



27TH - 29TH NOVEMBER #BEYONDCOVID

How can we ensure the role of our mosques in community life
is not limited to the walls of the mosque building only?

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Welcome Message

As-salamu alaykum, Peace be with you



HARUN KHAN
MCB SECRETARY GENERAL

This year has been filled with immeasurable uncertainty, grief, and challenges. Yet throughout 2020, Muslim communities across Britain have **come together in tribulation** to support their local communities during the pandemic. It is now, more important than ever to **unite as a community**, to strengthen our institutions, and to work cohesively. Whilst the pandemic is ongoing, COVID-19-secure rules and **reduced capacity in our mosques** will remain with us for several more months at least, if not longer. But beyond coping with the short-term challenges, how many of us are **planning ahead into 2021** and into how we want our mosques to operate **#BeyondCOVID?**

- Rates of **youth unemployment** in 2021 are forecast to be very high. With about 50% of British Muslims aged 24 years old or younger, what can your mosque do to help young people in your community **get a job?**

- Even before the pandemic, **digital payment** overtook cash as the most frequently used payment method in Britain in 2018. Are our mosques geared up to **fundraise digitally?**

- Lockdown has made us all accustomed to **accessing services from home**. In the 'new normal', how can you ensure your Imam, educational and other mosque services are not limited to the walls of your mosque building only?

Since January 2018, the Our Mosques Our Future conferences have been designed to be a space for mosque leaders and volunteers to **share best practices**, but also **not shy away** from asking difficult questions. This weekend's sessions will cover a range of hot topics, from engaging with your congregations digitally, to looking after leadership and mental health in uncertain times. Whether you're an Imam, trustee, committee member, volunteer, activist, worshipper, or simply someone who is interested in mosques in Britain today, there is something in this virtual conference for you. Thank you to our supporting partners who have helped make this conference possible: Euro Quality Foundation, Muntada Aid, Farani Taylor, Islamic Relief, and Bates Wells.

Like other places of worship across Britain this year, our mosques have proven themselves to be one of the safest venues in the country in terms of being COVID-19-secure. I pray that we can continue to employ this adaptability and resourcefulness to make our mosques ready for the 'new normal' in 2021 and beyond *insha'Allah*.



FARANI TAYLOR

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Amid COVID-19, it is difficult to plan for our mosques in 2021. But lockdowns so far have taught us a few things are here to stay, like engaging our congregations digitally and online fundraising. #BeyondCOVID, how can we ensure the role of our mosques in the community is not limited to the walls of the mosque building only?

Join one of **10 panels** over **three days** this weekend to discover more!

DELIVERING MOSQUE SERVICES DIGITALLY

Case Studies & Lessons Learned (Panel)

6:00 - 7:00 PM



IMAM ABID KHAN
Cheadle Mosque Association



SUFIA ALAM
East London Mosque



IS'HAAQ JASAT
National Huffadh Association

Technology has been crucial in helping us stay connected during the ongoing pandemic. With many services making the transition to digital, from Friday prayer sermons to Quran recitation competitions to Imam Q&A sessions, three panelists will share their experiences so far and lessons they've learned along the way.

101 WAYS TO ENGAGE YOUR CONGREGATION DIGITALLY

Top Tips for Using Tech (Workshop)

7:30 - 8:15 PM



AYUB SEEDAT
Islamic Network

The spirit of ummah has always been an integral aspect of the Islamic tradition. This workshop run by Islamic Network will present a strategy for mosques, regardless of size, in moving essential services online and reaching their communities remotely.



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- Property and development advice and advising on property disputes for mosques and Muslim charities

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You are in
good hands
with Augustus,
masha Allah.
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To find out more contact Augustus Della-Porta, Partner in our Charity and Social Enterprise department, who leads our work with Muslim charities

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SATURDAY 28TH NOVEMBER (DAY 2 OF 3)

UNDERSTANDING YOUR CONGREGATION

Using Surveys & Data Smartly (Workshop)

10:30 - 11:30 AM



DR ABDUL AZIM
Muslim Council of Wales



HUMAYUN SALEEM
Green Lane Masjid & Community Centre, Birmingham

What does your congregation want from your mosque? And how often do you ask them? The first part of this workshop will give an insight into designing research to collect useful data on your congregation and their needs, whilst the second part will cover a case study of Green Lane Masjid & Community Centre who runs regular surveys of their congregation in Birmingham.

LEADERSHIP THROUGH UNCERTAIN TIMES

Imams & Committees (Panel)

12:30 - 1:30 PM



IMAM AJMAL MASROOR
Barefoot Institute



DR MARYYUM MEHMOOD
Edward Cadbury Centre for the Public Understanding of Religion



JOHN WILLIAMS
Association of Chairs

In uncertain times, human beings require strong and effective leadership from those in positions of authority, to guide us through the constantly changing situation. This panel will explore how the unique role of Imams and Mosque Committee can lead their communities effectively during uncertain times such as the ongoing pandemic.

THE POWER OF ALLIANCE

Building Alliances to Achieve Family Friendly Mosques (Panel)

3:00 - 4:00 PM



ANDLEEN RAZZAQ
Mind Nomads



DR BILAL WARE
University of California-Santa Barbara



ALIMA ASHFAQ
Ilmspire

Women have been patiently serving their communities for generations. This panel discusses the cultural shift needed for better access to mosques and community spaces and opportunities for leadership with the help of their male allies in committing to this cause and doing their part.

FUNDRAISING ONLINE

Top Tips & Effective Strategies (Workshop)

6:00 - 7:00 PM



IMRAN HUSSAIN
Launch Good



IBRAHIM KHAN
Islamic Finance Guru

The reduced capacity of mosques during the pandemic means a step back from traditional activities and a step forward into an unfamiliar space of fundraising via digital means for many. It's now more important than ever for our mosques to actively take the steps to become more sustainable, but it's not as easy as just sharing a link to your online fundraising page. This workshop will explore how together we can advance mosques in their understanding and capacity to fundraise and sustain their financial needs throughout the year.



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ASSOCIATES



SUNDAY 29TH NOVEMBER (DAY 3 OF 3)

MENTAL HEALTH & COVID-19

What Can Your Mosque Do? (Panel)

10:30 - 11:30 AM



**MAARIA
MAHMOOD**

Muslim Youth Helpline



**MARIAM
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The Council of
European Jamaats



**MARASULI
NUUR**

Ana Huna

The new norms during this pandemic have resulted in an unprecedented increase in isolation and loneliness, low moods, and anxiety over what will transpire in the near future. This panel explores how mosques can provide the space and services to address and cope with these issues.

GOVERNANCE IN A PANDEMIC

How to Hold AGMs, Board
Meetings & Govern Efficiently
(Workshop)

12:30 - 1:30 PM



**AUGUSTUS
DELLA-PORTA**

Bates Wells LLP

Can we hold our AGM virtually? Can we postpone it? What about trustee meetings – can we hold them virtually even if our constitution does not say so? What are our duties as trustees at this time? What resources are there? These are some of the key questions organisations are asking themselves at this time. This session will cover these and other issues to help you govern your organisation efficiently and maximise your organisation's resilience.

GIVING BACK TO SOCIETY

Emulating the Example of the Prophet
(PBUH) in the Time of COVID-19 (Panel)

6:00 - 7:00 PM



JABEEN ZAIDI

Waltham Forest
Council of Mosques



**MUNA
MOHAMED**

Muslim Association
of Nigeria UK



**SHEIKH TAHIR
MAHMOOD
KIANI**

Minhaj College

Despite the hardships and struggles faced by British Muslim communities during this pandemic, the volume of volunteer initiatives nationwide has been astounding. Inspired by Prophetic values of acting in service of others, the panelists will share how they and their communities have exemplified this within their localities and what more can be done.

DON'T NEGLECT OUR YOUTH

Preparing the Leaders of Tomorrow (Panel)

7:30 - 8:30 PM



**USTADHA
KHADIJA AFANDI**

Madrassa
Zia-ul-Quran, Glasgow



**TOUFIK
KACIMI**

Muslim Welfare
House



RASHID ABBA

West Ham United

Young Britons have faced the brunt of unemployment and lack of opportunities during the pandemic so far. With nearly 50% of British Muslims aged 24 years old or younger, this means our communities are disproportionately affected by this. This panel will explore how mosques can play their part to provide more opportunities for young Muslims and prepare them as leaders of tomorrow.

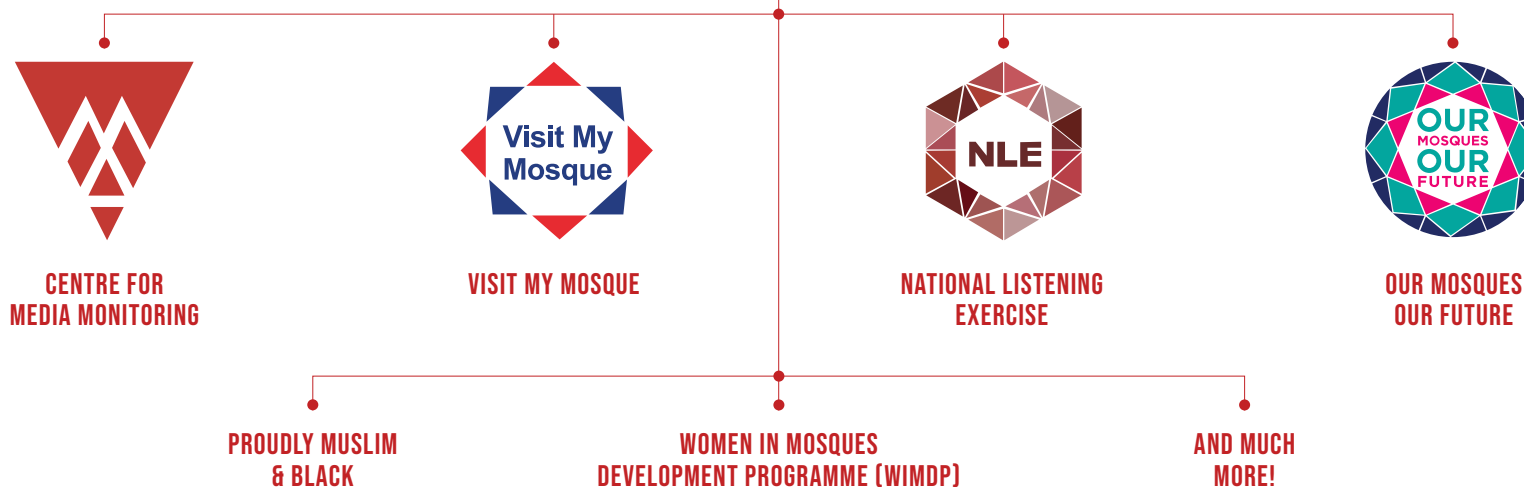


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TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT WHO WE ARE AND THE DIFFERENT WAYS YOU CAN GET INVOLVED VISIT WWW.MCB.ORG.UK



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