

بسم الله الرحمن الرحيم  
الهيئة الإسلامية في أيرلندا  
Islamic Foundation of Ireland

# ANNUAL REPORT



Fajr Knights Challenge for Children & Youth 23/12/ 21- 5/1/22. Ceremony at Dublin Mosque

## For the Year 2021

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**The Islamic Foundation of Ireland**

**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 and 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 60<sup>th</sup> 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 2021 period were: **4**.

Those who left the country or ceased to be members were: **0**.

Total number of registered members at present is: **2018**.

### **2- Annual General Meeting (AGM) 2021**

The last Annual General Meeting of the Society was held online through Zoom due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The meeting was held on the 10<sup>th</sup> of April 2021. The main agenda of the meeting included:

- i) Presentation and discussion of the annual report of activities for the year 2020.
- ii) Presentation and discussion of the IFI financial report for the year 2020.
- iii) Presentation by the Mosque Project Fundraising Committee.
- iv) Proposal to amend the constitution followed by discussion and voting.
- v) Election of Majlis ash-Shura (Council) for 2021-2023
- vi) Election of elected trustee for 2021-2023.

### **3-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 10<sup>th</sup> April 2021.)

### **4- Minor Amendment of the constitution:**

The need to carry out minor amendments of our constitution arose from the change by the government of the regulation governing the charities sector. Prior to 2014 the

Revenue Commissioners were responsible for regulating the charities sector in Ireland and there is a reference in our constitution of the requirement to send an up-to-date copy of our constitution to the Revenue Commissioners and to inform them of any change in the constitution. Since 2014 the Charities Regulator have become responsible for regulating the charities sector. Our constitution needed to reflect this change.

The required changes were presented to the IFI members in the Annual General Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> April 2021. They were discussed, a vote was taken. The amendments were passed by over two third's majority of the members present.

### **5- The Majlis ash-Shura (Council)**

Seven members were elected at the annual general meeting held on the 10<sup>th</sup> of April 2021, for the period 2021-2023. These were:

- 1) Ahmad Ryklief
- 2) Bilal Yousuf.
- 3) Monsurat Alabi-Oladipo.
- 4) Otun Ishaq Ajibola.
- 5) Said El Bouzari
- 6) Waheed Uddin.
- 7) Waseem Yousaf.

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

- i) Ziaul Haque.
- ii) Kase Bukhatwa.

The Majlis held twelve (13) meetings during the year and made several decisions. In addition to discussing and deciding on various issues and activities of the Society, the Majlis continued its work on the 'charities governance code' and spent considerable time discussing and approving 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 submitted its annual report to the Charities Regulator (31<sup>st</sup> August 2021), the work on the governance code was completed and we were able to report full compliance with the code.

### **6-Majlis Committees:**

The Majlis committees continued to carry out their 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), Shahrukh Mirza, Waheed Uddin, Otun Ishaq Ajibola, Fazel Ryklief, and Khalid Badri.

The Committee held 10 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.
- Identify financial risk factors within the IFI, the potential impact that they might have, steps to mitigate those risks, and scored them between low, medium, and high.
- Drew up an estimated budget for the IFI for the coming year.
- 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.
- Advises the Majlis on certain items of expenditure and investments.

#### **ii) The Social, Youth and Outreach Committee:**

The members of the Social & Outreach committee were Bilal Yousuf (Chairperson), Dr Mudafar Al-Tawash, Hanan Amer, Waheed Uddin, Fares Sabbagh and Ahmad Ryklief.

The committee organised the following activities:

Eid al Fitr celebrations in Synge Street GAA Club ground, Crumlin Road, Dublin 12 (May 2022)

Eid al-Fitr neighbours distribution: Cakes were distributed to 100 Neighbours (May 2022)

Bi-weekly youth programme in IFI in collaboration with Discover Islam (every second Friday)

The next open day for neighbours will be held during the summer of 2022.

#### **iii) Public Relations (PR) Committee:**

Members of the Committee were: Dr Mudafar Al-Tawash, Said El Bouzari, Yahya Al-Hussein, Monsurat Alabi, Fares Sabbagh, Fazel Rylief 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.

Two members of the PR Committee gave an interview to the Irish Examiner on the recruitment of minority groups in An Garda Síochána.

A member of the Committee was interviewed by the Irish Examiner about a violent assault on a staff member of the IFI while he was on his way to the Mosque.

Two members of the committee took part in a television programme based on Dublin Mosque made by Al-Hiwar Tv, an Arabic channel based in London. The programme was broadcast in Ramadan 2022.

The committee produced an educational video tour of the Mosque and the basics of Islam.

#### **iv) Property Committee:**

Members of the Committee consisted of the Imam, Abdul Kowiyy, Mudafar Al-Tawash, Fazel Ryklief and Fares Sabbagh. Due to Covid, the committee met once or twice during the year, discussed various issues relating to the IFI properties and achieved the following.

- Maintenance carried to properties and the Centre. Rental and lease of the shop was discussed and agreed.
- The Gas heating system was installed at a much lower cost than replacing the Heat pumps.
- 2 Complaints from neighbours about noise and food left out for birds at No. 9 & No.4 Dufferin Avenue. Resolved.
- 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 were: Waseem Yousaf (Chairman), Hidayat Mirza, Yahya Al-Hussein, AbdulKowiy, Dr. Mudafar Al-Tawash, Hanan Amer, Ganeeu Badru, Ziaul Haque, Wahhed Uddin, Yusuf Choudhary, Munir Hossain, Khadijah, Fatimo and Monsurat Alabi.

A new online payment system was integrated in the IFI website in March 2021, and this has helped IFI to raise approximately €7000 by the end of Ramadan 2021. Since March 2021 a total of €31,292.39 was raised through this online platform.

The committee agreed to focus and explore more online payment options to attract international donors.



Under the special circumstances during the pandemic, an Online fundraising event was held. Sheikh Abdur Raheem McCarthy was invited to talk about the topic “Tips



for making the best of the last 10 days of Ramadan”. There was good attendance and with the help of Islamic relief Ireland fundraiser we raised approximately € 4415.00.

During the month of Ramadan 2021, the committee continued with the Charity Iftar pick up & delivery program. There were a total of five Charity Iftars conducted and approximately €9070 was raised.



All proceeds for Mosque Extension Project.

Monday Summer barbecues were organized on the Masjid grounds to raise funds for the Mosque extension project. A total of €3120.00 were raised for the cause.



During the month of Ramadan 2022, the committee continued with the Charity Iftar pick up & delivery. There were total of three Charity Iftar conducted.

The committee would like to thank those who have participated in the fundraising activities and our donors.

**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.)

The IFI staff held seven meetings during the year. Some of the issues discussed included:

- Logistics of the mosque with particular attention to changing COVID regulations.
- Eid al-Fitr and Eid Al Adha & Ramadan preparations.
- Fajr Knights Challenge (for children)
- Charity governance code policies including code of conduct for the staff of the Islamic Foundation of Ireland, health and safety and child safeguarding policy.
- Quran schools issues.

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> of November 2021 the IFI staff attended a one-day first aid training course. The IFI staff have received basic health and safety training in all the mandatory fields and are fully compliant with HSA guidelines until 2024.



IFI staff First Aid 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



2 people who are placed with us under this scheme. There is also a part time employee from the CE scheme.

Our staff from Tus and the CE scheme have assisted us greatly with administrative work and the maintenance of the mosque.

### **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 the monthly average was €410.36.

Contributions towards the Mosque extension project were made through collections after Friday prayers, donations through the donation box, online donation through our website and direct debit. Fifteen (15) brothers and sisters made monthly contributions that ranged between €5 and €100 per month. Average of €629.42 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. 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 source of revenue for the IFI to cover its expenses.

**The IFI Shop:** The IFI shop premises was rented out in November 2021. The shop sells food products, dry goods, drinks, and clothing.

### **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. 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 €373,386.62 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 (MPEB) is the Patron's representative body and the management support body for Muslim National Schools in Ireland. The Board supports school Boards of Management by providing information with regard to the implementation of school policies. The Board also represents the views of Muslims on educational policy decisions of both governmental and non- governmental organisations.

The MPEB liaises and works with other Primary Education Management bodies in both the denominational and non-denominational education sectors. It consults on and receives all Dept. of Education and Skills new and draft circulars and educational updates, and shares information with schools. 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 MPEB undertook its regular work during the Covid 19 pandemic using online platforms. The Board continued as a member of the Dept of Education online Primary Stakeholder School Communication Group which met regularly to support schools in the provision of online learning and to help facilitate a safe return to school.

- Garda Vetting

The MPEB provides a Garda Vetting service for the two Muslim National Schools and for other designated Muslim schools and educational organisations.

- Teaching Council of Ireland

The MPEB 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 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. Ms Asiya Al-Tawash, Chairperson of the MPEB is the representatives of Primary Management Bodies on the Teaching Council of Ireland.



- Training

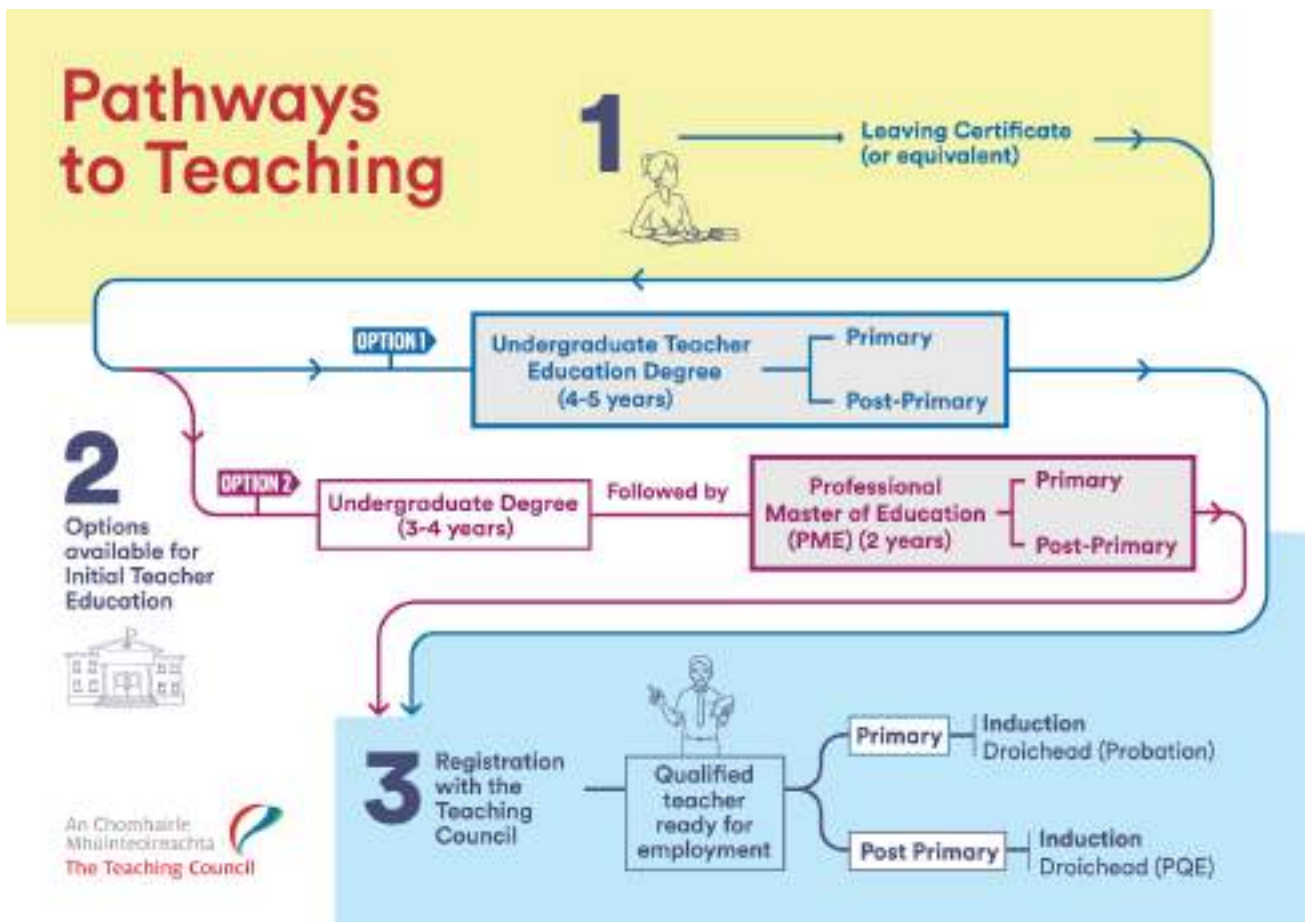
The MPEB have, in conjunction with the Catholic Primary Schools Management Association (CPSMA) facilitated training for school Boards of Management, further modules will be offered in the coming school year. The Board is also a member of the Boards of Management Training, Steering Group, Primary and Post Primary in conjunction with other School Management Bodies, Dept of Education and Drumcondra Education Centre.

- Dept. of Education Working Groups

The MPEB is a member of the Primary Management Forum established by the Department of Education and Skills. The Forum seeks to facilitate the exchange of information for all stakeholders, support planning and sequencing of changes, advise

on development of dissemination and communication of information to schools and to see how supports could be used to the best effect.

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.



● New Schools

During 2021 the MPEB held meetings with local Muslim Communities in both Dublin and Cork to discuss the possibilities of applying for Islamic patronage of new primary schools, currently deferred, but expected to be established by the Department of Education. MPEB members provided information on the Online Patronage Process and the management and benefits of Muslim Schools.

● January to December 2021

In 2021 the MPEB attended and contributed to meetings with regard to the development of a number of strategies and policies within the Department of Education. During the 2019 period the MPEB represented the two Muslim National

Schools and Muslim educational interests in a number of meetings and forums, including:

- Consultation on Revised Teacher Mobility (Dept of Ed)
- Inspectorate Evaluation of Remote Teaching and Learning (Dept of Ed)
- Teacher Supply, Primary Substitution Shortage (Dept of Ed/ Teaching Council)
- Expanded Summer Provision (Dept of Ed)
- Leadership Development, Supporting Teaching and Learning Working Group (Dept of Ed)
- Primary Education Forum (Dept of Ed)
- National Consultative Forum on Teacher Supply (Dept of Ed)
- Consultation on Reduced Days (Dept of Ed)
- Wellbeing for All (Dept of Ed)
- BEACONS Portlaoise Building a Community of Belonging Report
- Consultation on Teaching Council Strategic Plan
- IPPN Sustainable Leadership Project Briefing
- Digital Education for Refugees and Migrants in Europe (NCP)
- Shared Island Dialogue, Education Panel, Learning from Each Other (Shared Island Initiative)
- National Council for Curriculum Assessment, Leading Out Seminar
- National Council for Special Education, Allocations for Developing Schools
- Misneach, New Principals
- Centre for School Leadership, Supporting Inclusive School Leadership

The Board continues to develop its website [www.muslimeducation.ie](http://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](mailto:info@muslimeducation.ie).

News and educational updates can also be found on the Muslim Primary Education Board Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/MuslimPrimaryEducationBoard/>. 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 a national level, better support and advise the management bodies of the Muslim National Schools and give a voice to Muslims within the education sector.





## **SECTION B : GENERAL ACTIVITIES**

### **1-The Prayers:**

There were times during the year when the Mosque was closed and the performance of the five daily prayers in *Jama'ah* (congregation) and the Jumu'ah Friday prayer were interrupted due to the Covid-19 pandemic and the lockdown. Since the lifting of meeting restrictions, the Masjid was opened for the five daily prayers and the Friday prayers.



### **2. Ramadan and Two Eids:**

#### **2.1. Ramadan and Eid al-Fitr 1442 H/2021:**

Most of the days of Ramadan 1442H-2021 fell during the Covid-19 lockdown period and there were no *Taraweeh* prayers during the month of Ramadan except for one night at the end of the month.

On the day of Eid Al-Fitr, seven 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.

#### **2.2. Eid Al-Adha 1442 H/2021**

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-Adha prayers were held in the Dublin Masjid. Four Eid prayers were held at 8:00, 9:00, 10:00 and 11:00 a.m. to accommodate the numbers.

The Islamic Foundation organised and used the IFI shop facilities for Eid Al-Adha Qurbani. A small profit was made, and the proceeds went to the Mosque extension project. The IFI also assisted those who made Qurbani abroad in collaboration with Islamic Relief Ireland.

#### **2.3. Ramadan and Eid al-Fitr in 1443 H/2022:**

This year (2022), with the Grace of Allah (*Subhanahu w ta'ala*) and after the lifting of the Covid 19 restrictions, *Taraweeh* prayers were held at Dublin Mosque throughout the blessed month and *Tahajjud* prayers in the last ten nights of Ramadan. A simple breaking of fast consisting of dates, water and fruits were provided to worshippers in

the Masjid. On the last two weekends (Fri – Sun) of the month, Iftar meals were provided by Al-Khair Restaurant – for a total of six days.



Iftar meal at Dublin Mosque 2022

On the day of Eid Al-Fitr, four Eid prayers were held at the Dublin Mosque. The parking spaces of Griffith College were used for the day.

After the Eid prayers sweets were distributed to the adults and children and goody bags to the children. Sixty (60) Eid presents (cakes) were distributed to the neighbours in the area of the Mosque on the Eid day and the day after.

As part of the Eid al-Fitr celebrations, family day was organised by the Social and Outreach Committee at the Dolphin Park, Templeogue Synge Street GAA Club, Crumlin Road, Dublin 12.



### **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 expenses of the Islamic Centre and Mosque but for the people who are entitled to receive them.

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 2021 (1442 H) amounted to €11,228. In the year 2022 (1443 H) Zakat al-Fitr was €17063.00.



Zakat al-Fitr money received by IFI used to buy food and distribute it to the poor in some Muslim countries

### **4- The Hajj & Umrah:**

The Hajj for the year 1442 H/ 2021 was suspended due to the Covid-19 pandemic. This was the second successive year that the Hajj authorities in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia decided that Hajj would only be for a limited number living in Saudi Arabia and no pilgrims attended from outside the Kingdom.

With the new tourist visa arrangements introduced by the Saudi authorities for 49 countries including Ireland, holders of Irish and EU passports living in Ireland were able to obtain visas to enter Saudi Arabia online. This significantly decreased the number of pilgrims who would go through the IFI agency. As a result, we were not in a position to provide Umrah services as it was not financially feasible.



## **5- Ramadan Qur'an Competition for Children:**

After a halt of two years, the Annual Ramadan Qur'an Competition for children and youth and people aged up to 25 years was held in Ramadan this year (1443 H- 2022) on the 20<sup>th</sup> of Ramadan 1440 H corresponding to 25/05/2019.

A total of 67 boys and girls took part in the competition. There were eight sections of the competition: half the 30<sup>th</sup> part the Qur'an, the 30<sup>th</sup> part, the 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>, the last three parts of the Qur'an, the last five parts, the last ten parts, the last 15<sup>th</sup> parts, and the full Qur'an.



A special closing ceremony was held in Dublin Mosque on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of Ramadan corresponding to the 24<sup>th</sup> of April 2022 to announce the winners and distribute the prizes and awards. In addition to the winners all the children who attended were given certificates of attendance and a small prize. The guests of honour of the ceremony were Br. Hidayat Mirza, Trustee of the Islamic Foundation of Ireland, and Dr Mudafar Al-Tawash.

## **6- Adult Educational Activities:**

### **a) Lectures:**

An online lecture on the Islamic perspective of mental health was organised on the 4<sup>th</sup> of September. The guest speaker was Dr Omer Shareef, a Consultant Neuropsychiatrist based in Australia.

A seminar on the importance of wills from an Islamic point of view was organised at Dublin Mosque on the 24<sup>th</sup> of December 2021. The speakers were Barrister Faisal Sadiq Khan and Imam Yahya Al-Hussein.

### **b) Ladies Study Circle in English:**

The ladies Islamic study circle continued to be held on Friday nights at 8:00 p.m. For the most part of the year due to lockdown, the circle is held online. After the lifting of meeting restrictions, the study circle returned to the Mosque.

### **c) English Course for Women:**

English language classes for women have been held twice a week on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Mosque. 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 2021 period, only two talks were given via zoom to schools: one to a primary school in Co. Louth and the other to a secondary school in Dublin. Visits to the mosque were restricted significantly due to the Corona virus. During the year 2022 there have been 8 visits (a few of which had over fifty visitors). We were pleased to welcome the Holy Family School for the Deaf for their first visit to the Islamic Foundation of Ireland.

The Islamic Foundation of Ireland has welcomed diverse groups to the mosque and provided workshops and talks on Islam and Muslims. We have had visitors from youth services, third level students studying theology and media. Attendees experienced guided tours of the Mosque, introductory talks on Islam and discussions about life in Ireland for Muslims.



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.
- Da'wah table for the public outside Dublin Mosque.



Dawah table outside Dublin Mosque

## **8- IFI Social Media Interaction:**

In addition to our website ([www.islamicfoundation.ie](http://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.

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) Fajr Knights Challenge: مسابقة فرسان الفجر**

A competition for children and youths aged between 7 and 15 was held at Dublin Mosque. The aim of the initiative is to see a generation of youth rise and pray Fajr in

the masjid. The challenge was for a short period of 2 weeks, during the winter holidays from 23 December 2021 to 5 January 2022. Twenty-four (24) boys and girls took part in the challenge. A ceremony was held and certificates and medals were distributed to the participants.



### **10- Children GAA Sports Day:**

The Islamic Foundation of Ireland's Al-Najah Weekend Qur'anic Madrassah (school) took part in a GAA sports day as part of the #EffortIsEqual Programme. Dublin GAA and AIG DEI Ambassador, Abood Al Jumaili, introduced GAA to the students of the Madrassah.

Over 100 children, both boys and girls attended with their parents and teachers. They tried Gaelic football, hurling/camogie and GAA rounders. Everyone had fun and really enjoyed the day!



### **11- 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 Mosques, educational activities, Da'wah activities and poverty relief.

- The Lord Mayor of Dublin for 2021-2022, Councillor Alison Gilliland paid a Courtesy Visit to the Dublin Mosque on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2021.
- A representative of the IFI attended the meetings of the Dublin City Council Interfaith Forum (DCIF.)
- Imam Yahya Al-Hussein paid a visit to the Dundalk Muslim Community on 22 April 2022. He attended the Friday *Salat* in the newly opened Dundalk Mosque and met with the management team of the society. The establishment of the Dundalk Mosque was a long hoped for project and was eventually accomplished



- 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 to change some of some 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.

## 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 **291** 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.

#### 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. The school is managed by a Board of Management which was appointed in November 2019 and an in-school management team consisting of the Principal, Deputy Principal and four Assistant Principals.
- The NDMNS recently moved to a new building on the Navan Road, Dublin 7 to allow for redevelopment of their permanent site. This exciting move has allowed the school to continue to grow, and the school has grown from twelve to fifteen mainstream classes and one ASD class catering for almost 400 pupils from 210



families across Dublin. The school will continue to develop in 2022/2023 with the addition of a sixteenth mainstream classroom.



- NDMNS is a welcoming community where pupils are actively engaged in their learning and development, and where honesty, respect and kindness are fostered. We aspire to provide a well-ordered, happy, and secure learning atmosphere where children are encouraged to reach their full potential.
- The school has a staff of forty-two, which includes twenty-five teachers funded by the Department of Education, four teachers of Qur'an, Deen and Arabic, eight Special Needs Assistants and five ancillary staff. These staff work together with the Patron, the school's Board of Management, parents and members of the wider community to ensure that all pupils receive an inclusive and stimulating education which supports and motivates them to achieve and to become lifelong learners.



- School buses operated by Bus Éireann serve areas of Dublin including Lucan, Blanchardstown, Clonee, Tallaght, South Circular Road, Clarehall, Ballymun and Coolock.
- The school invites you to find out more about the school on its website - [www.ndmns.com](http://www.ndmns.com). The school also has a Twitter account (@ndmns) which shows the learning taking place across the school.



### **c) 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 13 years.
- Classes are currently held at Loreto Primary School, Crumlin, Dublin 12.
- Currently there are **105** children attending the school taught by 6 teachers.

### **d) 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 04:30 p.m.
- **110** children and adults attended the school at the IFI centre. They were taught by three teachers.

### **e) 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 **59** children attending online classes who are taught by two teachers.

## **2- Marriages**

In 2021 there were 47 marriages performed at the Dublin Mosque. 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- 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 Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore,

and Qatar to certify Halal products exported from Ireland to these and 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.

### **5- Translation Service:**

Translation services 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 out during the year 2020.

### **6- Deaths and Burial:**

During the year 2021, there were 67 burials in the Muslim section in Newcastle cemetery (53 adults and 14 infants, still born and miscarriages.)

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 clean 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/](https://islamicfoundation.ie/services/funeral-arrangements-and-burial/)

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- To the brothers and sisters who helped wash and bury the deceased Muslims.
- To the Muslim Sisters of Eire for organising cleaning up days to maintain and tidy the Muslim section in Newcastle cemetery and to all the brothers and sisters who participated.
- To all the volunteers of the IFI.

## **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**

استمارة الإستقطاع الشهري

(Financial aid towards the Islamic Foundation Extension Project)

(الدعم المالى لمشروع توسعة مبنى الهيئة الإسلامية في إيرلندا)

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The Manager,

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Dear Sir/Madam

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**Islamic Foundation of Ireland**

# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**Sunday 15/05/2022 at 2:00 p.m.  
after Dhuhr Prayer**

**Venue: Dublin Mosque**

## **Agenda:**

- Presentation and discussion of financial report.
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- Any other business.
- Meal.

**All members of the IFI are cordially invited to attend.**