and Distribution of Zakat and Zakat al-Fitr:

The I.F.I. received Zakat and Sadaqah and distributed them on behalf of those who paid them to the needy Muslims in and outside Ireland. The current economic downturn has affected many Muslims living here, and through the Zakat money received we were able to help many Muslim families and individuals.

We are grateful to the Muslims who handed their Zakat and Sadaqah to us, and would like to thank them. We ask Allah reward them with the best reward.

The Zakat Al-Fitr this year amounted to €1450.00. This amount was handed to Muslim charities in Ireland, UK and Sierra Leone to distribute it to the needy Muslims in Asia and Africa.

Zakat and Zakat al-Fitr are **Not** used for the running of the Islamic Centre and Mosque but for the people who are allowed to receive them according to Shari'ah.

4- The Hajj:

This year and for the tenth time the I.F.I. was able, by the help of Allah, to organise the annual Hajj trip for Irish pilgrims. The total number of people who performed Hajj with the IFI group this year was 90 people.

Two packages were available; two weeks and three weeks. The costs of each of the two packages were €3400-00 and €4000-00 respectively. Each package included return flight, accommodation, Qurbani and food.

By the Grace of Allah, the Hajj journey went very well and the group members completed the Hajj rites as prescribed. On the 14th of Dhul-Hijjah the group left Mina to Makkah. Those who went on the shorter package left for home on the following day. The other group spent the last week of the journey in Makkah Le Meridien hotel near Al-Haram Al-Sharif.



Al-Hamdu-lillah, we were able to provide a satisfactory level of service to the pilgrims enabling them to perform the rites of Hajj without great hardship, and we were able to meet our obligations and promises.



For the third year, the Islamic Foundation organised Umrah trips after having obtained approval from the Ministry of Hajj in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to act as an external agent making Umrah arrangements for Muslims living in Ireland. Three hundred and fifty (350) went for Umrah through our agency.

It is worth mentioning that the Saudi Ministry of Hajj regulations require that all pilgrims must apply for visa through an approved agent in their country for both Hajj and Umrah. It is not possible for individuals to approach a Saudi embassy to acquire an Umrah or Hajj visa. It is also a requirement according to regulations that accommodation for the duration of the stay in Saudi Arabia is pre-booked before arrival in the country through the appointed agent.

5- Ramadan Qur'an Competition for Children:

The annual Ramadan Qur'an competition for children was held on the 14th of Ramadan 1435H corresponding to 11/07/2014. Twenty three (23) boys and fourteen (14) girls took part. There were five sections of the competition; the 30th part of the Qur'an, the 28th & 29th, the last three parts of the Qur'an, the last five and the last ten parts. Prizes and awards were distributed to 22 boys and girls.



6- Adult Educational Activities:

a) Lectures and Islamic Courses:

A number of lectures were held at the Mosque in collaboration with Discover Islam, FOSIS Ireland, Al-Maghrib Institute and Kuwaiti students in Ireland.

b) Study circles:

A bi-lingual (Arabic and English) study circle was held for men on Saturdays. The women study circles in Arabic and English met regularly on Saturday afternoons and Friday nights.



d) English Course for women:

English language classes for women have been held twice a week on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Mosque throughout the year. There were on average 24 ladies who were taught by two teachers.

The language courses are free of charge as they are sponsored by the New Communities Partnership as part of a programme sponsored by the Dublin City Council.



7- Da'wa and Introducing Islam:

a) Schools & Group visits to the Mosque:

During the year there were **20** visits to the Mosque by second level schools. The visits included tours of the Mosque, introductory talks on Islam and sessions of questions and answers.

b) Distribution of Islamic Literature and Answering of queries on Islam:

This included the:

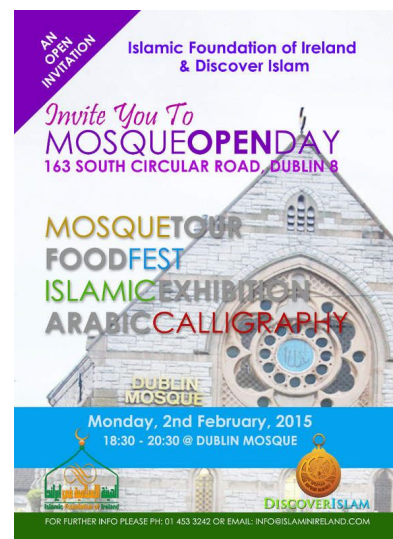
- Distribution of translations of the Qur'an and books and leaflets on Islam.
- Forwarding literature and information on Islam to secondary school students and other individuals who requested it.
- Answering e-mails and letters from students and other people who made enquiries on different aspects of Islam.

c) Mosque Open Day:

One Mosque open day was organised for the neighbours of the Mosque and local organisations in co-operation with Discover Islam on the 2nd of February 2015.

The programme was part of “Faith in the City” Programme by Dublin City Interfaith Forum of the Dublin City Council and included an Islamic exhibition, tour of the Mosque and distribution of Islamic literature.

Different types of food were served to the visitors. There were around 150 people who visited the Mosque on the day.



d) Interviews:

Interviews were given to newspapers, radio and graduates and post-graduates students on different issues relating to Islam and Muslims.

8- Adult Health Screening Day 2015:

Due to popular demand from the community, the Islamic Foundation of Ireland decided to roll out another Health Screening Programme this year. The purpose of this



The poster features the Islamic Foundation of Ireland logo at the top, which includes a crescent moon and Arabic text. Below the logo, it says 'ISLAMIC FOUNDATION OF IRELAND Presents'. The main title is 'Health Screening Programme' in large, bold letters. Underneath, it reads 'We create awareness of good health in our community and in the neighborhood' and 'Health Checkup Provided'. A list of services is provided with checkmarks: Total Cholesterol/HDR, Triglyceride, Lipids Density (High/Low), Glucose Measurement (Diabetic Check), Blood Pressure, and Heart Rate and Full Blood Count. It also states 'Participant Should Fast For 2 Hours', 'FREE FOR ALL', and 'First Come First Served'. The event details are: Date: 21st March 2015 (Saturday), Time: 10:00 - 18:00, Location: IFI, 163, South Circular Road, Age: 18-100 years, Male and Female. Contact information is at the bottom: Ph: 014533242 | E-mail: Admin@islaminireland.com | www.islaminireland.com. There are also social media icons for Facebook and Twitter.



programme is to raise awareness, help the community maintain good health and to facilitate referrals to GPs and hospitals.

The event was aimed at both members of the community and neighbours of the Mosque and was held on March 21st 2015 from 10:00 a.m. to 06:00 p.m.

A company, Health Care Screening Ireland, was hired to carry out the tests and the service of volunteer Muslim doctors was sought. The screening was done free of charge and included six check-ups. These were: blood pressure, cholesterol level, blood glucose level, heart rate, full blood count and body mass index. The screening went very well and over 80 people were tested.

9- Community, National and International Relations

- Collections after Salat Al-Jumu'ah were made throughout the year for different Muslim mosques and organisations and charities. These collections were in support of newly established Mosques in Ireland, Da'wah activities, Muslim relief, student organisations and community projects. Sale of work was organised for the relief of needy people in Gaza and Syria.



Little Youssef Hussin takes part in charity collection

- Officials and representatives of the I.F.I. took part in several meetings with community bodies and groups including Garda Síochána, Dublin City Council, Canal Communities Partnership, Dublin City Council Interfaith Forum and ENAR Ireland (Irish branch of the European Network against Racism.)
- The Imam attended on behalf of the Islamic Foundation of Ireland an international conference on combating terrorism which was organised by the Muslim World League and held in Makkah from 22nd to 25th of February 2015.

11- Benefit IT Scheme Training– Basic Information Technology Training

The Finance Committee realised the need for training members of the community in basic information technology and made an application on behalf of the IFI to the Department of Communication and Natural Resources to train 500 Muslims across the country. The application was not approved by the Department due to various reasons. The Committee decided to partner with Ballyfermot IT Centre (BITC) in Dublin 10 who got funding for Benefit IT training. A contract was made between the two parties whereby the Islamic Foundation of Ireland would train 48 people.

A team of four Muslim trainers was chosen to train the participants in internet usage, email setup, online services, internet video communication and safety and security.



The training sessions were held in the mornings from 10:00 to 12:00 noon and in the evenings from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Weekend courses for women were held on Saturdays and Sundays from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. for two and half weeks.

At the end of the courses certificates of completion of digital skills training were awarded to the trainees.

The training was completed successfully on time before the deadline of June 2015.

10- Workshop on Reporting Racist Incidents;

The face of racism has evolved over the last decades and has taken many different forms resulting in a complex and multi-faceted phenomenon. According to the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, it is defined as: *“The term “racial discrimination” shall mean any distinction, exclusion, restriction or preference based on race, colour, descent, or national or ethnic origin which has the purpose or effect of nullifying or impairing the recognition, enjoyment or exercise, on an equal footing, of human rights and fundamental freedoms in the political, economic, social, cultural or any other field of public life.”*

The staff of the IFI attended a workshop on reporting racist incidents organised by ENAR Ireland, The European Network against Racism, Ireland. The training was delivered by two representatives of ENAR Ireland and was attended by six staff members and covered the following:

- Experiences of racism against Muslims in Ireland and what appropriate responses to incidents of racism against Muslims can we develop?
- People's difficulty in reporting or responding to racism.
- Why is it important to record racist incidents?
- How to record racist incidents using www.iReport.ie,



Racism:
see it
send it
end it.

[www.iREPORT.ie](http://www.iReport.ie)



We would like to advise IFI community and Muslims in general to report any racist incidents through the website www.iReport.ie so that the incident is dealt with in a professional manner.

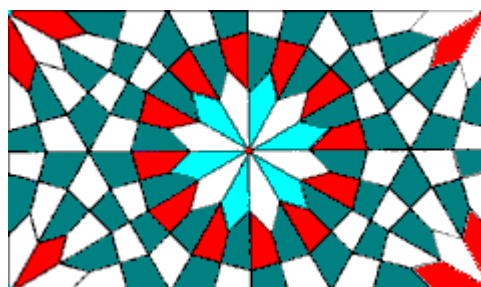
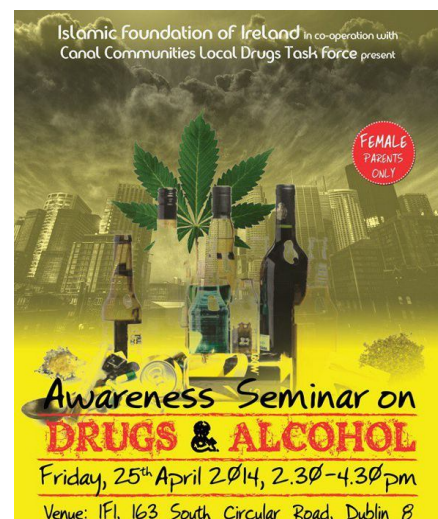
12- Global Goal Against Racism:

The IFI participated in a football tournament entitled ‘Global Goal Against Racism’ organised jointly by the Intercultural Youth Work Project of the Canal Communities Regional Youth Service and the Islamic Foundation of Ireland. The IFI participated with teams in the tournament which took place on the 24th of April 2014 at Lourdes Celtic, Sundrive Road, Dublin 12.



12- Drug Awareness Seminar for ladies:

An awareness Seminar on drugs and alcohol was held by the IFI in co-operation with the Rialto Local Drug Task Forum on Friday the 25th of April 2014. The seminar was held for ladies only. This followed an earlier one for men. Issues discussed included signs and symptoms of drug use, physical effects of drugs on the body, psychological and social effects of drug use on the individual, family and community and resources and support.



SECTION C: SERVICES

1-Children's Education

a) **The Muslim National School, Clonskeagh.**

- Full-time state-funded primary school for Muslim children in Dublin.
- Established by the Islamic Foundation of Ireland in 1990.
- Opened in temporary accommodation in the Dublin Mosque and later moved to new premises in Clonskeagh in 1993 following a generous donation by Sheikh Hamdan Al-Maktoum, Dubai, United Arab Emirates.
- In September this year (2015) the school completes 25 years since establishment, and will celebrate this anniversary.



- School enrolment stands at **291** pupils at present.
- There are **20** full-time Dept. of Education's teachers including the Principal. There are also **3** Special Need Assistants (SNAs) who are paid by the Dept. of Education and Skills. The Qur'an, Deen and Arabic are taught by 5 part-time teachers
- The school receives capital funding from the Department of Education towards class-teachers' salaries and SNAs. It also receives capitation grant (a yearly €183 per child), children's transport grants, and other ancillary grants.
- There are **7** buses for the transport of children to the school from different parts of south Dublin. The bus service is overseen by Bus Eireann and parents apply directly to them. There is an annual charge of €100, and medical card holders are exempted from this charge.

b) **North Dublin Muslim National School**

- The North Dublin Muslim National School is the second state-funded Muslim primary school in Ireland. It was opened in September 2001.
- The school is accommodated in temporary premises on the Ratoath Road, Cabra, Dublin 7.

- Teachers' salaries and rent of the premises are borne by the Department of Education and Skills. The school also receives capitation and other standard grants from the Department of Education and Skills.
- The current enrolment is 243 Pupils. There are 14 teachers whose salaries are paid by the Department of Education and Skills and one Special Need Assistant.
- The Qur'an, Deen and Arabic are taught by three part-time Muslim teachers.



- There are five buses to transport the children to the school; two from Lucan, one from Blanchardstown, one from Clonee and one from Tallaght/Dublin 8.
- The school has continued to make very good progress as recognised by the Department of Education and Skills during the 2012 Whole School Evaluation and the 2014 Follow Through Inspection.

d) Al Falah Islamic School

- The Al Falah Islamic School was established by the Islamic Foundation of Ireland in May 2000. The purpose of the School is to provide, on Saturdays, Islamic education for children and women.
- Qur'an, Arabic and Religious studies are taught to children aged between 4 and 16 years. Two classes are also provided at for ladies.
- Students follow a comprehensive curriculum from beginners' level to advanced level for both native Arabic and non-native speakers.
- Classes are held at Scoil Treasa Naofa on Petrie Road, Dublin 8. School starts at 11:00 a.m. and finishes at 04:00 p.m.
- There are currently a total of 109 students enrolled in the school of which 99 are children and 10 are ladies. Children are taught by 7 teachers while the lady class has a separate teacher.
- The school charges a fee to cover its expenses.

d) The Evening Qur'anic School

- The Children Qur'anic School was established in January 2002.
- The School teaches Qur'an for children aged 4 years and above.

- Classes are held in the evening four times a week from Monday to Thursday from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. There are two classes for boys and one class for girls.
- Currently there are **70** children attending the school who are taught by three teachers; two teachers for the boys and one for the girls.

e) The Weekend Qur'anic School:

- The Weekend Children Qur'anic School was established in 2009.
- The School teaches memorisation and reading of the Qur'an and basic Islamic knowledge for children aged 4 years and above.
- There are five classes which are held on Saturdays and Sundays from 11 a.m. to 04:00 p.m.
- Currently there are **125** children and youths attending the school who are taught by four teachers.



Some of Weekend Qur'anic School children & teachers



Some of Al-Falah School children and teachers

2- Marriages

45 marriages were performed at the Mosque during the year. We ask Allah (*subhanahu wa ta'ala*) to bless all these marriages and to give the couples all the benefits of their married life together.

3- Counselling:

Marriage and counselling services were offered by the Imam of the I.F.I. to members of the community. This service was extended to several people during the year.

4- Hospital and Prison Visits:

Hospital visits were carried out by I.F.I. staff to Muslims in hospitals and in prisons. Copies of the Qur'an, books and financial help was provided to some Muslim inmates including payment of college fees for an Irish Muslim revert in one of Dublin prisons.

5- Certification of Halal Meat/Products

Most of the Halal certification carried out by the I.F.I. was for milk products and processed food produced by a local processing plant which supplies Subway in U.K.

with Halal meat-based food products. Some Halal certificates were issued for meat and processed food products exported to the United Arab Emirates.

6- Garda Clinics:

Local Garda clinics were held at the Islamic Centre once a month after the Friday prayers from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. The service by two Gardi included signing passport and driving licences application forms, follow up on immigration issues such as visa and residence applications, advice on issues related to court cases etc.

7- Garda Vetting for People Working with Children:

Dr Mudafar Al-Tawash, IFI Administrator, is the person chosen by the Muslim Primary Education Board and authorised by An Garda Síochána to vet in collaboration with the Garda teachers, employees and volunteers working with children in the Muslim community. In September 2014 Mudafar attended the second Garda vetting training course held in the Garda College in Co. Tipperary. Vetting was carried out to teachers in the two Muslim national schools, IFI Qur'an teachers, Nur Al-Huda Qur'an teachers, Da'wa Centre School and IFI volunteers.

8- Translation Service:

Translation service of documents from Arabic and Urdu to English and from English to Arabic was offered at a fee of €25.00 per document.

9- Islamic Online University (IOU):

The Islamic Foundation of Ireland is a recognised as an official IOU examination centre. During the year 8 students did their exam at our centre.

10- Deaths and Burial:

During the year there were 40 burials in the Muslim section in Newcastle cemetery (23 adults and 17 infants and miscarriages.)

The I.C.C staff and some men and women volunteers helped wash the deceased. The washing facilities in the Clonskeagh Mosque were used for Ghusl of the deceased.

The current costs of purchasing a grave in the Muslim section of Newcastle burial ground are as follows:

A child grave space: €100.00

An Adult grave spaces: €1520.00

This amount is paid to the Dublin County Council.

In addition, the gravedigger charges €150 for a child's grave and €450 for an adult's grave.

The undertakers charge approximately €280.00 for transfer of remains from hospitals to the Mosque and from there to the cemetery. The cost of sending a body abroad would be approximately €4000 to €6000.00 depending on the destination.

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- The brothers and sisters who contributed towards the Iftar meals during Ramadan.
- The brothers and sisters who helped wash the deceased Muslims.

IN CONCLUSION

We ask Allah to forgive us for our shortcomings and to help us, Ameen. "And the end of our prayer is that: Praise be to Allah, Lord of the world."



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