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For the year 2024



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

ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE PERIOD: APR. 2024– APR. 2025

For the 64th Annual General Meeting of the IFI to be Held on 18/05/2025

SECTION A : ADMINISTRATION

1- The General Assembly

New members admitted during the year were: **23**.

Those who left the country or ceased to be members were: **4**.

Total number of registered members at present is: **2094**.

2- Annual General Meeting (AGM)

The last Annual General Meeting of the Society was held on 12/05/2024. The main agenda of the meeting included:

- i) Minutes of the previous AGM.
- ii) Presentation and discussion of the annual report of activities for the year 2023.
- iii) Presentation and discussion of the IFI financial report for the year 2023.
- iv) Discussion.
- v) Talk: “Proposed Primary Schools’ Curriculum”, what the parents and community should know and what their role should be?”

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

4- The Majlis ash-Shura (Council)

Seven members were elected at the annual general meeting held on the 7th of May 2023, for the period 2023-2025. 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 accordance with the rules of the Society one member was co-opted to the Majlis. This was:

- i) Fuad Osman.

The Majlis held twelve (11) meetings during the year, discussed various issues and activities and made several decisions.

5-Majlis 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

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 7 meetings and carried out various activities that include the following:

- Review the financial activity of the IFI and the annual accounts.
- Drew up an estimated budget for the IFI for the coming year.
- Work with the Property Committee to review the rent of the properties.
- Work with the IFI Administration to identify potential cost savings.
- Research and apply for external funding for the IFI through grants from Dublin City Council.
- 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.

- Collaborated with the IFI Strategy & Community ad-hoc committee about the future of the IFI.

ii) The Social, Youth and Outreach Committee:

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

The committee organised the following activities:

- Regular Secondary School Visits to the Mosque
- Neighbours open day (25 May 2024)
- Eid-ul-Adha celebration in the park (16 June 2024)
- Eid al-Fitr (2025) neighbours' distribution: Cakes were distributed to over 50 Neighbours (30 March 2025)

Activities due to be held over the summer:

- Neighbours open day (25 May 2024)
- Eid-ul-Adha celebration in the park (08 June 2024)

iii) Public Relations (PR) Committee:

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

The Committee responded to political and media events as they occurred, including answering telephone calls, responding to email messages, receiving visitors to the Mosque, and publishing statements via social media.

Articles were published by IFI in the Farmers Journal and D8 Magazine. General updates and event-specific updates were shared via the IFI website and Facebook page. The Committee also engaged with other outreach groups and organizations to represent IFI. Meetings with other faith leaders were held at IFI as part of outreach activities. Political figure and public representatives met IFI staff on many occasions to discuss local issues and also attended IFI mosque open day.

Engagements with public authorities, including An Garda Síochána, took place at IFI.

iv) Mosque Extension Project Fundraising Committee:

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

- Regular fundraising efforts continued throughout the year, particularly during Jummah (Friday) prayers and the blessed month of Ramadan

- Online donations and direct debits have remained steady, reflecting ongoing support from members who prefer digital giving.
- It is important to note that, due to the global humanitarian crises and conflicts in Gaza, Yemen, Sudan, and other affected regions, many community members have understandably directed their donations towards emergency relief appeals. IFI acknowledges and supports these compassionate contributions.

Your continued support and generosity are invaluable to us. 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, Hidayat Mirza and Abdullah Ech Chalh.

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

Maintenance carried to properties included the house No. 158 South Circular Road, the house No. 4 Dufferin Avenue and No. 9 Dufferin Avenue,

A major upgrade of the men's Wudu area in the Masjid was carried out during the year. The total costs involved were €48,685.00. An appeal to raise funds for the work was launched and a total €22,452.00 was raised. The rest of the money was paid by the IFI. We would like to thank all those who have contributed. May Allah reward them with the best reward.

6- 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:

- Fajr Knights Challenge (for children and youth.)
- Ramadan preparations.
- Ramadan Qur'an competition.
- Eid al-Fitr organisation.

7- IFI Strategy Meeting 2024

The Islamic Foundation of Ireland (IFI) hosted a Community & Strategy Meeting on August 31, 2024, at Dublin Mosque. This meeting focused on the future direction of the IFI, aiming for growth, community engagement, and financial sustainability. The theme of the event was: “Where does the future lie with the IFI?”



The meeting was attended by Majlis Members, IFI Trustees, Majlis Committees, Business-minded community members and lay individuals who attend the Masjid. Those who attended were divided into four focus groups: Community Youth Activities, New Business and Innovative Ideas, New Fundraising and Income Streams, Research and Networking Activities.

The discussions focused on the financial strategies, youth engagement, business development, online presence and social media, and administrative and marketing improvements. A number of long-term initiatives were proposed and are scheduled for phased implementation over the coming months and years.

The IFI has since built on the topics that were discussed in the meeting such as increasing the number of businesses engaged with IFI for Halal certification, a new Hajj partnership, online presence through social media, more options for donations (contactless payments), activities for the youth (Fajr Knights, Qur’anic Competitions, and lectures from international speakers. This is an ongoing strategy going forward.

8- 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 (11) brothers and sisters who continue to make regular contributions towards the running expenses of the Mosque by direct debit with amounts ranging between €1 to €100 monthly.

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.

9-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.

10- The Mosque Extension Project:

The proposed plan of the extension aims to provide more space for the religious, youth 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. Direct debit forms were distributed to those who preferred to make monthly donations. Currently there are eighteen (18) brothers and sisters who make monthly contributions to the extension project. The monthly paid monies range between €5 to €100.

IFI has successfully set up an automatic card donation system (POS), which will soon be installed within the mosque premises. This system will enable year-round **contactless** donations, making it easier for donors to contribute and is expected to significantly boost fundraising potential.



So far €532,980.00 has been raised. Thirty-four thousand four hundred and fifteen (€34,415.00) 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.

1 1- 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 Department circulars, 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 educational sectors. It consults on and receives all Dept. of Education 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 trends, issues and training modules.

The MPEB is currently a member of the Irish Network for Education Worldwide. The INEW is an independent network of organisations, academics and individuals concerned with global education issues and is an affiliate to the Global Campaign for Education.'

- **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 2024, 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 Working Together (Ag Obair le Cheile) document to facilitate the resolution of internal staff disputes in Primary schools. This document is now complete and has been issued to all schools.

- **Training**

The MPEB have, in conjunction with other management bodies facilitated training for school Boards of Management, further modules will be developed as required. Board of Management training modules were held for the new (2023-27) Boards of Management of Muslim schools in 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,

consult and advise on dissemination and communication of information to schools and inform how supports can be used to best effect.



Launch of Anti-Bullying Action Plan with Minister for Education June 2024

The MPEB sits on a number of Department of Education Working groups including:

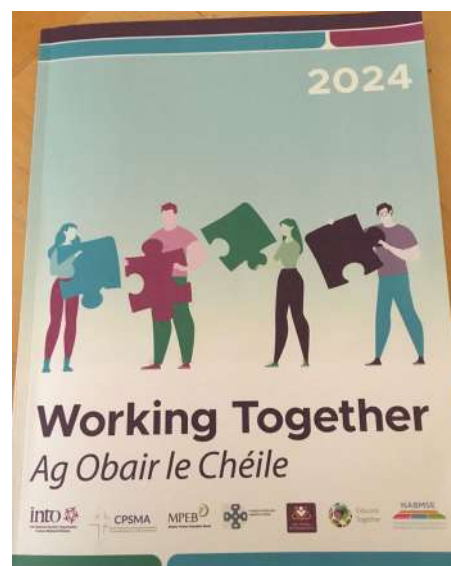
- **Teacher Supply Communication Working Group.** This working group strives to increase teacher supply and promote teaching as a profession. The MPEB continues to highlight the lack of diversity in the teaching profession and continues to promote diversity as part of its remit within the group.
- The MPEB was among the organisations consulted as part of the **UNESCO, Technical Support Instrument on ‘Strategic Workforce Planning for Teachers in Ireland’.**
- The MPEB is a member of the Department of Education **Child Protection Review Group** and the **Cineáltas (Anti Bullying) Working/Procedures Group.** Initiatives to be implemented in the 2025-2026 school year.
- The MPEB is a member of the **Code of Behaviour Review Steering Group,** implementation 2026-2027 school year.
- The MPEB sit on the **SNA Workforce Development Working Group**
- The MPEB together with the Patron of the Muslim schools attended a face to face, bilateral consultation, with the NCCA, on the draft Primary Curriculum. All curricular subjects were discussed with particular emphasis on the proposed RSE/SPHE specification and the proposed time reduction in the Patrons

Programme. The concerns and views of the Muslim community were frankly expressed as was the possibility of the withdrawal of children from the SPHE module.

In 2024 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:

- The Periodical Review of the Teaching Council (Dept. Ed.)
- Special Education Allocation Review/ Deployment (Dept. Ed.)
- Child Protection (Dept. Ed.)
- Teacher Supply Primary (Dept of Ed/ Teaching Council)
- Cineáltas Anti Bullying Working Group (Dept of Ed/Education Stakeholders)
- Office of the Chief Inspector Updates (Dept of Ed)
- Summer Provision Programme (Dept of Ed)
- Ukrainian Education Stakeholders (Dept of Ed)
- Primary Education Forum
- Code of Behaviour Review (Dept. Ed./TESS Tusla)
- Educational Assessment of Needs (Special Education) (Dept. Ed./ NCSE)
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- Literacy, Numeracy and Digital Literacy (Dept of Ed)
- Voluntary Primary Management Group (Management Bodies)
- Data Strategy (Dept. Ed.)
- INTO 'Working Together' Review (INTO/ Primary Management)
- Irish Medium Outside the Gaeltacht (Dept Ed.)
- How Conflict Impacts Girls Education (INEW)
- Teaching Council Updates (Teaching Council)
- Education Building Strategic Planning (Dept.Ed)
- School Self Evaluation (OCI)

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 1445H/2024

On the day of Eid Al-Adha (16/06/2024), four Eid prayers were held at the Mosque. The parking spaces of Griffith College were used for the day.

After Eid prayers, sweets and presents were distributed to the children. Cakes and beverages were served to adults.

As part of the Eid al-Adha celebrations, family day was organised by the Social and Outreach Committee on the Eid day (16/05/2024) from 12 to 5 p.m. at the Dolphin Park, Templeogue Synge Street GAA Club, Crumlin Road, Dublin 12.



Eid al-Adha 2024

2.2. Ramadan and Eid al-Fitr in 1446 H/2025:

This year (2025), 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.

On the day of Eid al-Fitr (30/03/2025), four Eid prayers were held at 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. It was 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 2025 (1446 H) amounted to €13,859.00. It was distributed abroad to needy Muslims in Somalia, Morocco, Yemen, Rohingya, Africa, Palestine and other places.



Zakat al-Fitr distribution

4- Umrah:

The IFI organised two guided Umrah trips in October 2024 and February 2025. The packages included visas, flights, 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.



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5- Hajj:

The Islamic Foundation of Ireland (IFI) was one of three approved Hajj operators in Ireland until 2019. After the Covid 19 pandemic, the Saudi Hajj authorities changed the way Muslims from Europe, America and Australia used to go for Hajj. Pilgrims are now required to:

- Register individually on the Nusuk platform.
- Lodge money on the platform, select and purchase Hajj packages directly

This has created confusion for many pilgrims. The IFI responded to this by:

- Forming a Hajj Committee.
- Partnering with Dogan Voyages (Al Rajhi) Hajj Service Provider.
- The IFI team helped pilgrims with registration and provided continuous updates via WhatsApp chat group.

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The IFI team assisted 82 pilgrims in successfully securing packages and two guides from IFI will accompany the pilgrims and provide assistance throughout the sacred journey.

A training session for pilgrims was held at the IFI for the IFI pilgrimage group and many other pilgrims who are going on their own.

6- 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 (1446 H- 2025) on the 22nd & 23rd of Ramadan 1446 H corresponding to 22nd & 23rd March 2025.

A total of 92 (47 boys and 45 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 to announce the winners and distribute the prizes and awards. The guest of honour of the ceremony was Hidayat Mirza, Trustee of the Islamic Foundation of Ireland.



7- Adult Educational Activities:

a) Lectures:

Lectures and Friday Khutbas were given by guest speakers during the year. These included Sheikh, Shaikh Muhammad Tim Humble and Dr Naji Ibrahim Al-Arfaj.

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 10 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.

8- Da'wah and Introducing Islam:

a) Schools & Group visits to the Mosque:

During the period from May 2024 to April 2025, fifteen (15) school and college visits were carried out. There were visits from primary and secondary schools in addition to colleges and outreach initiatives. 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.

c) Mosque Open Day:

A Mosque open day was organised for the neighbours of the Mosque, local organisations, and schools on Saturday 25th of May 2024 in co-operation with Discover Islam Ireland.

Different types of food were served to the visitors.

There were around 90 people who visited the Mosque on the day.



Mosque open Day May 2024

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.

9- IFI Social Media Interaction:

In addition to our website (www.islamicfoundation.ie), the Islamic Foundation of Ireland has a WhatsApp group, Facebook, X (formally known as Twitter with almost 1000 followers), and Instagram (2500+ followers) accounts.

Our Facebook page is by far the most followed page of the three with a response rate of 70%, 8000+ followers and 7500+ 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).

WhatsApp Group: Dublin Mosque Community

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 fourth 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 2024 to 4 January 2025.

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*, basic teachings of Islam, Fiqh lessons and games. Breakfast meals were organised on some days with the children's parents attending



Morning Dhikr after Fajr prayer



Breakfast



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, Bangladesh and other places.
- The Islamic Foundation of Ireland prepared Ramadan timetables for 32 cities and towns in Ireland.
- 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.
- Yahya Al-Hussein (Imam), Hidayat Mirza (Trustee) and Dr Mudafar Al-Tawash visited the Drogheda Islamic Centre following a meeting at the Newtown Cross Lawn Cemetery, Doghed, Co. Louth



SECTION C: SERVICES

1-Children's Education

a) The Muslim National School, Clonskeagh.

- Full-time state-funded primary school for Muslim children in Dublin under the patronage of the Islamic Foundation of Ireland (IFI.)
- Established by the IIF in 1990.
- Opened in temporary accommodation in the Dublin Mosque on South Circular Road, Dublin 8 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 **424** pupils at present.
- There are thirty (30) teachers and eight Special Need Assistants. 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 teachers' salaries and SNAs. It also receives capitation grant (a yearly €200 per child), children's transport grants, and other ancillary grants.
- There are **seven** (7) 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 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 advanced design phase. The school has continued to grow and now

has sixteen 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. A follow-up inspection was carried out in March 2025, with a very good outcome.
- 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.
- Restorative Practice has been introduced 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.
- The school has a progressive and ambitious curriculum, and we are actively implementing the new primary curriculum framework, with a current focus on languages and mathematics.

- 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 an Instagram account (n.d.m.n.s) 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.
- Qur'an, Arabic, and religious studies are taught to children aged between 4 and 16 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 **102** 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 **62** children attending who are taught by two teachers.

2- Marriages

In 2025 there were 100 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 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 by the Halal Authorities in several countries including Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore and Qatar. The IFI certify meat products, dairy products, processed food, food ingredients and other products exported from Ireland to the above-mentioned countries and other Gulf, European, Asian, and African countries.
- Two representatives of the Islamic Foundation of Ireland attended the 14th annual Halal certification bodies convention held by the Department of Islamic Development (JAKIM), Malaysia in Kuala Lumpur from 17-19 September 2024.



- Two representatives of the Islamic Foundation of Ireland attended the 3rd Halal 20 conference organised by the Indonesian Halal Product Assurance Organising Agency (BPJPH) in Jakarta during the period from 8th to 10th October 2024.
- The Islamic Foundation of Ireland received two external audit teams from the Halal Accreditation Agency (HAK) of Turkey and the Halal Product Assurance Organising Agency (BPJPH) of Indonesia during the periods from 15 to 19 April 2025 and 28 to 30 April 2025 respectively. The purpose of their visits is assess the IFI certification processes prior to the accreditation by both agencies of the IFI Halal Certification Department.

The IFI Halal personnel attended a number of training courses both online and in person:

- Two representatives of the IFI attended a three-days online technical training on the standard OIC/SMIIC2:2019 - Conformity Assessment – Requirements for Bodies Providing Halal Certification during the period from 06 to 08 May 2024.

- Three representatives of the IFI attended a four-days online technical training on Halal Conformity Assessment for Professionals by the Turkish Halal Certification Agency (HAK.) during the period of 10-13 June.
- A representative of the IFI attended an in-person International Halal training capacity development program (IHTCDP) for the management of the Foreign Halal Certification Bodies by JAKIM, Malaysia during the period from 18-19 September 2025.
- One representative of the IFI attended a four-days online technical training on Halal Conformity Assessment for Professionals by the Turkish Halal Certification Agency (HAK) during the period of 16 -19 Dec. 2024

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.

6- Deaths and Burial:

- During the period from April 2024 to April 2025, there were 87 burials of adults, children and infants arranged by the IFI administration.
- 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 throughout the year. A team of volunteers from the IFI carried out the burial of the deceased in the Muslim section of 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/)

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

Following the decision of the Louth County Council to provide burial plots for the Muslim community in County Louth in the Newtown Cross Lawn Cemetery, meetings were held between the representatives of the Muslim community from the IFI and Dundalk and Drogheda and representatives of the Council.

An agreement was signed by the Islamic Foundation of Ireland and the Louth County Council whereby the IFI will be the first point of contact for Muslim burials in the area as per the current practice outlined in the Foundation's General Burial Policy dated 22nd September 2022.

The burial area in Newtown Cross Cemetery shall be a lawn cemetery which means building of boundary markers on the graves is not allowed. The Initially 70 plots are allocated, and this can be reviewed at a future date. So far one deceased Muslim was buried in The Muslim section, Newtown Cross Lawn Cemetery

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- To Al-Maktoum Foundation for financial support to the Muslim National School and North Dublin Muslim National School.
- The brothers and sisters who contributed financially for the Mosque extension project and towards the running expenses of the Mosque by standing order or donations.
- To An Garda Síochána for the services provided to us including 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."

THE ISLAMIC FOUNDATION OF IRELAND

IFI BYE-LAWS

1) Membership:

Takes effect from: 21/07/2000.

- i) An applicant to the IFI. ordinary membership must be 18 years old or over.
- ii) Application for membership must be made by filling in the original application form obtainable from the offices of IFI. Photocopies are not acceptable.
- iii) The applicant him/herself must sign the application form in the presence of an official of the IFI. The proposer and seconder must also sign.
- iv) Proposer and seconder must be registered members of the society.
- iv) The applicant will be registered as a Member of the IFI after 90 days from registration.

2) Oath by Nominees to Offices within the IFI.

Takes effect from: 14/03/2002

Purpose of Byelaw: To safeguard the organisation and to ensure that offices within the IFI are not used to undermine the I.F.I.

Description of Byelaw: Anyone nominated to an office within the IFI (Majlis ash-Shura member and Trustees) is required to make an oath and expresses his loyalty to the IFI, and to respect its constitution. This oath is made by the nominees before the elections. Anyone who refuses to take the oath, his name will be removed from the list of nominees. Wording of the oath shall be prepared by the Majlis and presented at the meeting. (For Wording of oath see appendix (A))

3) Order at the meeting of the I.F.I.

Takes effect from 20/02/2003

Description of Bye-law: Any member who causes unnecessary trouble at any meeting of the IFI, behaves in a way that may lead to chaos, or fails to follow the norms of meetings (e.g. by being interruptive or speaking without permission), will be given an initial warning by the Chairman of the meeting, and if he/she repeats his/her behaviour, will be ruled out of order, and asked to leave the meeting (expelled.) He/she will not be allowed to vote in that meeting. If he/she refuses to leave the meeting, then a severe sanction may be imposed against him/her.

4) Deadline for Nominations for Offices within the IFI.:

Takes effect from (29/08/2003)

Description of Byelaw: Nominations for the posts of Majlis Member /Yearly Trustee must be made one week before the date of the meeting on which elections for the above posts shall take place. Nominations will be closed seven days prior to the meeting (at 5:00 p.m. on the day of the week corresponding to that on which the meeting will be held.)

If there are only six nominations for the Majlis, then those nominated will be deemed elected. If less than six people are nominated, those nominated will be deemed elected, and nominations and elections may take place during the meeting for the remaining posts completing the No. of those elected to seven.

For the post of Yearly Trustee if one person only is nominated, he will be deemed elected, and if no one was nominated, nominations and elections for the post may take place during the meeting.

5) Name of Byelaw: Rules of the Mosque.

Purpose of Byelaw: Introduced to preserve the sanctity of the Mosque; to promote Mosque etiquette (Aadaab) and in the interest of order and safety in the Mosque.

This Byelaw shall take effect from: 24/01/2010. (See appendix B)

Appendix B.

Islamic Foundation of Ireland

Special Byelaw approved by Majlis ash-Shura on 23/01/2010 in accordance with Rule 8.h. of the constitution of the I.F.I. Accordingly the rules below are binding upon all I.F.I. members and visitors of the Mosque

RULES OF THE MOSQUE

1) The Mosque administration has full responsibility over the Mosque property, the activities that take place in it and security and safety inside it.

No one is authorised to remove any property of the Mosque or to carry out any activity in it without being permitted to do so.

Anyone organising an activity that requires the use of the Mosque must notify the Mosque administration beforehand. After using the Mosque, the place must be clean and tidy.

No one is allowed to give any talk or lecture or run classes in the Mosque without prior permission from the Mosque administration.

Only the appointed Muazzins are allowed to call the Azan.

Only the regular Imam and the appointed assistances are allowed to lead the prayers.

Men should remain in men's area and not enter the area designated for women without permission and special arrangement.

Children must not be left unattended especially during prayers. They must be controlled and not left to play or cause disturbance. Leaving children without supervision is against the law in this country.

Trading (buying and selling) is prohibited on the Mosque grounds.

Playing any ball games on the grounds of the Mosque is prohibited.

No overnight sleeping is allowed inside the Mosque. Staying in the Mosque for worship outside prayer times must be arranged with the Mosque Administration beforehand.

No distribution of literature (in the form of written material, cassette recordings, CD etc.) inside or on the Mosque grounds without permission from the administration.

There should be no raising of voices in the Mosque. Any disruptive behaviour or attempt to use the Mosque for other than the purpose for which it is intended ('Ibadah) will not be tolerated for the safety and interest of the worshippers.

It is strictly prohibited to bring clothes, shoes, bags, books etc. to the Mosque.

Car Parking:

Motorists must park their cars in a proper manner They should not block the entrance, pathway or other cars.

No car should be parked overnight on the Mosque ground.

(I.F.I. Administration)

(Majlis ash-Shura reserves the right to amend these rules or add to them.)

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الهيئة الإسلامية في أيرلندا

Islamic Foundation of Ireland

Annual General Meeting

Sunday 18/05/2025
After Dhuhr Prayer,
at 2:00 p.m.

الاجتماع السنوي
للجمعية العمومية

الأحد 2025/05/18
بعد صلاة الظهر
الساعة 2:00

Agenda:

- Presentation and discussion of annual activities' report.
- Presentation & discussion of financial report.
- Election of Shura Council and one Trustee for 2025-2027.

الأجندة:

- عرض ومناقشة التقرير السنوي للأنشطة.
- عرض التقرير المالي
- انتخاب مجلس الشورى وأحد الأمناء لـ 2025-2027

آخر يوم للترشيح لمجلس الشورى ومجلس الأمناء الأحد 2025/05/11
Last day for nominations is Sunday 11/05/2025.