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MCB Hosts Eid Reception in Whitehall

The Muslim Council of Britain (MCB) held a reception on 16th November 2011 to mark the Muslim festival of Eid and the conclusion of the annual Hajj pilgrimage. Guests comprising community leaders, Imams, members of London's diplomatic community, interfaith leaders, businessmen and leaders from civil society and the academic world all gathered at 61 Whitehall for an engaging event.

MCB Secretary General, Farooq Murad, in his welcome address spoke about the messages of Eid and Hajj that display qualities of self-discipline and sacrifice, which "enable and guide us to live proactively for our cherished values of justice, fairness and compassion. They provide inspiration for us at MCB to work for dialogue, mutual respect and common good".

He was followed by the Rt Hon Sadiq Khan MP, Shadow Lord Chancellor, Shadow Secretary of State for Justice, who commended the MCB spirit of 'working for the common good' of society as a whole and also noted the particular challenge facing the community in this period of economic crisis and mounting unemployment. Former MCB Secretary General Sir Iqbal Sacranie noted the importance of retaining an official British Hajj Delegation to provide advice and support to British citizens during their stay in Saudi Arabia, and highlighted the work MCB had done to initiate this idea. Dr Shuja Shafi, Deputy Secretary General of the MCB provided a briefing on the Meningococcal (ACWY) Vaccination Programme.



Guests included the High Commissioner for Pakistan, Deputy High Commissioner for Sri Lanka and senior diplomats from Algeria, Brunei, Egypt, Indonesia, Iran, Libya, Morocco and the USA. Distinguished interfaith leaders present included Brij Mohan Gupta (President, National Council of Hindu Temples), Professor Dr David Katz (Board of Deputies of the British Jews), Ramesh Pattni (Chair, Interfaith Committee of the Hindu Forum of Britain), Mr Rusi Dalal (Zoroastrian Trust Funds of Europe), Mrs Mary Hale (Buddhist Representative from Harrow Inter Faith Council) and Philip Rosenberg (London Faith Forum). As well as Baroness Meral-Hussein Ece (Commissioner, Equality and Human Rights Commission), Dr David Heymann, Chairman Health Protection Agency Board and Professor Maleiha Malik (Kings College London) also attended.

The evening was sponsored by The Co-operative Pharmacy, which has worked with the MCB in administering vaccinations for Hajj pilgrims.



Hajj Vaccination Programme

The National MCB Meningococcal ACWY Vaccination Programme, designed for pilgrims travelling for Hajj or Umrah, is a national network of over 1000 GP practices, pharmacies and mosques providing access to meningococcal ACWY

vaccination, standardising the service and cost of vaccination across the UK. In Glasgow, the regional Member of the Scottish Parliament (MSP) Hanzala Malik and his wife were publicly vaccinated at a pharmacy to help show the importance of meningococcal ACWY vaccination before travelling for Hajj.

Several thousand pilgrims took advantage of this service across the country which also included Community vaccination clinics at Al Muntada Centre in London and Hussaini Islamic Centre, Peterborough. The Muslim Council of Britain created this programme to protect the Muslim community against meningococcal disease and look forward to expanding this programme for all pilgrims travelling for Umrah and Hajj in 2012.

Prevent briefing: *'Prevent is creating depoliticised Muslims'*



On 23rd September 2011, a community briefing on the theme 'Where do we find ourselves post the revised Prevent 2011 counter-terrorism strategy?' was held at the London Muslim Centre, Whitechapel.

Timothy Parsons, Senior Lecturer in Policing and Criminology at the London Metropolitan University and a former police officer, noted that the Government's counter-terrorism strategy lacked "credibility, deliverability and responsibility". He considered it "politically irresponsible" for Arabic terms such as 'jehadi', 'salafi' and 'takfir' to be "bandied about in an ill-considered way", adding that the Prevent policy document contained many ambiguities and now it would be left to each police force on how it is to be operationalised. In response to questions from the floor, he agreed that there were institutional barriers that made it difficult

for Muslim police officers to be accepted into Special Branch or local counter-terrorism units but "the pressure must be kept up". Dr Muhammad Khan, former Chair of the Muslim Youthwork Foundation and Tutor in Youth and Community Work, Ruskin College Oxford described the climate of distrust created by Prevent. This was a theme developed by Alaa' Al-Samarrai, Vice-President Student Affairs of FOSIS, who conveyed the psychological impact on Muslim students – many of whom were now reluctant to participate in Islamic societies "for fear of being stigmatised" – thus losing out on an important opportunity to meet other students, broaden their outlook and gain organisational skills.

Amongst other speakers was Rizwaan Sabir, a doctoral student at the University of Strathclyde, where his wrongful arrest as a Nottingham University student is now a cause

célèbre. He spoke of his ordeal and indicated that in his view Prevent was "not a counter-terrorism strategy but an ideological strategy". The policy seemed to have relied on groups such as the Centre for Social Cohesion for data, resulting in a distorted and exaggerated analysis of the situation in universities – "the problem was not as severe as it has been made out". In his own experience "Prevent is about spying", reporting dissent and creating "depoliticised Muslims". In a contribution from the floor a youth leader from the Kentish Town Community Organisation described the intimidations he had personally experienced and made a plea for Muslims to disengage with the strategy.

Search Youtube using the term 'MCB Prevent' for video clips of the presentations by Timothy Parsons, Alaa' Al-Samarrai and Rizwaan Sabir.

MCB Meets the Community

The MCB has embarked on a programme of hosting nationwide "Meeting the Community" events across the UK in an effort to actively engage with as many affiliates and members of the community as possible. The objective of the programme is to provide affiliates and the wider Muslim community an opportunity to express their concerns and expectations on matters of community development and for a general discussion and feedback on the work of the MCB.

Two events have already taken place in Birmingham and Leicester. The MCB highlighted the work and achievements made over the years and informed the community about the exciting plans which the MCB has adopted to serve for the common good of society. The events also highlighted key challenges facing the Muslim community in the UK and how the MCB is working to address these challenges. The MCB will work to ensure the needs and aspirations of the community are reflected in all of its core work.



Further events are planned in Bolton, Manchester, South/East/North/West London, Cardiff and Glasgow/Edinburgh. If you would like to host an MCB 'Meeting the Community' event, please feel free to contact us at: admin@mcb.org.uk or phone 0845 26 26 786.

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MCB Beacon Awards for Excellence in Youth Development

Young Muslim Beacon Awards 2011 Winners Announced with Special Posthumous Awards to three Muslims killed during UK Riots

On the evening of 11th October 2011, the winners of the Young Muslim Beacon Awards 2011 were announced by the Speaker of the House of Commons, Rt. Hon. John Bercow MP at an awards ceremony hosted at the Houses of Parliament.

The Young Muslim Beacon Awards, in its fourth year, is a project of the Youth Affairs Committee of the Muslim Council of Britain. The awards are designed to recognise the very best of projects and organisations working in our communities to help improve the lives of young Muslims locally, regionally and nationally.

The winners who came through stiff competition to triumph were Osmani Trust for the local category, Somali Youth Development Resource Centre for the regional category and Charity Week UK for the national category.

The awards ceremony was jointly hosted by the Secretary General of the Muslim Council of Britain, Farooq Murad and Lord Sheikh of Cornhill with Chief Guest, The Speaker of the House of Commons, Rt. Hon. John Bercow MP presenting the awards. The ceremony celebrated and acknowledged the outstanding achievements of youth organisations in the presence of leading parliamentarians, diplomats, young Muslims, civic, community and religious leaders from across the country.



The Speaker of the House of Commons, Rt. Hon. John Bercow MP said the awards are inspiring to the Muslim youth and showed that Muslims were a huge asset to Britain, "Britain is proud of Muslims. Your contributions to this country and your future potential should be championed and nurtured." Shadow Lord Chancellor and Secretary of State for Justice Rt. Hon. Sadiq Khan MP also commended the winners.

The evening also awarded Special Posthumous Awards to the three young Muslims who paid the ultimate sacrifice standing up to defend and protect their community from looters during riots

in Birmingham, in August 2011. Haroon Jahan, Shazad Ali and Abdul Musavir were honoured with an award for Model Citizenship. Receiving the awards Abdul Quddos, brother and Ghazanfar Ali, father of Shazad Ali and Abdul Musavir thanked the MCB and said they were honoured to be keeping alive the memory of Shazad and Musavir.



Addressing the audience, the Attorney General, Rt. Hon. Dominic Grieve QC MP applauded the MCB for recognising the work of youth organisations and also paid tribute to the sacrifice of the three riot victims saying their families provided "moral leadership and exemplary mannerism" to the country. "They brought the country together and upheld the rule of law. All of us saw the riots tearing our communities apart but at the same time we were overwhelmingly impressed by the dignity of the victims' families. The award given to them is recognition of their talent and participation in the civic life of Britain and they best deserve it".

Sayid Ali, Deputy Overseas Development Manager at Al Muntada Trust, a leading charity in serving communities in the UK and Sub-Saharan Africa, who sponsored the event said "We are delighted to have sponsored this outstanding event which gives much deserved recognition to members of our community. Al Muntada Trust congratulates all the winners and runners up for what they have achieved".

In his keynote address, Farooq Murad, the Secretary General of the Muslim Council of Britain said "British Muslim youth are a very special group of people. They provide an important bridge between cultures and despite many challenges, from economic and social disadvantage to negative media portrayals in the form of Islamophobia, they are moving forward, thanks to some excellent work being done to engage and empower them to take their rightful place in Britain. It is essential that we recognise these efforts".

Nominations will shortly be opening for the next year. Visit www.ymba.co.uk for the latest information on nominations and how you can get involved.

WINNERS

LOCAL WINNER



Osmani Trust is a youth and community organisation operating in the London Boroughs of Tower Hamlets and Newham, delivering a wide range of educational, training, health and sporting initiatives tailored to the needs of the local community.

REGIONAL WINNER



Somali Youth Development Resource Centre was established in 2000 as a federation of five Somali organisations and operates London wide, working to tackle underachievement in the Somali community.

NATIONAL WINNER



Charity Week UK is a student led project which mobilises young people in colleges and universities throughout the country to fundraise for various charities around the world.

The Runners-up were: Khidmah Organisation, Selfless & Muslim Youth Skills



A section of the Memorial wall with the names of near 8000 Soudanese slaughtered in Srebrenica

Commemorating Srebrenica Genocide Day

On 7th July 2011, the Muslim Council of Britain circulated a Khutba (Friday Sermon) by the Grand Mufti of Bosnia, Mustafa Ceric, to all of its 500 affiliated organisations to remember the dead and pray for the victim's families and loved ones.

This year, more than six hundred identified bodies from collective graves were laid to rest in the Memorial Centre of Potocari near Srebrenica following the massacre in Srebrenica in 1995. The

Khutba aimed to awaken the conscience of humanity and remind everyone to educate younger generations to appreciate democracy, human rights, value of life and respect for its integrity and also the value of human dignity and respect for the otherness of the other – should one regard another as the 'other'.

The long awaited arrest of the Serbian war criminal, Ratko Mladic has given some hope of justice and relief for the families of the victims and the community at large.

NORWAY TERRORIST -

A wake-up call

Commenting on the tragic terrorist attacks in Norway, Farooq Murad, Secretary General of the Muslim Council of Britain said in a statement on 25th July 2011, "our thoughts and prayers should primarily be with the victims. While the perpetrator of this senseless massacre was fuelled by a hatred of Muslims and their place in Western Society. Yet this has often been ignored at worst or paid lip-service to at best as policymakers focus on violence emanating from a handful of Muslims - again whom many Muslims would condemn and would continue to remain ever vigilant against". The perpetrator's hatred of Muslims and the value of multiculturalism, together with his links to the far-right

further underlines the violence from far-right extremists has been a clear and present danger to British streets for too long.

"For us to repudiate the horrors of Norway, it is important that we join the Norwegian people and echo the leadership of the Norwegian Prime Minister; that is, to stand up for what we believe in – humanity, democracy and equality. And in this we say that we believe in the positive role that people of all faiths, including Muslims, have to play in Western society. Above all we affirm that far from dying, multiculturalism is a force for good in building cohesive societies".



MCB Calls on British Muslims to Respond to East Africa Crisis Appeal

On 22nd July 2011, ahead of Friday prayers, the Muslim Council of Britain called upon all Mosques, charities and communities to remember the human tragedy unfolding in East Africa. Farooq Murad, Secretary General of the MCB stressed on the importance of unity to prevent this crisis turning into a catastrophe.

MCB Welcomes UN Resolution on Syria

On 4th August 2011, the Muslim Council of Britain (MCB) welcomed the belated condemnation by the United Nations of the Syrian government's crackdown of its own people. For many months, the regime attacked innocent protestors who were making legitimate demands for human rights, representative government and the rule of law. The MCB welcomed our government's initiative in pursuing this resolution at the United Nations, and urged our government to use its diplomatic leverage to insist on reform in the Arab and Muslim world.

Summer Riots

Amidst the riots that took place during the summer, the MCB issued a press release on 9th August 2011 calling upon all communities to remain calm and vigilant and asked community leaders to support the authorities, particularly, the police and the fire service in their valiant and commendable efforts to maintain law and order, and protect our streets and properties. Communities and youth were requested to provide whatever help they can in clearing and cleaning up and MCB joined the appeal by authorities to urge parents to be extra vigilant with their children.

MCB joins the nation on Remembrance Day Commemorations

On 11th November 2011, the MCB joined the nation on Remembrance Day to commemorate the soldiers who fought hard for our country. "I, like many other British Muslims, had relatives who fought for Britain in the World Wars. This day it is fitting we remember those who gave their lives so that we – all of us – might have our freedoms" said Farooq Murad, Secretary General.

The MCB also condemned the acts of the group Muslims Against Crusades (MAC) who were banned by the Home Secretary.

10TH ANNIVERSARY OF 9/11:

Time to focus on building peace

The MCB issued a press release on 8th September 2011 marking the tenth anniversary of the attacks on 9/11, where ten years ago, we witnessed the loss of thousands of lives during the horrific terrorist attacks on the World Trade Centre.

As Muslims, we look back with sadness at what happened on September 11, 2001, an act which was evil and criminal. Muslims the world over have nothing to do with such an act of hate and destruction that drove the 9/11 bombers. Our prayers are for the three thousand innocent lives lost and thousands of other innocent men, women and children who have since lost their lives elsewhere as a result of the senseless wars unleashed in its wake.

We recall with regret that this attack has been used to falsely accuse our cherished religion of Islam, a religion of humanity, being a target of irrational anger and hate, setting a global course of retaliatory action with little respect for human life, national sovereignty and rule of law. Terrorism is a crime and the perpetrators are not representatives of any faith, colour or race.

A lot has changed in the last 10 years, but one thing remains the same: ordinary Muslims have continued to live by the values that have always made them decent, hard-working and community-oriented citizens. These were the values shown at the recent riots, where Muslims joined with people of all faiths and none to restore normality in our communities.

It has been a sad decade but has ended with grounds for optimism. It began with wars, more terror and even more lives lost. But it ended with Muslims in the Arab world demanding peace, democracy and the freedom to live their lives without fear and intimidation. The Arab Uprising was the best repudiation to the terrorists of 11 September 2001.

As we express our sympathy and solidarity to the families of all those who have lost their lives and suffered in 9/11 and since, let us honour their memory by rejecting the divisive agendas and placing our faith on our cherished values of global justice, freedom, and equality. We must redouble our efforts to achieve enduring solidarity amongst our diverse communities.

Terrorism Legislation - A Quick Analysis

Commenting on the first report published by the new Independent Reviewer of the UK's counter terrorism legislation, Mr David Anderson Q.C, on 25th July 2011, the MCB called for further scrutiny of the Government's powers under the current Terrorism Legislation.

The MCB welcomed the recommendation for a full review of the Schedule 7 power, which allows for travellers to be detained at ports and airports without reasonable suspicion and also welcomed the recommendation that proscription of organisations should be time-limited and that the Secretary of State must satisfy the Parliament if they are to be re proscribed.

However, with regards to Section 47a of the TA 2000, the MCB suggested adding that Articles 5 (the right to liberty) and Article 8 (the right to respect for private life) should apply to the current statutory

powers to stop and search without reasonable suspicion and provide a satisfactory reason for using the power.

The MCB urged Mr. Anderson to reduce the 14 day limit to at most 7 days and then allowing an order on statutory grounds to extend up to 14 days. The power of judges to extend the 14 day pre-charge detention limit to be triggered by an order made on strict statutory grounds, not by primary legislation as proposed by government was welcomed.

The MCB strongly agreed with Mr. Anderson's concluding remarks, that there is a risk in treating terrorism as something apart from all other criminal offences and could be dealt with under the orthodox criminal law.

BABAR AHMAD:

Timeline of MCB's efforts for Babar Ahmad to be tried in the UK

Late September 2011

MCB receive requests from campaigners from the Babar Ahmad E-petition campaign, friends and concerned members from the community requesting help in raising more signatures to reach the target of 100,000. At this point, the e-petition had 10,000 signatures.

13th October 2011

MCB writes a letter to affiliates and the community to raise awareness of Babar Ahmad's case and urge them to sign the e-petition.

26th October 2011

MCB reaches out to all affiliates to encourage signatures from the community and raising awareness of the case during Jummah Khutbas as well as issuing a Press Release – 'Have Faith in British Justice: Put Babar Ahmed on Trial in the UK NOT the US'

28th October 2011 & 4th November 2011

MCB volunteers got ready to hold stalls outside mosques after Friday prayers to make awareness of the campaign and get as many people as possible to sign the e-petition. We witness a phenomenal increase in signatures on the e-petition website.

10th November 2011

e-petition reaches 141,000 signatures

23rd November 2011

Press release issued: 'Babar Ahmad: Will Politicians listen?'

24th November 2011

The case is discussed in Westminster Hall and resulted in a debate being organized in the main chamber for a full Parliamentary debate.

30th November 2011

MCB urges the community to write to MPs – 'Babar Ahmad Action Alert!'

5th December 2011

Debate held in the Main Chamber of the House of Commons. The House passes the motion without a vote that ministers should change the UK-US Extradition treaty and European Arrest Warrant.



Research and Documentation Committee (ReDoc)

The committee has been holding regular monthly seminars on topical issues, delivered by experts in their fields. The ReDoc Seminar series is intended to open a space for discussion of research and work in progress on Muslims in Britain and related topics concerning or affecting the Muslim community.

RECENT EVENTS:

16th September 2011

Dr. Matthew Tariq Wilkinson delivered a seminar entitled 'Helping Muslim Boys Succeed: the case for History in Schools'. He presented the findings of his recently completed doctoral project at Kings College London. He provided empirical qualitative and statistical findings about the responses of British Muslim boys to their History provision.

14th October 2011

Dr Serena Hussain, University of Oxford, presented her findings on comparing Muslim schools in the US and UK. This was based on interviews with young persons, both current and former pupils of Islamic schools, as well as parents.

18th November 2011

Dr Moustafa Traoré spoke on 'The Integration of Muslim Culture in Great-Britain: From theory to reality' drawing on his case studies of Muslim communities in Exeter and Britain. The discussion that followed considered some of the different factors at work in France and the way multiculturalism in Britain is playing a role in debates there.

On 16th December 2011, a seminar entitled: 'Beyond Competitive Victimhood: The Politics of Holocaust Memory in a Multi-Ethnic Society' by Adam Sutcliffe will take place at King's College London

View ReDoc's online platform that discusses policy matters affecting British Muslims at <http://soundings.mcb.org.uk>

Youth Affairs Committee

Since inception, the blog has gone from strength to strength. A variety of articles have been submitted for various sections on the website by a wide range of writers in the UK and across the globe. The Politics & Society section has been particularly thriving, with cutting edge pieces from several specialists covering the phone hacking scandals, the 9/11 decade and the UK riots, among other topics, providing the most up-to-date pieces and eyewitness accounts. Stories from Egypt, Saudi, Sudan, Auschwitz, Zimbabwe, Dubai, Norway, and more have been covered in the 'World Section'.

The 'Culture Section' has had excellent exhibition and theatre reviews so far, coupled with food and film reviews. The 'Spirituality' section has been a fusion of thought-provoking discussions, including pieces on Richard Dawkins' new book, Ramadhan and Fasting, and reviews of the latest debates, such as Rageh Omar's documentary on the life of the Prophet, which propelled 35 comments from readers. The 'ShowFace' videos section has showcased many upcoming figures.

The project has showcased a great pool of talent with more than 50 writers who have written since June, more than 530,000 hits and 5400 unique readers just in August. New changes to the layout, to aid readability and usability, including social networking tools, have been implemented. Contributions from new writers are always welcomed. Just email:

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Interfaith Relations Committee UN Celebrates Multiculturalism



The Universal Peace Federation (UPF) decided to explore the challenge faced by our increasingly globalised urban communities and held a two-day European Leadership Conference in Geneva, Switzerland in the United Nations Office on 23rd September 2011 and at the University of Geneva on the 24th of September 2011. Sheikh Ramzy, representing MCB's Interfaith Committee, spoke at the conference and posed the question 'why did Almighty God make us all different, what is the reason behind having so many different cultures in the first place?' and provided a verse from the holy Quran which answers succinctly – "Oh mankind we created you from a single pair and then made you into families' tribes and nations that you may know each other". [Chapter 49:Verse 13]. "Here knowing each other means that we may come to understand each other; learn from each other; help each other; and live side by side with one another in peace. This means that all issues concerning multiculturalism should be based on this purpose" said Sheikh Ramzy.



HEALTH AND FOOD STANDARDS COMMITTEE MCB Signs MoU with the State Minister of Penang, Malaysia

Halal Penang, a halal food organ of the government of Penang, Malaysia signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Muslim Council of Britain on Tuesday 4th October 2011. The Honourable Haji Abdul Malik Kassim, State Minister for Religious Affairs and Chairman from Halal Penang, and Dr Shuja Shafi, Deputy Secretary General of the MCB and Chair of the Health and Food Standards Committee jointly signed the agreement. The MOU provided that the MCB shall be the sole UK contact of Halal Penang in matters relating to Halal.

If you would like to join one of our committees or would like to know more about their work, please email admin@mcb.org.uk

A Round-up of MCB's Activities

Some of the many meetings and events in which the MCB has participated

DIPLOMATIC

Meeting Education Minister of Brunei at Markfield
9th July 2011

Received the representative of Russian Mufti Council
9th July 2011

Meeting Paul Giannansi, Ministry of Justice and Association of Chief Police Officers
18th July 2011

Secretary General chaired a seminar on Turkish elections organised by Policy Research Council at the London Muslim Centre (LMC)
July 2011.



POLITICAL AND NATIONAL

Secretary General attended the World Economic Forum's constituents' consultation event
5th and 6th September 2011, Geneva

Evening Standard - 1000 Most Influential Londoners
8th November 2011, Covent Garden

National Remembrance Day at Cenotaph, Whitehall
13th November 2011

COMMUNITY

Meeting with Pir Syed Maarooof Shah Sahib and visit to many mosques to meet Imams
14th July 2011

Secretary General spoke at UKIM Annual Conference at Oldham attended by 3000 on the conference theme of Building a better future for Muslims in Europe
24th July 2011

Secretary General attended and spoke at the Islamic Society of Britain's Living Islam Event at Lincolnshire Show Ground
July 2011

MCB delegation visit to Birmingham to support the community in the wake of the riots and the murder of three Muslim youths. Meeting community leaders, the families of the victims and police officers
11th August 2011

Attended the Peace Rally in Birmingham
14th August 2011

Visit to Karimia Institute and meeting Dr. Musharraf Hussain
17th August 2011

Secretary General attended and spoke at the Bradford Council for Mosques 30th Anniversary Celebration
6th September 2011, Bradford

Secretary General attended Saudi National Day Event
22nd September 2011

Secretary General attended the MUSIAD (Müstakil İşadamları Derneği - Independent Industrialists' and Businessmen's Association) event

Conservative Muslim Forum, Annual Dinner of the Northwest - Conservative Muslim Forum (NWCMF) at the Conservative Annual Conference with Leading Senior Ministers, MPs, MEPs, Lords, Sporting Personalities and Community Leaders
2nd October 2011

Meeting with National Association of Muslim Police (NAMP) on Hate Crime at Archway Police Station
4th October 2011

Meeting the Community in Birmingham at Muath Trust
8th October 2011

Wadar Khanfar dinner in Marriott Hotel in Kilburn
9th October 2011

MCB Young Muslim Beacon Awards at the House of Lords
11th October 2011

One Society, Many Cultures (OSMC) Conference, TUC Russell Square
15th October 2011

Meeting the Community in Leicester at Oadby Wigston Muslim Association
23rd October 2011

Secretary General spoke at 'Celebrating Muslim Contribution Event' in Loughborough Town Hall
24th October 2011

NAMP Awards 2011 at Regents Park Mosque, London
27th October 2011

Made in Europe & Oxfam GB - Launch of Islam in Action at the House of Lords
1st November 2011

Meeting with Safa Yasin Okumus, Vice Chairman of MUSIAD's Youth Council
1st November 2011

BBC Radio 4 Today Programme Lecture at BBC Broadcasting House, Portland Place
3rd November 2011

Visit to Olympic Park with Archbishop of Canterbury
8th November 2011

MCB Eid Reception, Whitehall
16th November 2011



INTER FAITH

Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies, Omani Minister for Endowments & Religious Affairs lecture & dinner: "Vision for a New World - Faith and Righteous Deeds"
29th September 2011, Oxford

'Living Well Together' - Interfaith Launch event in Central Hall, Westminster
21st November 2011

Multifaith Chaplaincy Event at Portcullis House, Westminster
24th November 2011



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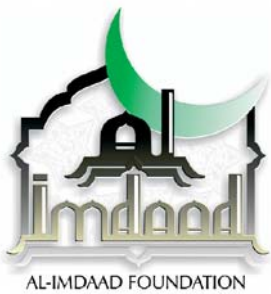
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Welcoming MCB's New Affiliates



INNOVAID

Innovaid became a local affiliate of the MCB in August 2011. Innovaid is a UK registered charity consisting of inspired, creative and energy-rich individuals with a talent and flair for the unusual. Innovaid's vision is an eco-friendly world free from injustice, poverty and exploitation with a mission to achieve positive change through creative campaigns able to inspire and engage the masses.



AL IMDAAD FOUNDATION

The Al-Imdaad foundation became a local affiliate of the MCB in September 2011. The Al-Imdaad Foundation UK is a non-profit humanitarian aid relief organisation with registered offices in South Africa, Australia, Indonesia, Jordan and now in the United Kingdom. It is dedicated to providing humanitarian services in crisis and non-crisis situations to most needy orphans, widows and destitute, irrespective of race, religion, culture and geographical boundaries. The Foundation aspires to excel in humanitarian relief, providing humanitarian services with the highest level of compassion, professionalism and care under the supervision of a team of Scholars from South Africa and abroad. The Al Imdaad Foundation UK is also a signatory to the Code of Conduct for the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movements and NGOs in Disaster Relief.



BURMESE MUSLIM ASSOCIATION

Burmese Muslim Association became a local affiliate of the MCB in August 2011. The Burmese Muslim Association was formed on the 23rd of October 2006. It has always been at the forefront along with the people of Burma as active participants in the cultural, educational, social development, national unity, human rights and democracy of Burma throughout history. The BMA aims to ensure Burmese Muslims as responsible and active participants in Burmese society and encourages mutual understanding and fraternal relations with all citizens.

ESHATUL ISLAM MOSQUE

Eshatul Islam Mosque became a local affiliate of the MCB in August 2011. The Eshatul Islam, also known as the Ford Square Mosque, is based in East London. It is a local mosque enabling the local community to perform their daily prayers and facilitates for educational seminars and talks.

MCB invites you to affiliate your organisation!

If your organisation is not already affiliated to the MCB and you can confirm that it is a Muslim organisation which has been in existence for at least a year, has a governing document, affirms faith in the Oneness of Allah and belief that Muhammad (saw) is the final messenger, please follow the link on our website: www.mcb.org.uk/aboutmcb and download an Affiliation Form. Alternatively, please contact the MCB office on **0845 26 26 786** to speak to one of our staff members. It's quick, it's easy and is simple.





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