

"The Masjid's open"...but to whom?

How can mosques become more accessible?



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Who we are

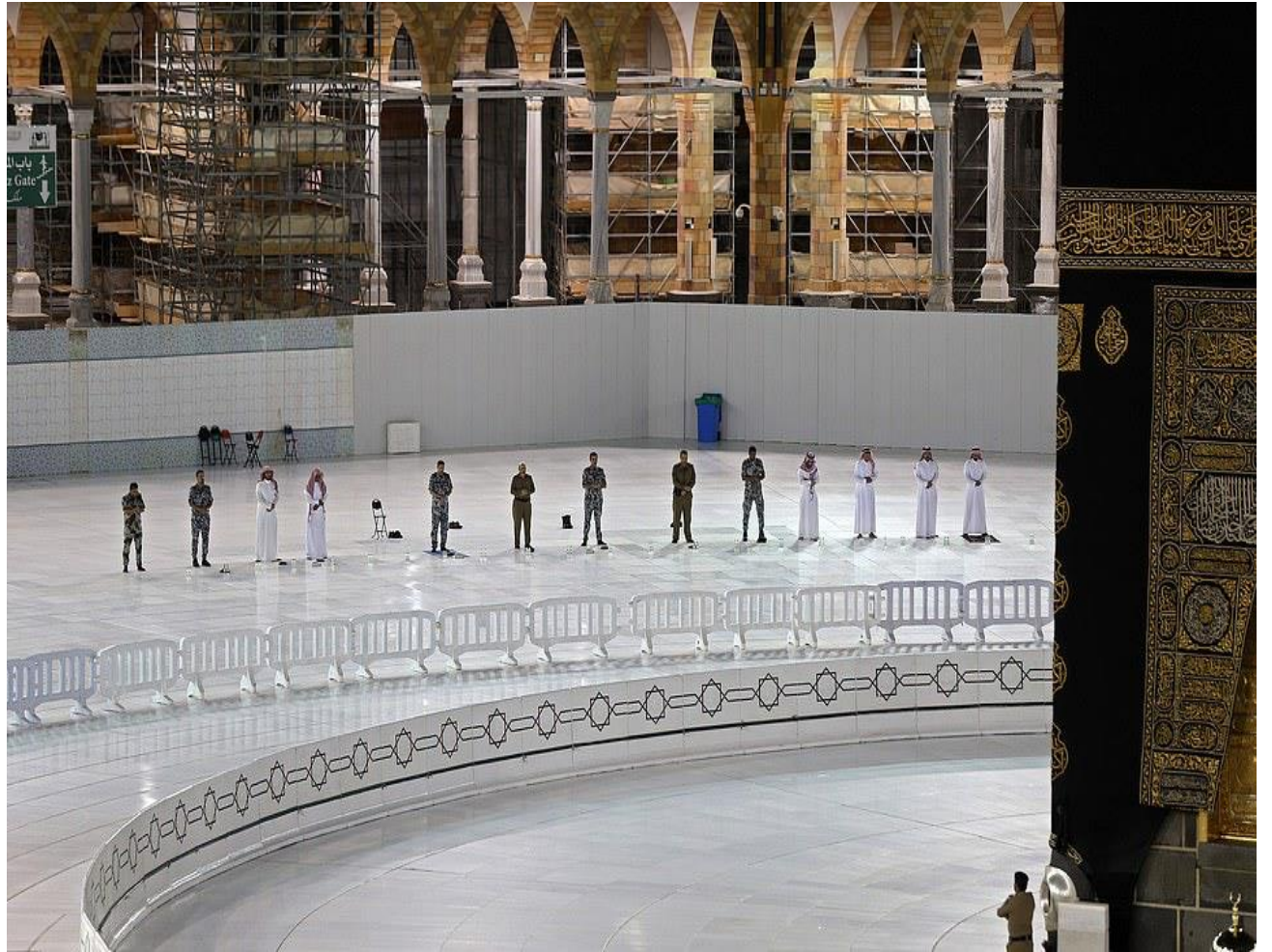
- Founded in 2018
- Based in Greenwich, London
- Parents/carers; siblings; relatives and friends
- Ana Huna = “I am here”



What we do

- 1) Increase awareness of disability
- 2) Promote and improve access into & within places of worship
- 3) Empower and foster understanding amongst young people







- Over 40% PWD reporting higher anxiety (ONS, 20th Aug)
- Impact on quality of relationship between families and services available (Ofsted SEND Briefing, October)



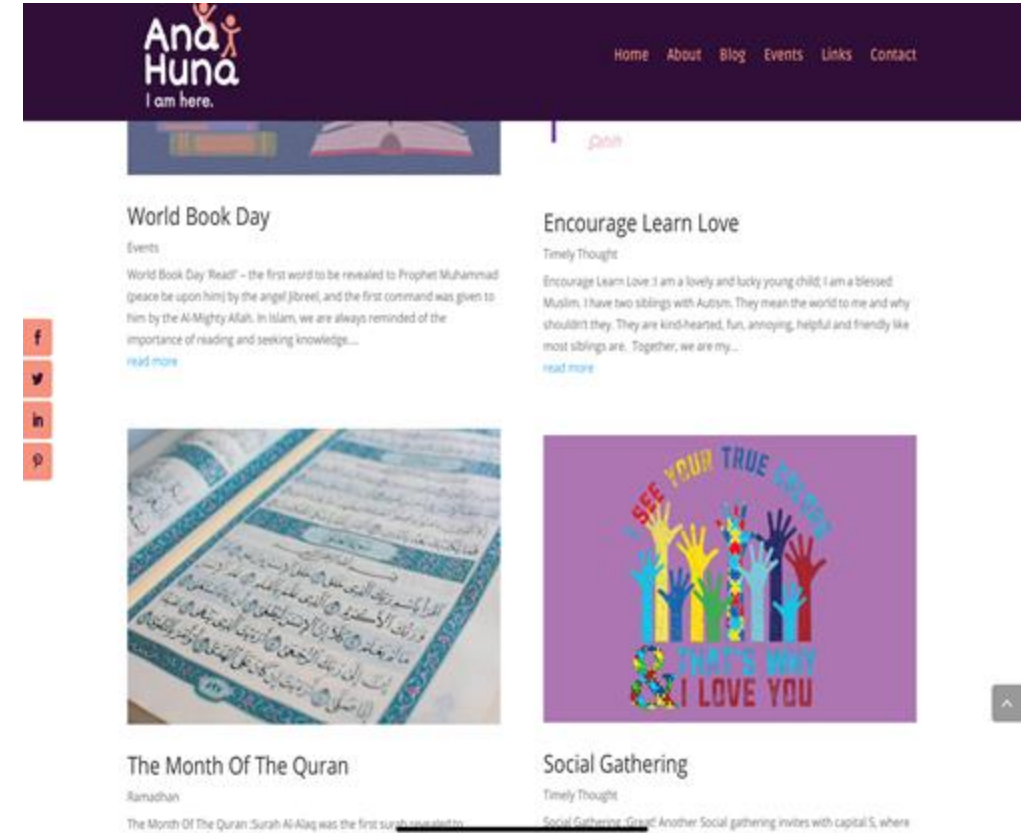
Filling the gaps...

❑ Information and understanding of services

- Building relationships
- Needs-based approach to inform decision making

❑ Equality to access essential items

- Managing EHCplan
- Signposting to local organisations and financial assistance (ie: family fund, direct payments, school meal vouchers)
- Culturally sensitive



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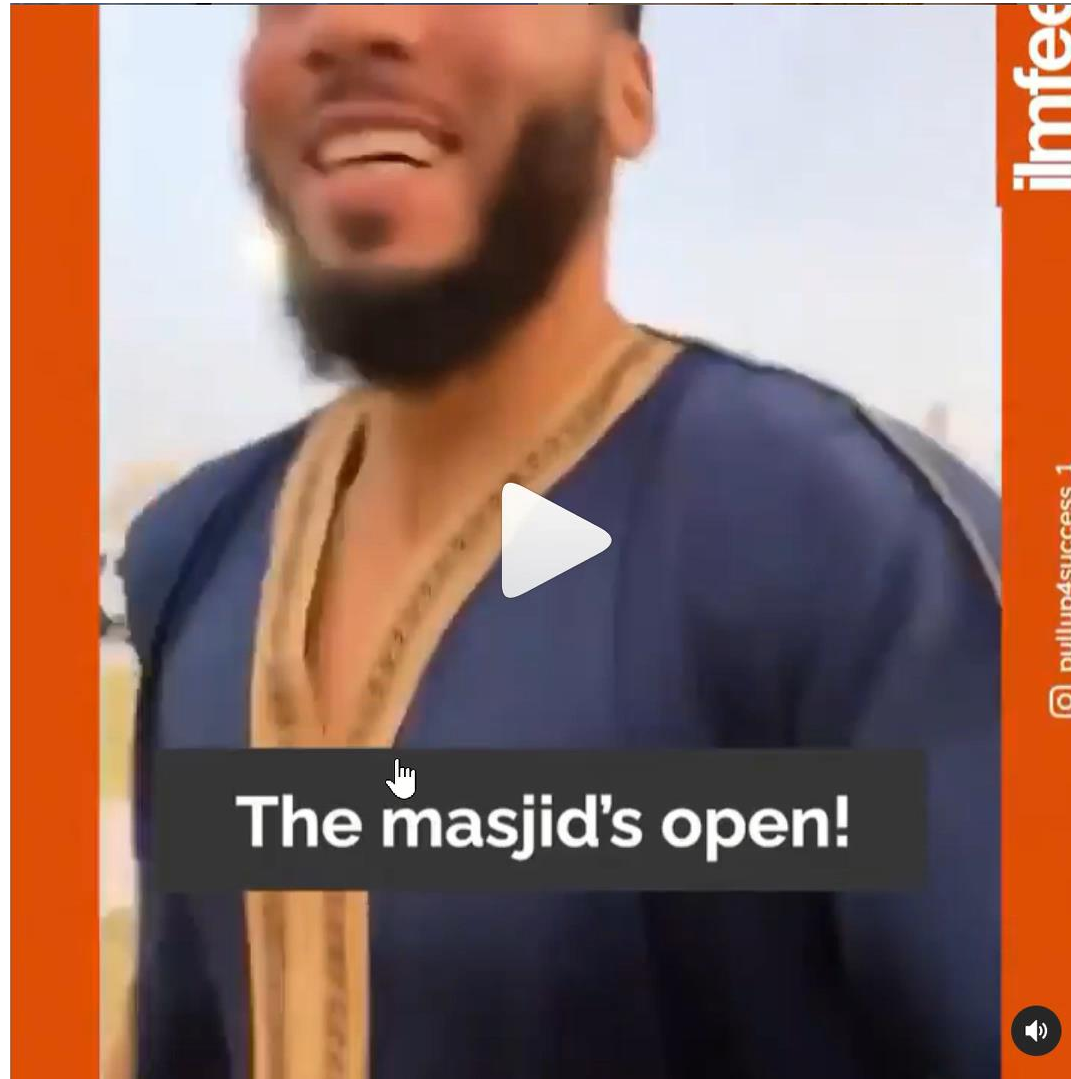
Filling the gaps...

❑ Emotional support

- A safe space for sharing experiences and creating support networks



When the mosques re-open...#BeyondCOVID







*"I just wanted to
say thank you.
This is my first
time inside the
masjid."*

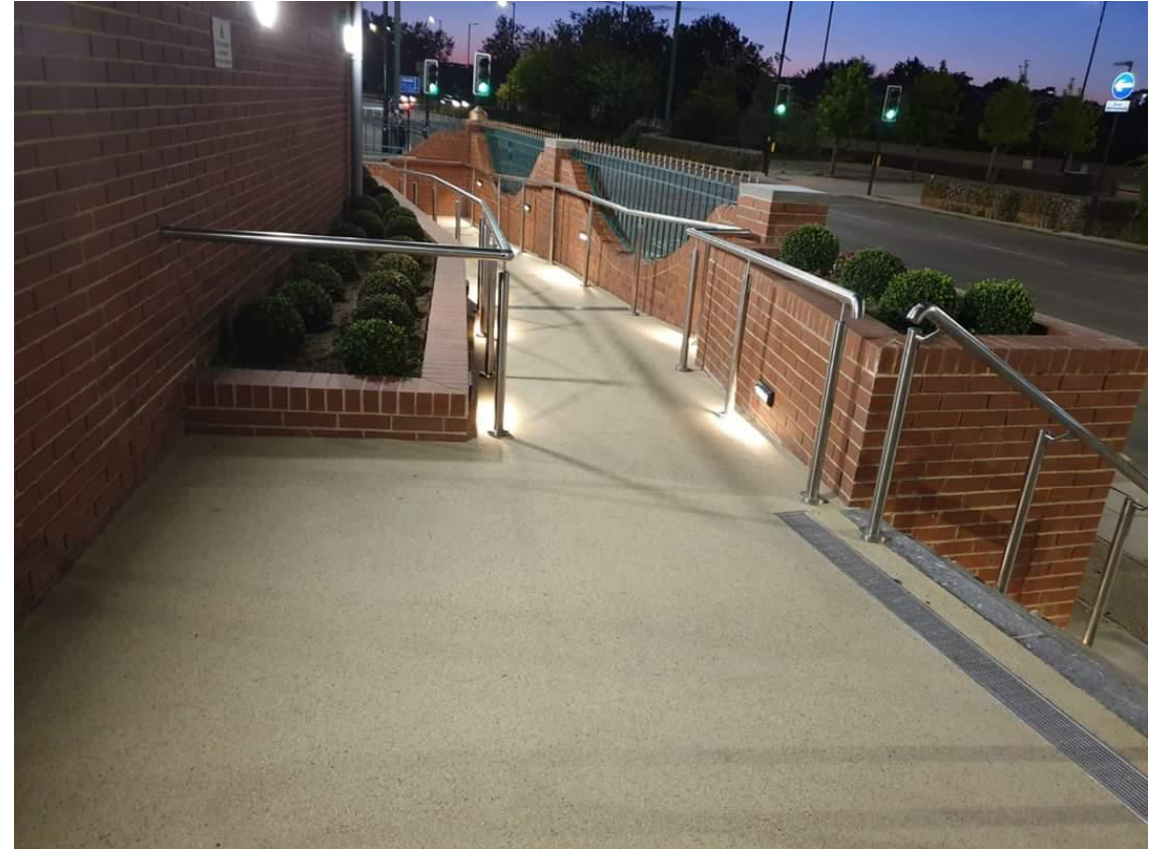
Hisham (aged 19, October
2019)

حَدَّثَنَا سُلَيْمَانُ بْنُ حَرْبٍ، قَالَ حَدَّثَنَا حَمَّادُ بْنُ زَيْدٍ، عَنْ ثَابِتٍ، عَنْ أَبِي رَافِعٍ، عَنْ أَبِي هُرَيْرَةَ، أَنَّ رَجُلًا، أَسْوَدَ . أَوْ امْرَأَةً سَوْدَاءَ . كَانَ يَقُمُّ الْمَسْجِدَ، فَمَاتَ، فَسَأَلَ أَقْلًا كُنْتُمْ أَذْنُتُمُونِي بِهِ دُلُّونِي " قَالَ . النَّبِيُّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ عَنْهُ فَقَالُوا مَاتَ صَاحِبُ الْبَخَارِيِّ.. أَوْ قَالَ قَبْرَهَا . فَأَتَى قَبْرَهُ فَصَلَّى عَلَيْهِ . " عَلَى قَبْرِهِ

Narrated Abu Huraira: A black man or a black woman used to sweep the mosque and he or she died. The Prophet (ﷺ) asked about her (or him). He was told that she (or he) had died. He said, "Why did you not inform me? Show me his grave (or her grave)." So he went to her (his) grave and offered her (his) funeral prayer."

How can mosques become more accessible?

- 1) Addressing the stigma that exists around the term 'disability'
- 2) Communicate with and acknowledge all vulnerable groups in the community
- 3) Electing members with lived experiences onto committee boards



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