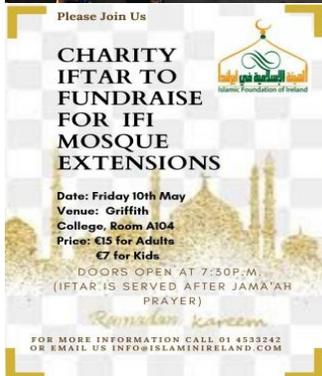


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For the Years 2019 & 2020



The Islamic Foundation of Ireland

Charity Registration Number (RCN) 20012809

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES:

- a) **To cater for the religious, cultural, and social needs of Muslims in Ireland.**
- b) **To try and represent Islam in its true perspective and to follow up and correct any misrepresentations of Islam.**
- c) **To organise from time-to-time lectures and seminars and/or publish papers or magazines on Islamic topics.**
- d) **To maintain in Ireland libraries of Islamic literature.**
- e) **The Islamic Centre shall be dedicated to the service of Allah and shall remain above any ethnic and territorial consideration.**
- f) **To try to alleviate the difficulties of Muslims in distress.**
- g) **To provide, within the limits of its capacity, such services as may be required for the welfare of Muslims in hospitals, prisons and elsewhere and to effect burials, according to Islamic rites, of Muslims in Ireland.**
- h) **To provide, within the extent of the funds and materials acquired, for the foregoing aims and objects at the discretion of the Majlis.**

(Rule 4 of the Constitution of the Islamic Foundation of Ireland)



ISLAMIC FOUNDATION OF IRELAND

ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE PERIOD: APR. 2019 – APR. 2020
& APR. 2020 – APR. 2021

For the 60th Annual General Meeting of the IFI to be Held on 10/04/2021

SECTION A : ADMINISTRATION

1- The General Assembly

New members admitted during the year 2019 period were: **21.**

New members admitted during the year 2020 period were: **3.**

Those who left the country or ceased to be members were: **12.**

Total number of registered members at present is: **2014.**

2- Annual General Meeting (AGM) 2019

The last Annual General Meeting of the Society was held on the 28th of April 2019.

The main agenda of the meeting included:

- i) Presentation and discussion of the annual report of activities for the year 2018.
- ii) Presentation and discussion of the IFI financial report for the year 2018.
- iii) Talk by guest speakers from Kevin Street Garda Station on personal safety and security followed by questions and answers.
- iv) A talk by a member of Dublin 15 Addiction Team entitled ‘Challenges of intercultural Living.’



The Annual General meeting on 28th April 2019

3- Annual General Meeting (AGM) for 2020:

The Annual General Meeting of the Society for year 2020 was announced and was due to be held on 19 April 2020; however, due to Covid-19 pandemic and lockdown, the AGM was postponed.

4-The 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) Ganeeu Badru (elected during the AGM held on 22nd April 2018.)

5- The Majlis ash-Shura (Council)

The Majlis consisted of elected members for a term of two years, the Imam and co-opted members. Seven members were elected at the annual general meeting held on the 22nd of April 2018, for the period 2018-2020. These were:

- 1) Ahmad Ryklief
- 2) Bilal Yousuf.
- 3) Bamiji Kowiyy Ayinde.
- 4) Madar Yusuf.
- 5) Musab Hersi Ali
- 6) Nor Nasib.
- 7) Said El Bouzari.

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

- i) Monsurat Alabi-Oladipo.
- ii) Taquiuddin Mohammed
- iii) Waseem Yousaf

Musab Hersi Ali resigned from the Majlis in 2018. Bamiji Kowiyy Ayinde resigned in December 2020 and Nor Nasib resigned in January 2021.

The Majlis held ten (10) meetings during the year 2019/2020 period and made several decisions.

The Majlis held twelve (12) meetings during the year 2020/2021 period (and made several decisions.

Charity Governance Code: In addition to discussing and deciding on various issues and activities of the Society, the Majlis spent considerable time discussing and approving several governance and operational policies and procedures of the Society and codes of disciplines in compliance with the charity governance code. By the time, the Society is due to report to the Charities Regulator (31st August 2021), we hope to report our full compliance with the code (Declaration A.)

6-Majlis Committees:

The Majlis formed six committees to carry out different tasks.

i) The Finance Committee:

The primary assignment of the Committee is to implement sound financial procedures and controls.

The members of the Committee were: Ahmad Ryklief (Treasurer and Chairman), Bilal Yousuf, Shahrukh Mirza, Nor Nasib and Fazel Ryklief.

The Committee held several meetings and carried out various activities that include the following:

- Review the financial activity of the IFI and the annual accounts.
- Working with the IFI accountant to standardise and further streamline the monthly reporting.
- Work with the IFI Administration to identify potential cost savings.
- Research and apply for external funding for the IFI.
- Review the funding applications that we receive from other Muslim organisations. We assess the viability of the applications and make the decision to donate or not and the amount to be donated. It is then referred to the Majlis for the final decisions and if necessary, by the trustees.
- The Committee conducted a survey for pilgrims following the Hajj trip in August 2019 consisting of approximately 15 questions. The purpose of the survey was to get a greater understanding of areas that need improvements.
- The Committee ran a few promotions for the shop through social media and through advertisements.
- A member of the Finance Committee did the bookkeeping for the shop after it closed. The shop was managed by the IFI for approximately a year and a half. Due to the drop in sales, the IFI were left with the option of letting it out or using it for other purposes to benefit the community. The shop is currently available for renting.

ii) The Social, Youth and Outreach Committee:

The members of the Social & Outreach committee were Bilal Yousuf (Chairperson), Dr Mudafar Al-Tawash, Hanan Amer, Ahmad Ryklief and Nor Nasib.

The committee organised the following activities:

- Eid al Fitr Celebrations in the Synge Street GAA Club ground, Crumlin Road, Dublin 12 (June 2019).
- Eid al-Fitr celebration. Cakes were distributed to 100 Neighbours (June 2019)
- Eid al-Adha celebrations in the IFI (August 2019)
- Neighbours and schools open day & Islamic Exhibition (February 2020)
- Eid al-Adha prayers and celebration in the Synge Street GAA Club ground, Crumlin Road, Dublin 12 (July 2020).

iii) Public Relations Committee:

Members of the Committee were: Dr Mudafar Al-Tawash, Said El Bouzari, Yahya Al-Hussein, Monsurat Alabi, Fazel Rylief, Nor Nasib and Ahmad Ryklief.

The Committee responded to different political and media events as they happened including answering telephone calls, responding to email messages receiving people who visited the Mosque.

iv) Property Committee:

The property committee met during the year, discussed various issues relating to the IFI properties and achieved the following.

- The Centre complex and IFI houses were maintained and repaired as the need arose. Rental and lease of the restaurant was discussed and agreed.
- The Committee discussed and agreed to increase the rented properties by 4%.
- The flooring of the entrance of the ladies' section needed repairs and was repaired.

v) The Mosque Extension Project Fundraising Committee:

The members of the committee: Hidayat Mirza, AbdulKowiy, Waseem Yousaf, Dr. Mudafar Al-Tawash, Hanan Amer, Nor Nasib, Abdulganee Badru, Ziaul Haque, Khadijah, Hafid Tribak, Fatimo and Monsurat Alabi-Oladipo. There were also other members who attended meetings at various times as time permitted them.



In May 2019, the IFI Fund Raising committee organised Iftar Dinner at Griffith College toward the last ten days of Ramadan. This call raised approximately €42,000. On 10th May 2019, during the last ten days of Ramadan, the committee launched a campaign for people to donate for the extension project and organised sale of work and both raised €19,800.

The Committee revised the strategy to promote online funding through Gofundme.com to reach out to the wider community within Ireland and abroad. This Online fundraising has helped in raising extra funds into the project account.

A Drive through Iftar was organised on the 20th of May 2020. We thank volunteers and sponsors of the Iftar. All funds raised were channelled to the extension project. Other up-coming plans are:

An application to extend the planning permission for extension project was made to the Dublin City Council. The planning permission was extended up to August 2025.

The committee would like to thank those who have participated in the fundraising activities. We request any suggestions, which could see the full amount raised, and we will be grateful to you.

vi) Hajj Committee:

Members of the Committee were Imam Yahya, Kowiyy Ayinde, Said El Bouzari and Hossin Elporgay and Bilal Yousuf. The Committee held two meetings and discussed several Hajj issues including accommodation, the prices of the packages and other related issues including the cancellation of the year 1441H /2020.

7- Staff of the Islamic Foundation of Ireland:

a) Full-time staff:

- 1) Yahya M. Al-Hussein: Imam.
- 2) Fares Sabbagh: Administrator.
- 3) Fazel Ryklief: Assistant Administrator/Accounting.
- 4) Mohamed Ali: Mosque cleaning and maintenance.

b) Part-time:

1. Abdelaziz Metarfi (Qur'an School.)
2. Abdullah Ech Chalh (Security)
3. Abdirisak Dahir Farah (Weekend Qur'an School.)
4. Bashir Ahmed Mohamed (Weekend Qur'an School.)
5. Salim Mansur (Qur'an Weekdays & Weekend Schools.)
6. Hossin Elporgay (Hajj and Umrah.)

Fares Sabbagh was appointed in August 2019 as the Administrator of the IFI to replace Dr Mudafar Al-Tawash. A farewell party was held by the IFI to commemorate

Dr Mudafar’s longstanding contributions to the IFI and the Muslim community. Dr Mudafar is still volunteering for the IFI and is working on a few committees.

On the 5th of March 2020, the IFI staff attended a one-day fire warden and manual handling training course.



IFI staff Fire Warden and Manual Handling training

8- 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 are currently two people who are placed with us under this scheme.

9- Financial Contributions by Community Members:

Contributions by members of the community towards the running expenses of the Mosque were received in the form of donations through the Mosque expenses donation box and by direct debit. There are fourteen (14) brothers and sisters who continue to make regular contributions towards the running expenses of the Mosque by direct debit with amounts ranging between €1.27 to €50 monthly and monthly average was €527.36.

Contributions towards the Mosque extension project were made through collections after Friday prayers, donations through the donation box and direct debit. Fifteen (15) brothers and sisters made monthly contributions that ranged between €5 and €100 per month.

We are very grateful to the brothers and sisters for their generosity and support for their Mosque.

10-The IFI Awqaf (Endowments)

The Islamic Foundation of Ireland owns five houses as Waqf property for the Mosque. In addition to the houses there is an office that is rented out as well as a flat upstairs, the IFI offices, the Al-Khair restaurant and the portacabin which is rented to Discover Islam Ireland. The rental income from these properties is the main source of revenue for the IFI to cover its expenses.

The IFI Shop: The last tenant of the IFI shop premises decided to cease trading on the 1st of October 2018. The shop continued under our supervision for some time; however, since 8th March 2020 it has been closed as the business was not good and it was not viable to keep it open. The IFI is currently looking for a tenant to rent the shop premises.

11- The Mosque Extension Project:

The proposed plan of the extension aims to provide more space for the religious and educational activities. The extension includes removing the existing prefab building and building in its place a two-storey building. It also includes building a top floor on the existing shop and restaurant building.



Proposed two storey building on the left



Proposed top floor building

Efforts continued to fundraise for the project. Collections after Friday prayers were made on monthly basis before the Covid-19 pandemic and the lockdown. Direct debt forms were distributed to those who preferred to make monthly donations. Currently there are fifteen (15) brothers and sisters who make monthly contributions to the extension project. The monthly paid monies range between €5 to €100 with an average total of €993.00 per month.

So far €235,749.00 has been raised. It is hoped that the construction work would start when we reach a certain amount of the projected budget. The initial estimated cost was €752,000. This amount may increase due to inflation and increase in costs of materials and labour.

12- The Muslim Primary Education Board (MPEB):

- The Muslim Primary Education Board is the management support body and Patron’s representative body for Muslim National Schools in Ireland. The Board supports school Boards of Management by providing information regarding the implementation of school policies. The Board also represents the views of Muslims

on educational policy decisions of both governmental and non- governmental organisations.

- In November 2019, the MPEB supported the North Dublin Muslim National School in moving from management by co-managers to establishing its new board of management giving greater participation to parents and community members. The MPEB wish the new board every success, insha'Allah.
- The MPEB attends regular meetings with the Department of Education and Skills and other educational bodies to share and discuss current educational trends, issues, and training modules.
- The Board represents Primary Management bodies on the Dept. of Education and Skills, Teacher Supply Communication Working Group. This working group hopes to increase teacher supply and promote teaching as a profession. The MPEB continues to highlight the lack of diversity in the teaching profession and continues to promote diversity as part of its remit within the group.
- The MPEB provide a Garda Vetting service for the two Muslim National Schools and for other designated Muslim schools and educational organisations.
- The MPEB currently has a seat on the Teaching Council of Ireland, representing Primary Management. The Council is a statutory body which promotes and regulates professional standards in the teaching profession. Members of the Council are appointed by the Minister of Education and Skills. During its four-year term, the MPEB not only represents Muslim interests on the Teaching Council but also represents other Primary Management bodies, the nomination to the Teaching Council has afforded the Board the opportunity to increase its input and profile in the mainstream Irish educational sector.
- The MPEB have, in conjunction with the Catholic Primary Schools Management Association (CPSMA) and the Diocesan Education Board, facilitated training for Muslim schools Boards of Management.

January to December 2019

During the 2019 period the MPEB represented the two Muslim National Schools and Muslim educational interests in several meetings and forums, including:

- Garda Vetting Conference
- Enactment of Admissions to Schools' Bill.
- Wellbeing in Education.
- Dept of Education: Brexit Overview
- School Patronage Workshop
- National Consultative Forum on Teacher Supply
- School Immunisation Programme Update DES/HSE
- National Literacy and Numeracy Forum
- Intercultural Education Conference DCU
- School Placement Working Group
- NCCA Symposium on the RSE Review

January to December 2020

As with most organisations the MPEB has continued with its regular work during the current pandemic while moving to online platforms. The Board became part of the Dept of Education online Primary Stakeholder School Communication Group which met weekly during lockdown to support schools in the provision of online learning and to help facilitate a safe return to school. During this period, the Board made submissions to the Department of Education and to the Oireachtas Covid 19 Committee on the safe return to school and on safety measures for school transport. The Board sought and put forward the views of Principals regarding continuing provision of education during the pandemic and has provided Principals and Boards of Management of Muslim schools' links to online training modules and useful webinars. As a member of the Teacher Supply Working Group the Board has continued to promote the importance of diversity in the teaching profession and have this year assisted the Dept. of Education to include a Muslim student teacher in the 'Teaching Transforms' campaign which encourages students into teaching as a profession. In conjunction with the Patron the MPEB attended a bilateral consultation with the National Council for Curriculum Assessment regarding the Draft Primary Curriculum Framework. Particular concerns were raised with regard to the reduction of time given to the Patrons Programme (religion) and the introduction of the Education for Religion and Beliefs (ERB) and Ethics module.

During the 2020 period the MPEB represented the two Muslim National Schools and Muslim educational interests in a number of online meetings and fora including;

- Teacher Supply Communications Working Group
- Stakeholder Updates on Registration, Vetting, Droichead, School Placement
- Submission to the Oireachtas Covid 19 Committee
- Submission to DES on School Transport and Covid 19
- Consultation School Placement 2020/21
- Wellness, Employee Assistances Services Update
- Centre for School Leadership Updates
- HSE Immunisation Updates
- Updates on Covid 19 HSE/ Taoiseach Office
- Irish forum For Global Education, UNESCO GEM Report
- National Council for Curriculum Assessment Leading Out Conference

The Board continues to develop its website www.muslimeducation.ie Information is available for parents and teachers with a section for school news, education updates and links to other useful sites. The Board can be contacted at info@muslimeducation.ie .

The Muslim Primary Education Board seeks through its work and capacity building in the field of education, to continue to represent the views of Muslims in policies and legislation at national level, better support and advise the management bodies of the Muslim National Schools and give a voice to Muslims within the educational sector.

SECTION B : GENERAL ACTIVITIES

1-The Prayers:

The five daily prayers in *Jama'ah* (congregation), the Jumu'ah Friday prayer, the *Taraweeh* and *Tahajjud* prayers in Ramadan and the two Eid prayers were held at the Mosque through the year 2019 period. However, for long periods in the year 2020 the Mosque has been closed and congregational prayers suspended due to the Covid-19 pandemic and the lockdown.



Prayer	Adhan	Iqamah
FAJR	5:08	5:38
SHUROOQ	6:46	
DHUHR	12:37	12:52
ASR	15:39	15:54
MAGHRIB	18:24	18:31
ISHA	19:56	20:11

Dhuhr
00:16:25

2.Ramadan and the Two Eids in 2019:

With tireless efforts of the staff of Al-Khair restaurant, Iftar meals were offered in the Mosque during the month of Ramadan in the year 2019 and on average 200 people took their Iftar meals at the Mosque.

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

After Eid prayers, presents were distributed to the children. Cakes and tea/coffee were served to adults. Presents were distributed to neighbours around the Mosque together with a letter explaining the festival of Eid al-Fitr.

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.

As part of the celebrations of Eid al-Adha, family day was organised by the Social Committee. Eid celebrations were organised on the Mosque grounds. Activities included a puppet show for the children and sale of food and sweets.



Eid al-Fitr 2019

Ramadan and the Two Eids 141 H./2020:

Due to Covid-19 pandemic, the lockdown, and the closure of the Mosque, *Taraweeh* prayers and the Eid-al-Fitr prayers were not held in the Mosque. By the time of the Eid Al-Adha, lockdown was eased and congregational prayers in places of worship were permitted with observance of social distancing.

Eid Al-Adha prayers in the park: By the end of July 2020 meeting restrictions were eased and we were able to hold the Eid Al-Adha prayers in congregation observing the social distancing of two meters between worshippers. Prayers were held at the Synge Street GAA Club, Crumlin Road, Dublin 12. Two Eid prayers were held at 9:00 and 10:15 a.m. to accommodate the numbers.



After the Eid prayers sweets and drinks were distributed to the adult and children and toys to the children.



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

The IFI received Zakat and Sadaqah and distributed them - on behalf of those who paid them- to the needy Muslims in and outside Ireland. Zakat and Zakat al-Fitr are **not** used for the running of the Islamic Centre and Mosque but for the people who are eligible to receive them.

In 2019 financial help was given to 68 people. In 2020 there were 70 beneficiaries who received financial assistance from the Islamic Foundation of Ireland.

We are grateful to the Muslims who handed their Zakat and Sadaqah to us and would like to thank them. It is through their Zakat and Sadaqah that we were able to help many Muslim families and individuals. We ask Allah to reward them abundantly.

The Zakat al-Fitr in the year 2019 amounted to €15,995.00. In 2020 the amount was €11,290.00.

4- The Hajj & Umrah:

i) The Hajj 2019:

For the fifteenth time the IFI was able, by the help of Allah, to organise the annual Hajj trip for Irish pilgrims in 2019. The total number of people who performed Hajj with the IFI group was 150 people.

Two packages were available: a budget two weeks package and the standard (three weeks.) The costs of each of the two packages were €4600-00 and €5200-00 respectively. Each package included return flight, accommodation, food and Qurbani.

By the Grace of Allah, the Hajj journey went very well, and the group members completed the Hajj rites as prescribed.

Al-Hamdu-lillah, the 2019 Hajj tour was successful. We were able to provide a satisfactory 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. This message came from the feedback received from the survey results; however, we believe there is always room for improvement.



ii) The Umrah:

For the eighth 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. Five hundred and seventy (570) people went for Umrah through our agency.

iii) Hajj and Umrah in 2020:

The Umrah trips were only opened for a few months in 2020 and have been suspended due to Covid-19 pandemic since March 2020. With the new tourist visa introduced by the Saudi authorities for 49 countries including Ireland, holders of Irish passports were able to obtain visas to enter Saudi Arabia online. This significantly decreased the number of pilgrims going through the IFI agency.

The Hajj for the year 1441 H./ 2020 was suspended due to Covid-19 pandemic.

5- Ramadan Qur'an Competition for Children:

In 2019, the Annual Ramadan Qur'an Competition for children and youths aged up to 25 years was held on the 20th of Ramadan 1440 H corresponding to 25/05/2019.

A total of 52 boys and girls took part in the competition. There were seven 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 parts, the last ten parts, the last 15th parts, and the full Qur'an.



A special closing ceremony was held in Dublin Mosque on the 28th of Ramadan corresponding to 2nd of June 2019 to announce the winners and distribute the prizes and awards. The guests of honour of the ceremony were Mr Abdullah Sfioui from the Moroccan embassy in Dublin and Trustees of the Islamic Foundation of Ireland; Mr Hidayat Mirza, Dr Mohammed Alhourani and Mr Ganeeu Badru.

In Ramadan 1441H/2020, Ramadan competition was not held due to the Covid-19 lockdown and closure of the Mosque.

6- Adult Educational Activities:

a) Lectures:

Over the lockdown in 2020, two lectures were organised. On 23rd October 2020, Dr Mamoun Mobayed, Director of Treatment, Dept. of Behavioural Healthcare, Ministry of Health, Qatar gave a virtual talk entitled ‘Covid-19, Home Quarantining and Psychological Well-being.’

Dr Haitham Al-Haddad gave a talk entitled: ‘Fiqh of Crises – Our Understanding and Approach.’

b) Ladies Study Circle in English:

The ladies Islamic study circle continued was held on Friday nights at 8:00 p.m. After the lockdown and closure of the Mosque, the circle is held online.

c) 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 8 ladies who were taught by one teacher.

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'wah and Introducing Islam:

a) Schools & Group visits to the Mosque:

During the year 2019 period there were 23 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. There were also some visits by third level student groups.



Secondary school students visiting the Mosque

b) Distribution of Islamic Literature and Answering 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 from students and other people who made enquiries on different aspects of Islam.

c) Interviews:

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

d) Mosque Open Day:

A Mosque open day was organised for the neighbours of the Mosque, local organisations, and school in co-operation with Discover Islam on the 12th of February 2019.

Different types of food were served to the visitors. There were around 120 people who visited the Mosque on the day.

No mosque open day was organised in 2020 due to the lockdown and the Mosque closure.



8- IFI Social Media Interaction:

In addition to our website (www.islamicfoundation.ie), the Islamic Foundation of Ireland has Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram accounts. Our Facebook page is by far the most followed page of the three with a response rate of 70% , 5000+ followers and 4700+ likes on our Facebook page.

It is a daily job ensuring that the IFI social media platforms are up to standard. We answer inboxes from Facebook users, post current events that are happening within the IFI, issue emergency statements and keep the Muslim public up to date.

This is a great way to promote the IFI and its activities as we are moving towards a more virtual world as a result of the industrial revolution 4.0 (digital.)

Facebook page: Islamic Foundation Ireland, South Circular Road.

Instagram page: Islamic Foundation Ireland.

Twitter page: @IFIDublinMosque

9- Community, National and International Relations

- Collections after Salat Al-Jumu'ah were made throughout the year 2019 and the beginning of 2020 for different Muslim mosques and organisations and charities.

These collections were in support of newly established Mosques in Ireland, educational activities, disaster relief, student organisations and community projects.

- The Lord Mayor of Dublin for 2019 -2020, Councillor Paul Mc Auliffe paid a Courtesy Visit to the Dublin Mosque on 31st July 2019.
- A representative of the IFI attended the meetings of the Dublin City Council Interfaith Forum (DCIF.)
- Imam Yahya Al-Hussein attended a ceremony held by the Muslim Association to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the organisation. The ceremony was held on the 10th of November 2019 in The Drogheda Grammar School, Drogheda, Co. Louth.



- A staff member of the IFI is a member of the South Dublin Partnership which oversees community development programmes in South Dublin such as adult education, adult employment, health awareness and other activities. Meetings of the group were held monthly to follow up on these activities.
- The Islamic Foundation of Ireland is a member of INAR (Irish Network Against Racism). An IFI representative attended their monthly meetings and updated them on racist attacks in Dublin area and outside Dublin and lobbied for changing some of the Facebook's policies and other social media platforms.
- A representative of the IFI is a member of the Canal Communities against Racism (CCAR), a group which holds monthly meetings at the Dublin Mosque (before the lockdown.) Issues relating to racism are discussed and an update to the members regarding racist attacks in the Dublin 8 area was given. The community Garda is a member of this organisation.
- The Lord Mayor of Dublin for 2020-2021, Councillor Hazel Chu paid a Courtesy Call to the Dublin Mosque on 30th July 2020.

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.



- School enrolment stands at **296** pupils at present.
- There are twenty-three (23) full-time Department of Education's teachers. There are also **five** (5) Special Need Assistants (SNAs.) 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 **six** (6) buses for the transport of children to the school from different parts of south Dublin. The bus service is overseen by Bus Eireann.
- In line with government directives regarding the covid-19 pandemic, the school was closed for periods in 2020 and 2021.

b) **North Dublin Muslim National School**

- The North Dublin Muslim National School (NDMNS) is located in Cabra, Dublin 7. The school was opened in September 2001 as Ireland's second state-funded Muslim primary school.
- The school is continuing to grow and at present provides an inclusive, high-quality, and pupil-centred education to over 300 pupils in twelve mainstream classes and one class for pupils with ASD (Autism.)
- NDMNS has a staff of thirty-six, which includes twenty-one teachers funded by the Department of Education and Skills, four teachers of Qur'an, Deen and Arabic, eight Special Needs Assistants and three ancillary staff.



- School buses operated by Bus Éireann serve areas of Dublin including Lucan, Blanchardstown, Clonee, Tallaght, South Circular Road, Clarehall, Ballymun and Coolock.
- In line with government directives regarding the covid-19 pandemic, the school was closed for periods in 2020 and 2021.
- More information about the school can be found on its website (www.ndmns.com) and Twitter account (@ndmns).

d) Al-Falah Islamic School

- The Al-Falah Islamic School was established by the Islamic Foundation of Ireland in May 2000. The School provides Islamic education and Arabic Language classes for children and women over the weekend holiday.
- Classes were held on Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 03:00 p.m.. Qur'an, Arabic and religious studies are taught to children aged between 4 and 16 years. One class is provided for the ladies.
- Students follow a comprehensive curriculum from beginners' level to advanced level for both native Arabic and non-native Arabic speakers.
- Classes were held at Scoil Treasa Naofa on Petrie Road, Dublin 8 but since the outbreak of the Covid-19 pandemic the classrooms at Scoil Treasa Naofa have become unavailable.
- Following the closure of the school building due to coronavirus pandemic in March 2020, Al-Falah went virtual for the rest of the academic year, delivering Online teaching lessons to its students using the latest technologies and apps such as Zoom virtual classroom and Edmodo. Students' participation and engagement in these virtual classrooms were great, with an estimated number of more than 70 students accessing the programme.
- By the beginning of the new school year in September 2020, the school tried to use the space at the Dublin Mosque but was forced to close again due to the pandemic and lockdown and go online. The school has been greatly affected by the closure and numbers have significantly decreased.

e) Al-Najah 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.
- Classes are taught over the weekend on Saturdays and Sundays from 09.30 a.m. to 05:30 p.m.
- The school has a branch in Naas, Co. Kildare. Classes are held on the evenings of Fridays and Saturdays.
- **150** children and adults attended the school at the IFI centre. They were taught by three teachers.
- After the outbreak of the coronavirus pandemic and the lockdown, Al-Najah went virtual delivering Online Qur'anic classes to its students by Zoom. Currently there are 80 students who are attending the classes online.
- The Al-Najah organised an Umrah trip for the students and their families and some other youth from the community.



f) The Evening Qur'anic School

- The Children's Qur'anic School was established in January 2002.
- The School teaches Qur'an for children aged 4 years and above.
- Classes were held at the Dublin Mosque in the evenings 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 **34** children attending online classes who are taught by two teachers.

2- Marriages

In 2019 there were 46 marriages performed at the Dublin Mosque. During the year 2020 there were 54 marriages. 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 Islamic Foundation of Ireland to members of the community. This service was extended to several people during the year.

4- Prison Visits

Visits to Muslim inmates in Clover Hill, Wheatfield and Mounjoy prisons were carried out by the IFI staff.

5- Certification of Halal Products:

The Islamic Foundation of Ireland is an approved Halal certifying body in Ireland by the Halal Authorities in several countries including Majelis Ulama Indonesia (MUI), Department of Islamic Developments, Malaysia (JAKIM), Majelis Ulama Singapore (MUIS) and Port Health and Food Control (Qatar) to certify Halal products exported from Ireland to these and other countries. Malaysia, Singapore, Qatar and to some other Gulf countries, European, Asian, and African countries.

Halal exports from Ireland to Muslim countries and Muslim minorities include meat products, processed food, dairy and other products.

The IFI is a member of the World Halal Food Council (WHFC) based in Jakarta, Indonesia, and the International Halal Authority Board (IHAB) based in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

A representative of the IFI attended the annual general meeting of the World Halal Food Council held in Jakarta, Indonesia during the period from the 13th to 15th of November 2019.

JAKIM 11th Halal Convention:

A Representative of the Islamic Foundation of Ireland attended the 11th Halal Certification Bodies Convention organised by the Department of Islamic Development, Malaysia (JAKIM) Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the convention was held virtually.



Halal Training:

Two representatives of the Islamic Foundation of Ireland attended an online training for auditors of the Halal certification bodies on Halal certification of microbial products organised by the Indonesian Halal Training and Education Centre (IHATEC) during the period from 16th to 19 of November 2020.



6- Garda and Councillor Clinics:

Local community Garda clinics were held at the Islamic Centre after the Friday prayers from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. in 2019 and the beginning of 2020. The service included signing passport and driving licence application forms, follow-up on immigration issues, advice on issues related to court cases and reporting of crimes and anti-racist attacks in the area.

The local Councillor Tina McVeigh held clinic to advise and provide information and guidance on accommodation and other issues.

7- Translation Service:

Translation service of documents from Arabic, Urdu, and French to English and from English to Arabic was offered at a fee of €25.00 per document. Translation of 334 documents were carried during the year 2020.

8- Deaths and Burial:

During the year 2019, there were 48 burials in the Muslim section in Newcastle cemetery (29 adults and 19 infants, still born and miscarriages.) In the year 2020, there were 50 burials (41 adults and 9 infants.)

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

Some members of the IFI and the community participated in cleaning up the Muslim graveyard. The Muslim Sisters of Eire, a voluntary women's charity, organised a number of cleaning up days to clean and tidy up the Muslim graveyard. We are grateful to them.

For further information on funeral arrangements and burial, visit the website of the Islamic Foundation of Ireland at: [www. https://islamicfoundation.ie/services/funeral-arrangements-and-burial/](http://www.https://islamicfoundation.ie/services/funeral-arrangements-and-burial/)

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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 worlds."

Standing Order/Direct Debit Form

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Islamic Foundation of Ireland

**ANNUAL GENERAL
MEETING**

**Saturday 10/04/2021 at 2:00 p.m.
after Dhuhur Prayer**

Venue: Online: Zoom platform



All members of the IFI are cordially invited to attend.

If you are a registered member, please provide your e-mail to receive the link for the meeting.