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إِنَّا نَعْبُدُكَ يَا رَبَّنَا وَنَسْتَعِينُكَ

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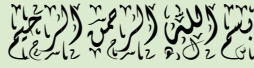


I am a Muslim as you can see,
And I'm very proud to be me.
We celebrate Ramadan and Eid.
We fast and we pray many times a day.
NDMNS is a part of me.
We rise to the challenge,
Learning Arabic, Gaeilge and History.
We come from different places,
Our culture and history, you can see it in our
faces.
The Muslim faith is where I belong.
Now I want to explore the rest of the world, I'm on
my way.

بقلم :
عزنا وجبريل
أنا مسلم كما ترون
وأنا فخور جدا لكوني كذلك
نحتفل بـرمضان والعيد
نصوم ونصلي مرات عديدة في اليوم
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نرتقي إلى مستوى التحدي
نتعلم اللغة العربية والجغرافيا والتاريخ
نأثري من أمانات مختلفة.
ثقافتنا وتاريخنا يمكنك رؤيته في وجوهنا
العينية الإسلامية من منطقتي
الآن أريد استكشاف بقية العالم. أنا في طريق
لن أظمئ.



For the year 2023



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 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

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FOR THE PERIOD: APR. 2023– APR. 2024

For the 62nd Annual General Meeting of the IFI to be Held on 12/05/2024

SECTION A : ADMINISTRATION

1- The General Assembly

New members admitted during the year were: **39**.

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

Total number of registered members at present is: **2074**.

2- Annual General Meeting (AGM)

The last Annual General Meeting of the Society was held on 07/05/2023. The main agenda of the meeting included:

- i) Presentation and discussion of the annual report of activities for the year 2022.
- ii) Presentation and discussion of the IFI financial report for the year 2022.
- iii) Proposal of the IFI constitution amendment.
- iv) Election of Majlis ash-Shura Members for the period 2023-2025.
- v) Election of Trustee for the period 2023-2025

3- Amendment of the Constitution:

A proposal to amend the constitution of the IFI to reflect the proposed Succession Plan of the IFI leadership was discussed and put to voting. The plan centres around the position and future of the Imam & President. The plan is activated once the Imam leaves his position or is no longer available. The amendment were previously discussed with senior members of the community and in the previous AGM on 15/05/2022. The amendments were accepted with 42 voting in favour and 2 against.

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) Ms Asiya Al-Tawash (elected during the AGM held on 7th May 2023.)

5- The Majlis ash-Shura (Council)

Seven members were elected at the annual general meeting held on the 7th of May 2021, for the period 2021-2023. These were:

- 1) Abdiaziz Abdi
- 2) Ahmad Ryklief
- 3) Bamiji Kowiyy Ayinde
- 4) Bilal Yousuf.
- 5) Waheed Uddin.
- 6) Waseem Yousaf.
- 7) Ziaul Haque

In the first meeting of the Majlis the main office bearers and chairmen of the Majlis committees were appointed.

Bilal Yousuf was appointed as Secretary of the IFI

Ahmad Ryklief was appointed as Treasurer of the IFI.

The following were appointed as chairmen of the committees:

No.	Committee	Chairperson
1	The Finance Committee	Ahmad Ryklief
2	The Social, Youth and Outreach Committee:	Bilal Yousuf
3	The Public Relations (PR) Committee:	Waheed Uddin
4	Mosque Extension Project Fundraising Committee	Waseem M. Yousaf
5	The Property Committee	Yahya M Al-Hussein

In accordance with the rules of the Society one member was co-opted to the Majlis. This was:

- i) Fuad Osman.

The Majlis held twelve (12) meetings during this term, discussed various issues and activities and made several decisions.

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, Fazel Ryklief, and Khalid Badri.

The Committee held 8 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, and 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.
- Staff contracts were reviewed due to the IFI restructuring of staff roles and responsibilities. This meant that staff were getting an increase in salaries. The FC calculated an increase in the salary of each individual staff member based on the IFI accounts and this was implemented from March 2023.
- Implementation of financial policies that comply with the Charities Regulator (CRA No. 20012809)

ii) The Social, Youth and Outreach Committee:

The members of the committee were Bilal Yousuf (Chairperson), Dr Mudafar Al-Tawash, Hanan Amer, Iman Yahya, Waheed Uddin, Waseem Yousuf, Fuad and Ahmad Ryklief.

The committee organised the following activities:

- Two seminar series for youths in the IFI with
 1. Shaikh AbdulWahid Stephenson on how to seek knowledge (16 February 2024)
 2. Ustadh Muhammad Tim Humble on getting the most of Ramadan (01 March 2024)
- Ramadan iftar for garda and local councilors (20 March 2024)
- Eid al-Fitr neighbours' distribution: Cakes were distributed to 60 Neighbours (10 April 2024)

Activities due to be held over the summer:

- Neighbours open day (25 May 2024)
- Eid-ul-Adha celebration in the park (16 June 2024)
- Youth weekend seminar series (date TBC)

iii) Public Relations (PR) Committee:

Members of the Committee were: Dr Mudafar Al-Tawash, Yahya Al-Hussein, Fazel Ryklief, Abdul Kowiyy, Ahmad Ryklief and Wahid Uddin.

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

A seminar was organised by the PR Committee on SPHE/RSE Curriculum in secondary and primary schools. The seminar was entitled ‘SPHE/RSE curriculum changes: An Islamic perspective



iv) The Mosque Extension Project Fundraising Committee:

The members of the committee were: Waseem Yousaf (Chairman), Hidayat Mirza, Abdullah Ech Chalh, Yahya Al-Hussein, Abdul Kowiy, Dr. Mudafar Al-Tawash, Hanan Amer, Ganeeu Badru, Ziaul Haque, Waheed Uddin, Yusuf Choudhary, Munir Hossain, Khadijah, Fatimo and Monsurat Alabi.

The IFI is grateful for the dedication and commitment of our esteemed committee members who have worked tirelessly towards the success of our Mosque Extension Project Fundraising Committee.

Account Update: Through the generosity of our community, we have now raised €498,565.

- **Fundraising During Friday and Ramadan:** Throughout the year, we have continued our efforts to raise funds after Friday prayers and the blessed month of Ramadan. While we faced limitations due to the urgent needs in various parts of the Muslim world, such as Sudan, Yemen, and Gaza, our community's support has remained steadfast.

The Islamic Foundation of Ireland
Charity Sale of Work
Summer BBQ Food
Proceeds for Mosque Extension Project
Monday 07/08/2023
From 12:00 – 5:45 p.m.
Venue: Dublin Mosque South Circular Rd.



- **Online and Direct Debit:** Our online payment system has been operational since 2021, contributing to our fundraising efforts. Additionally, we are grateful for the consistent support from donors who contribute through direct debits (18 people.)
- **Consultation and Reassessment of the Extension:** Given the significant cost associated with the construction, our projected extension expenses now exceed 1.2 million Euros. In response to the growing number of worshippers, we have proposed extending the current balcony to accommodate our expanding community. Consultations with our key committee members and members of the Majlis have been fruitful, leading to a consensus on the proposed extension. We have sought the assistance of a local constructor to conduct surveys, and further consultations are underway. Our objective is to finalize the planning process as soon as possible to ensure that the project is completed before Ramadan 2025.
- **Future Strategy:** While we faced challenges in organizing major fundraising events last year, we are committed to hosting several events this year to gather more support for the project. A proposed plan to raise fund for the project was discussed. The plan involves raising funds across mosques in Ireland, recruit some new people into the team and the use of social media to promote the project and raise funds. We will provide updates to our community through the notice board to keep everyone informed of our progress.

Your continued support and generosity are invaluable to us, and we remain steadfast in our commitment to enhancing our mosque for the betterment of our community. Together, we can achieve our goals and ensure a vibrant future for generations to come.

v) Property Committee:

Members of the Committee consisted of the Imam Yahya, Mudafar Al-Tawash, Fazel Ryklief and Abdullah Ech Chalh.

The Committee held meetings to discuss renovation of No. 9, Dufferin Avenue, renovation of the Wudu area in the Masjid, IFI tenants' issues and Mosque extension plan.

Maintenance carried to properties and the Centre included:

- The house No. 158 South Circular Road: the main entrance flooring redone wooden-tiled.
- The house No. 9 Dufferin Avenue: downstairs bathroom and entrance refurbished.
- Installing fire-intruder and smoke alarm system in the main Masjid and extension and upgrading the offices intruder system.

7- Staff of the Islamic Foundation of Ireland:

a) Full-time staff:

- 1) Yahya M. Al-Hussein: Imam.
- 2) Fazel Ryklief: Facilities Officer.

3) Mohamed Ali: Janitor.

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.)

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

- Eid Al Adha and Eid al-Fitr organisation.
- Ramadan preparations.
- Fajr Knights Challenge (for children and youth.)

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. There is also one part-time voluntary person from the CE scheme.

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

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 ten (10) 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 €179.36.

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. Eighteen (18) brothers and sisters made monthly contributions that ranged between €5 and €100 per month. Average of €328.50 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 to the Muslim Primary Education Board as well as a flat upstairs the IFI offices, the Al-Khair restaurant, the shop 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.

1 1- 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.

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 (18) 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 €328.50 per month.



Proposed two storeys building on the left



Proposed top floor building

So far €498,565 has been raised. Forty six thousand six hundred and twenty six (€46626) euro has been raised during the year. It is hoped that the construction work would start when we reach a certain amount of the projected budget.

12- The Muslim Primary Education Board (MPEB):

The Muslim Primary Education Board 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 and advice with regard to the implementation of school policies and training. The Board also represents the Islamic viewpoint on educational policy decisions for both governmental and non- governmental organisations.

The MPEB regularly 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 other educational organisations to share and discuss current educational trends, issues and training modules.

The MPEB prepared a statement on behalf of the Islamic Foundation on the introduction of the new SPHE/RSE curriculum and participated in the RSE parent

information event held at the IFI. The Board also participated in the NCCA consultation on Senior Cycle SPHE.

- **Garda Vetting**

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

- **Working with Other Management Bodies**

In 2023, MPEB together with other Management Bodies engaged with the Dept of Education with regard to the impact of increased cost of living on schools and made representations to the Minister with regard to increased funding.

The Board together with other Management bodies co-operated with the INTO (Irish National Teachers Organisation) to review and revise the Parental Complaints Procedure for Primary Schools. This document is now complete and has been issued to all schools.

- **Training**

The MPEB have, in conjunction with other organisations facilitated training for school Boards of Management, further modules will be developed in the coming year. Board of Management training modules will be held for the new, incoming (2023-27) Boards of Management of Muslim schools in early 2024. MPEB is a member of the Boards of Management Training Steering Group in conjunction with other School Management Bodies, the Dept of Education and Drumcondra Education Centre.

- **Dept. of Education Working Groups**

The MPEB is a member of the **Primary Education Forum** established by the Department of Education and Skills. The Forum seeks to facilitate the exchange of information for all primary stakeholders, support planning and sequencing of change, advise on dissemination and communication of information to schools and inform how supports can be used to best effect.

The Board represents Primary Management bodies on the Dept. of Education,

- **Teacher Supply Communication Working Group.** This working group strives 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.
- MPEB completed its work on the **Governance Manual Review Group.** The reviewed and updated School Governance Manual Primary 2023 -2027 which is now in primary schools.
- MPEB represents Primary Management Bodies on the **School Placement Implementation Group** of the Teaching Council of Ireland.
- MPEB is a member of the Department of Education **Child Protection Review Group, Code of Behaviour Review Steering Group** and the **Cineáltas (Anti Bullying) Working/Procedures Group**

MPEB are currently a member of the **Irish Forum for Global Education**. The IFGE is an independent network of organisations, academics and individuals concerned with global education issues. The Forum is the national affiliate to the Global Campaign for Education.’

January to December 2023

In 2023 the MPEB attended and contributed to meetings with regard to the development of a number of strategies and policies within the Department of Education and in this period represented the two Muslim National Schools and Islamic educational interests in a number of meetings and forums amongst which include:

- Teacher Allocation and Deployment (Dept of Ed)
- Teacher Supply Primary (Dept of Ed/ Teaching Council)
- Office of the Chief Inspector (Dept of Ed)
- Governance Manual Review (Dept Ed/ Primary Stakeholders)
- Cineáltas Anti Bullying Working Group (Dept of Ed/Education Stakeholders)
- Summer Provision Programme (Dept of Ed)
- Ukrainian Education Stakeholders (Dept of Ed)
- Voluntary Primary Management Group (Management Bodies)
- Primary Education Forum (Dept of Ed)
- National Consultative Forum on Teacher Supply (Dept of Ed/ Teaching Council)
- School Placement Implementation Group (Teaching Council)
- National Council for Special Education (NCSE)
- Schoolbook Grants (Dept of Ed)
- Primary Education Forum
- Special Educational Needs (Dept of Ed/ NCSE)
- Literacy, Numeracy and Digital Literacy (Dept of Ed)
- SNA Workforce Development (Dept of Ed)
- Code of Behaviour Steering Group (TESS/NEWB/Stakeholders)
- Child Protection Working Group (Dept of Ed/Stakeholders)
- OCED Country Review DEIS (OCED/Primary Management)
- INTO ‘Working Together’ Review (INTO/ Primary Management)
- NCCA Consultation Senior Cycle SPHE (NCCA)
- Centre for School Leadership, Annual CSL Collaborative Forum (CSL)
- Educational Assessment of Needs (Dept of Ed)

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. Information and news articles can also be found on the Muslim Primary Education Board Facebook page. The Board can be contacted at info@muslimeducation.ie

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.

2. Ramadan and Two Eids:

2.1. Eid Al-Adha 1444 H/2023

On the day of Eid Al-Adha, four Eid prayers were held at the Mosque. The parking spaces of Griffith College were used for the day. The services of a local Garda were provided to organise traffic in the area around the Mosque.

After Eid prayers, sweets and presents were distributed to the children. Cakes and beverages were served to adults. A simple balloon activity was organised for children on the Mosque grounds.



Eid al-Adha 2023

2.2. Ramadan and Eid al-Fitr in 1445 H/2024:

This year (2024), with the Grace of Allah (*Subhanahu w ta'ala*), *Taraweeh* prayers were held at Dublin Mosque throughout the blessed month and *Tahajjud* prayers in the last ten nights of Ramadan.

Donations in the form of dates and water were provided by some members of the community for breaking the fast. These were distributed to the fasting people in the Masjid. Iftar meals were provided for five days during the last ten days of Ramadan.

On the day of Eid al-Fitr (10/04/2024), five Eid prayers were held at the Mosque. The parking spaces of Griffith College were used for the day. The services of a local Garda were provided to organise traffic in the area around the Mosque.

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

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.

Zakat al-Fitr in the year 2024 (1445 H) amounted to €13,489.00. It was distributed abroad to needy Muslims in Sudan, Somalia, Kenya and Morocco.



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

4- Umrah:

The IFI organised one Umrah trip in October 2023. The packages of organised guided Umrah tours include visa, flight, hotel accommodation in Makkah and Madainah, round transport and Ziyarat in Makkah and Madinah

IFI intends to continue providing this service for the community as it seems to be popular and there is demand as some people prefer organised guided tours. The IFI also provided ticketing services for private groups utilising our travel agency licence approved by the Irish Aviation Authority and accredited by IATA.

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Umrah Trip
OCTOBER 2023 UMRAH

10 Days package
22 – 31 October 2023

Included: Visa, Flight, Hotel accommodation in Madinah and Makkah, Round transport and Ziyarat in Makkah and Madinah.

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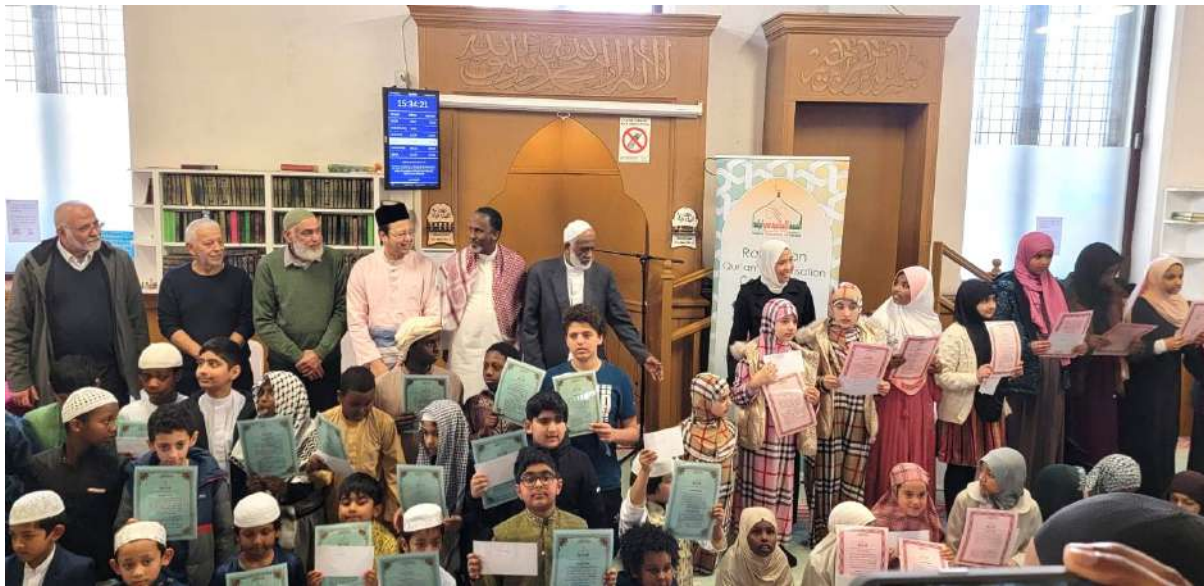
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5- Ramadan Qur'an Competition for Children:

The Annual Ramadan Qur'an Competition for children and youth aged up to 25 years was held in Ramadan this year (1445 H- 2024) on the 20th & 21st of Ramadan 1445 H corresponding to 30th & 31st March 2024.

A total of 74 (48 boys and 26 girls) took part in the competition. There were eight sections of the competition: half the 30th part the Qur'an, the 30th part, 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 the Dublin Mosque on the 28th of Ramadan corresponding to the 7th of April 2024 to announce the winners and distribute the prizes and awards. The guest of honour of the ceremony was Wan Aznainizam Yusri Wan Abdul Rashid, Ambassador of Malaysia to Ireland. Other guests were Br. Hidayat



Mirza, Trustee of the IFI, Dr Mudafar Al-Tawash and Br Mohamed Djimani, both senior members of the Islamic Foundation of Ireland.



6- Adult Educational Activities:

a) Lectures:

Lectures and Friday Khutbas were given by guest speakers during the year. These included:

Lecture on 16 February 2024 on 'How to seek knowledge' by Ustaadh AbdulWahid Stephenson of Madinah College, London, UK

Lecture on 1st March 2024 on 'Getting the most of Ramadan' by Shaikh Muhammad Tim Humble

b) Ladies Study Circles in Arabic and English:

The ladies Islamic study circle continued to be held on Friday nights at 7:00 p.m. The Islamic study circle in Arabic was held on Saturday afternoons.

c) English Course for Women:

English language classes for women have been held once a week on Tuesdays at the Mosque. There were on average 8 ladies who were taught by one teacher.

The language courses are free of charge. We extend our gratitude to Amal Women Association for providing a Muslim teacher.

7- Da'wah and Introducing Islam:

a) Schools & Group visits to the Mosque:

During the period from May 2023 to April 2024, eleven school visits were carried out. There were visits from primary and secondary schools in addition to colleges and outreach initiatives. During the year there have been casual visits to the mosque. 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.
- Answering emails from students and other people who made enquiries on different aspects of Islam and forwarding literature and information on Islam to the.
- Da'wah table for the public outside Dublin Mosque.

c) Mosque Open Day:

A Mosque open day was organised for the neighbours of the Mosque, local organisations, and schools in co-operation with Discover Islam on the 6th of May 2023. The then Lord mayor of Dublin Councillor Caroline was invited to the opening ceremony.

Different types of food were served to the visitors. There were around 90 people who visited the Mosque on the day.



Lord Mayor of Dublin for 2022-2023 Cllr. Caroline Conroy at the Mosque Open Day Event

d) Shahada of Islam:

The IFI administration recorded 18 reversions to Islam in the Dublin mosque during the period from May 2023 to April 2024. This number does not reflect the how many people accepted Islam in Dublin or Ireland. We ask Allah, *Subhanahu wa ta'ala*, to give them the best of lives as Muslims and to make us and them firmly established in the true religion of Allah.

8- Health Screening Day 2023:

The health screening for the community is the sixth of its kind which took place on 11th November 2023. The tests were carried out by SafetyNet Primary Care.

The screening was done free of charge and included, body mass index, blood borne viruses, screening for HIV, hepatitis B and C, Sti screening for chlamydia and gonorrhoea, blood Sugar check where required, health promotion.

The screening has become popular among the IFI community in the past; however, the 2023 screening witnessed a low attendance. The attendees' number is half of the usual compared to other past events. There were 28 men and 25 women who attended. Total 53.

A survey sent to attendees to address the issue. The result of the survey for the low turnout should help to improve the service going forward but also met with another low response. We believed every voice should count in this survey aiming to make the future event even better.

The IFI management would like to thank SafetyNet staff, Amal Women Group for their support, the organisers and volunteers that made the event successful in 2023. We pray to Allah SWT to reward you all.



9- IFI Social Media Interaction:

In addition to our website (www.islamicfoundation.ie), the Islamic Foundation of Ireland has Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram (1900 followers) accounts. Our Facebook page is by far the most followed page of the three with a response rate of 80%, 7400+ followers and 6500+ likes.

It is a daily job ensuring that the IFI social media platforms are up to standard. We answer inboxes from Facebook users, live stream special occasions (such as Taraweeh prayers, Eid Day, and events), post current events that are happening within the IFI, inform the community of deceased notices, 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

10) Fajr Knights Challenge: مسابقة فرسان الفجر

For the third year running the Fajr Knights challenge for children and youths aged between 7 and 15 was held at Dublin Mosque. The challenge was for a period of two weeks, during the winter holidays from 23 December 2023 to 5 January 2024.



The aim of the initiative is to see a generation of youth rise and pray Fajr in the masjid. The programme included praying Fajr with the Jamaat in the Masjid, attending sessions of *dhikr*, Fiqh lessons, Islam Quiz and games. Breakfast meals were organised on some days with the children's parents attending.



In total 78 children and youths (43 boys and 35 girls) took part in the challenge. A ceremony was held on the 5th of January 2024 and certificates and prizes were distributed to the participants. Monetary prizes of €2015.00 were distributed to the participants.



11- Community, National and International Relations

- Collections after Salat Al-Jumu'ah were made throughout the year for different mosques and Islamic organisations and by charities for the relief of Muslims in Gaza, Sudan, Morocco, Libya and other places.
- The Islamic Foundation of Ireland prepared Ramadan timetables for 32 cities and towns in Ireland.
- The Lord Mayor of Dublin for 2023-2024, Councillor Daithí de Róiste paid a Courtesy Visit to the Dublin Mosque on 16th of August 2023.

- H.E. Wan Aznainizam Yusri Wan Abdul Rashid, Ambassador of Malaysia to Ireland paid a courtesy visit to the IFI on 23rd January 2024.
- A representative of the IFI attended the meetings of the Dublin City Council Interfaith Forum (DCIF.)
- A representative 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.
- The Islamic Foundation of Ireland is a member of ENAR (European Network Against Racism). An IFI representative attended their meetings.
- The Imam of the IFI visited the Tralee Mosque to help in their fund-raising efforts to complete the new Mosque and Islamic centre. The visit took place on 25 September and included a visit to the site of the new Mosque and centre under construction.



Tralee Masjid construction Sep. 2023



Tralee Masjid March 2024

- The Imam of the IFI attended the official opening of the Castlebar Islamic Cultural Centre on 7th October 2023.
- A group of volunteers from the IFI attended the ceremony of volunteering appreciation and distribution of certificates party by the Lord Mayor of Dublin Cllr. Daithí de Róiste in the Mansion House on the 20th of Nov. 2023



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 the late Sheikh Hamdan Al-Maktoum, Dubai, United Arab Emirates – may Allah have mercy on him.



- School enrolment stands at **414** pupils at present.
- There are thirty-one (31) full-time Department of Education's teachers. There are also **six** (6) 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

- Established in 2001, North Dublin Muslim National School (NDMNS) is located in Cabra, Dublin 7. The school is managed by a Board of Management which was appointed in November 2023 and an in-school management team consisting of the Principal, Deputy Principal and six Assistant Principals.
- NDMNS is currently located on the Navan Road, Dublin 7 to allow for redevelopment of our permanent site on the Ratoath Road. The new school is currently in the design phase. The school has continued to grow, and now has seventeen mainstream classes and one ASD class catering for over 400 pupils from 225 families across Dublin.



- 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 Department of Education undertook a Whole School Evaluation at the school in February 2023. The outcome of this evaluation was very positive. We invite you to read the report which can be found on our website.
- The school has a staff of forty-two, which includes twenty-seven teachers funded by the Department of Education, four teachers of Qur'an, Deen and Arabic, eight Special Needs Assistants and five ancillary staff. 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.
- This year, we are introducing Restorative Practice to the school. Staff are keen to upskill and have attended CPD courses such as 'Friends For Life' training. These initiatives and approaches have a hugely positive impact on the school environment and how we are as a community.
- As well as developing strong community links with other schools and community groups, the school is proud to take part in various national and international initiatives. We have several Green Flags and have recently been awarded an Amber Flag. We were delighted to take part in the 'Celebrating Europe' initiative last year which was run by the Department of Foreign Affairs. The school is also involved in several EU-wide Erasmus projects.
- Parents play a vital role in our school community. We host regular parent coffee mornings which are well attended. We are working hard to create a Wellbeing Garden at the school this year. Parents have already committed a huge amount of time to bringing this to fruition.



- School buses operated by Bus Éireann serve areas of Dublin including Lucan, Blanchardstown, Clonee, Tallaght, South Circular Road, Clarehall, Ballymun and Coolock.
- We invite you to find out more about the school on its website - www.ndmns.com. The school also has a Twitter account (@ndmns) and an Instagram account (n.d.m.n.s) which show 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.
- Qur'an, Arabic, and religious studies are taught to children aged between 4 and 13 years.
- Classes were held on Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 03:00 p.m. at Loreto Primary School, Crumlin, Dublin 12.
- Currently there are **99** 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 10.00 a.m. to 04:00 p.m.
- **124** children and adults attended the school at the IFI centre. They were taught by three teachers with three volunteer teachers helping.
- The school organised Umrah trip for students, their families and others during the winter break.
- During the summer holidays the school organised classes three times a week from Monday to Wednesday from 10 am to 3 pm.

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.
- Currently there are **70** children attending who are taught by two teachers.

e) Audit of the schools (Al-Falah school, Al-Najah school and the Evening Quranic school)

The Majlis ash-Shura formed a committee of three members to audit the three part-time Islamic schools. The committee was chaired by Ziaul Haque and has in its membership Abdul Kowiyy and Abdelaziz Abdi. The committee audited the three schools and reported on the three of them and came up with a set of recommendations for each of the schools. The reports have been accepted by the Majlis as-Shura and copies of them were forwarded to the respective school principal. The committee will conduct reviews of the schools every six months.

2- Marriages

In 2023 there were 78 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 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 in 22 counselling sessions.

4- Youth Activities:

The Majlis co-opted a member (Fuad Osman) to the Majlis to assist with the youth activities. The youth coordinator started work in running activities in the IFI to attract youths. The activities included Khutbas and talks delivered by two guest speakers from the U.K.

5- Certification of Halal Products:

- The Islamic Foundation of Ireland is an approved Halal certifying body by the Halal Authorities in several countries including Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore and Qatar. The IFI certify meat products, processed food, dairy and other products exported from Ireland to these and other Gulf, European, Asian, and African countries.

- A representative of the Islamic Foundation of Ireland attended the 13th Halal certification bodies convention held by the Department of Islamic Development (JAKIM) in Kuala Lumpur from 7-9 September 2023.
- A representative of the Islamic Foundation of Ireland attended the 2nd Halal World Forum organised by the Indonesian Halal Product Assurance Organising Agency in Jakarta during the period from 17th to 23rd November 2023.



- The IFI Halal personnel attended a number of training courses both online and in person. These included the following courses:
 - i) Accreditation scheme & preparation of documents for Halal accreditation based on ISO/IEC 17065, by IHATEC, Indonesia from 7-9 June 2023.
 - ii) International Halal training capacity development program (IHTCDP) for the top management of the Foreign Halal Certification Bodies by JAKIM, Malaysia during the period from 25-27 July 2023.
 - iii) Halal slaughtering and Supervision training for slaughterman and supervisors working with the IFI. The training was organised by the Halal Committee of the IFI for one day on 06/01/ 2024.
 - iv) Halal auditing principles and techniques, an in-house training held on 19/1/2024.
 - v) OIC/SMIIC1:2019 General Requirements for Halal Food- Foundation training by the Standard and Metrology Institute (SMIIC) of the Islamic countries during 05-07 February 2024.
 - vi) Indonesian Halal Product Assurance Regulations and Halal Auditors training by Kayama Halal Training Institute, Indonesia on 25-28 March 2024.

6. Prison Visits:

One spiritual visit was made to Muslim inmates in the Training Unit of Mount Joy prison.

7- 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.

8- Deaths and Burial:

- During the period from April 2023 to April 2024, there were 74 burials arranged by the IFI administration (61 adults and 13 infants.)
- The washing facilities in the Clonskeagh Mosque were used for Ghushl of the deceased.
- The ICCI staff and some men and women volunteers helped wash the deceased throughout the year. A team of volunteers from the IFI carried out the burial of the deceased in the Muslim section of Newcastle cemetery.
- An ad hoc Graveyard Committee was formed. The Committee met with South Dublin County Council to discuss the extension of the Muslim section in Newcastle cemetery.
- 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/)

9- Muslim burial plots in Newtown Cross Cemetery, Drogheda, Co. Louth:

The Islamic Foundation of Ireland has been in talks with the Louth County Council over the provision of burial plots for the Muslim community in County Louth in the Newtown Cross Lawn Cemetery. Three meetings were held between the representatives of the Muslim community from the IFI and Dundalk Muslim community and representatives of the Council. It has been agreed that the Council will designate an area in Newtown Cross Lawn Cemetery for the exclusive use of the Muslim community. This area shall be a lawn cemetery which means building of boundary markers on the graves is not allowed. The IFI is to be the first point of contact for any Muslim burial as per the current practice outlined in the Foundation's General Burial Policy dated 22nd September 2022. Initially 70 plots are allocated, and this can be reviewed at a future date.

The last meeting with the Council representatives was held on the 11th of April 2024 and it is expected that the agreement between the two parties will be signed soon.

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- To An Garda Síochána for the services provided to us including the Community Garda clinics at the Mosque and for organising the traffic during the Eid celebrations.
- To the brothers and sisters who helped wash and bury the deceased Muslims..
- 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."

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ
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الهيئة الإسلامية في أيرلندا

Islamic Foundation of Ireland

**Annual
General
Meeting**

**السنوي الاجتماع
العام للجمعية
العمومية**

Sunday 12/05/2024

الأحد 2024/05/12

**After Dhuhr Prayer,
at 2:00 p.m.**

**بعد صلاة الظهر
الساعة 2:00**

Agenda:

- Presentation and discussion of annual activities' report.
- Presentation & discussion of financial report.
- Any other business.

الأجندة:

- عرض ومناقشة التقرير السنوي للأنشطة.
- عرض التقرير المالي
- أي مواضيع أخرى

الدعوة للجميع All are welcome