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A VISION FOR BRITISH MUSLIMS

ANNUAL REVIEW

2022

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diverse, representative
body for British Muslim
communities.

Built on community
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ABOUT THE MCB

OUR MISSION IS TO EMPOWER MUSLIM COMMUNITIES TO ACHIEVE A JUST, COHESIVE AND SUCCESSFUL BRITISH SOCIETY.

We are entirely independent, representing the broad Islamic ethos and traditions of our membership, through dynamic leadership that fulfills our organisational mission. We excel at leading community projects and initiatives around the country. Our work makes a meaningful impact on the everyday lives of Muslims and the communities they represent.

As a national umbrella organisation, our efforts are broadly divided into three overlapping directions.



> **LOCALLY**

We support our affiliates to reach their goals;



> **NATIONALLY**

We offer a representative voice in external circles;



> **GLOBALLY**

We campaign for wider communities, including bringing focus to human rights issues.

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WHERE WE MAKE IMPACT >



MEDIA

We ensure British Muslims are accurately represented in the media, We challenge islamophobic headlines, poor reporting and talk on issues that affect Muslim communities.



POLICY & ADVOCACY

Our policy research bridges the gap between grassroots knowledge and new policy ideas to drive change in society.



COMMUNITY

We are at the forefront of advocacy to shape the discourse about Muslims and the wider role we play, to cause change for a fairer and more just society.



EDUCATION

We promote awareness and inclusivity by providing resources and hands-on support to schools, colleges and other educational institutions.



RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT

By investing and carrying out reports within our communities, the MCB produces valuable research into the life of British Muslims in 2022.



INTERNATIONAL ADVOCACY

The impact of MCB's efforts extends beyond Britain, campaigning for the human rights of Muslims throughout the world.

REPORT FROM THE SECRETARY GENERAL

For the past two years I have served as the Secretary-General of the MCB. I have led the organisation through the end of the pandemic to work on both building our internal infrastructure, re-engage with our vast membership and to represent British Muslims in the public space. I thank my team, staff, our affiliates and our volunteers who have supported this term of work. It has been a challenging task with a great deal of learning.

Some of what we have achieved so far:

STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES

We were able to re-engage with the affiliate base and successfully engaged with 200+ affiliates across the UK, Alhamdulillah, to ensure they feel connected to our work and their voices have been heard by the leadership. Beyond this, meeting with a wide network of stakeholders, from those in the interfaith community, to prominent community figures, ambassadors, academics, scholars of all traditions, international leaders, business sector and charities to name but some of those.

The MCB received a win for HSBC-Ethnicity Awards for 'Best Community Initiative/Charity of the Year'. This was a great testament to the hard work of our team, showing the benefit of the MCB and the value of our work.

POLICY AND ADVOCACY

Building key strategic relationships with wider society, cross-party support to tackle systemic issues such as Islamophobia. Over the course of two years we hosted Parliamentary sessions, and met with over 80 MPs from across all parties on key issues.

MEDIA AND CRISIS RESPONSE

We have successfully managed to support our affiliates and Muslim communities through very challenging crises, I have spoken on tough issues building a strong mcb presence in media coverage such as cost of living crisis, counter- terrorism, islamophobia, with notable appearance in LBC with Iain Dale, Times, Guardian, Sky, and BBC, etc

BUILDING A SUSTAINABLE MCB

A central focus of this term was MCB financial sustainability, to build infrastructure and source key talent to deliver this work. By bringing in a financial controller and fundraising officer, we successfully raised critical funds in Ramadan, and for our recent dinner, working on building capacity for the organisational work, there is still much to be done on these efforts.

"BRITISH MUSLIMS NOW HAVE AN EXCITING OPPORTUNITY AHEAD. WITH STRENGTHENED UNITY AND GREATER COORDINATION, WE CAN ACHIEVE A CONFIDENT FUTURE FOR YOUNG BRITISH MUSLIMS."



Recommendations for the future

1. The MCB should strive to Develop the next generation of future leaders

I have seen both the best and most challenging circumstances in which young people find themselves in. We therefore need to come together with our affiliates to create a culture of leadership to facilitate more support for women, young people and diverse groups to feel confident to take on leadership roles.

2. Advocating for better political change for British Muslims

i. General Election strategy 2023

Based on the census 2021 findings, the MCB should call decision makers to address key issues on

- (i) Social mobility
- (ii) Islamophobia
- (iii) Cost of Living
- (iv) Climate Change
- (v) Counter-Terrorism

ii. Tackling islamophobia

The MCB must continue to lobby for a definition to be adopted by our Government. More focus needs to go onto the impact of Islamophobia on women and young people in the workplace, with our research and advocacy work pushing on change for this.

3. Building capacity and scale

i. Support for building capacity within the MCB

As we continue to celebrate 25 Year anniversary of the MCB, the organisation must build the necessary capacity to facilitate the support needed to service our communities. This includes financial, human, and structural sustainability.

ii. Support for capacity building for our institutions

My travels across the UK have highlighted the extensive level of development across communities and best practices in place. This work can be shared nationally, the MCB can be that platform for best practice sharing, bringing affiliates together to discuss key challenges, and good standards to build successful and effective organisations attracting and developing new talent.

iii. Showing our impact

The MCB should showcase the contribution of British Muslims through evidenced reports such as updating the Muslim Pound Report.

Final Thanks

I thank Allah^{swt} for this incredible honour and privilege to serve British Muslim communities for the past two years. I seek forgiveness for my shortcomings in this work, and I ask Allah^{swt} to accept our good deeds and grant us much success ahead, Ameen.

A photograph of three people sitting at a table. On the left, a woman wearing a red hijab and glasses is smiling. In the middle, a man wearing a grey patterned cap and a grey jacket is smiling. On the right, a man with glasses and a grey beard, wearing a grey and white checkered jacket, is holding a microphone and smiling. In the background, a banner with the letters 'MCB' in large orange font is visible, with the text 'Council of Britain' partially visible below it.

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Council of Britain

OUR PRIORITIES

STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES

Our focus this term was to ensure

- i. Engaging with our diverse affiliate base across the country to better understand the work of the MCB
- ii. Facilitating positive relationship building with wider society and British Muslims
- iii. Promoting interfaith and civil society alliances on common issues

CHAMPIONING COMMUNITY: Charity/Community initiative of the year' Ethnicity Awards



ENHANCING MCB VISIBILITY Over 400 SG events & engagement 2021-2022



STRENGTHENING EXTERNAL PARTNERSHIPS Engaged 50+ civic society bodies



Our Impact:

Community Engagement & Affiliate Visits

"...the meeting was very productive and created a good understanding and excellent opportunity of collaboration work, we've always had a great relationship with your MCB and hopefully will carry on this great work for the betterment of our communities ..."


PLACES VISITED INCLUDE

Aberdeen
Batley
Birmingham
Blackburn
Blackburn
Bradford
Bristol
Burnley
Bury
Cambridge
Cardiff
Coventry
Dewsbury
Leeds
Leicester
Liverpool
London
Machester
Newport
Oldham
Oxford
Preston
Rochdale
Swansea
Walsall
Woking

13 Cities visited
9 Towns visited

**200+ Affiliates
connected**

- ✓ Youth Groups
- ✓ Charities
- ✓ Education institutes
- ✓ Mosques
- ✓ Womens groups
- ✓ Interfaith Initiatives
- ✓ Local Representatives
- ✓ Businesses & Philanthropists
- ✓ Notable community figures



Asallamu-Aleykum Zara, hope all is well, it was a real pleasure to host you and Shazad at city hall, the meeting was very productive, creating good understanding and an excellent way of collaboration...

Alsalam Alykum WRAWB Zara,
It has been a real pleasure to see you again in Swansea. I sincerely hope that your journey back was a pleasant one.

The feedback I had about your meetings with Uni students and members of the community on 15 November and the excellent talk and interaction yesterday, 17 November were superb. Thank you again for taking the time to visit.

The MCB is a much needed org and I'm happy to see you meeting and listening from your members to see how you continue to evolve the services and stay relevant inshAllah.

May Allah accept the efforts of you and your team. Ameen.







Zara Mohammed
@ZaraMO1

Delighted to join this amazing panel with @tezilyas @humzachau and @amaniibrahimi1 on 'Ramadan for the 21st Century'. Sharing our reflections on Ramadan and what employers can do better, my thanks to the ITN's ethnic minorities employee network, EMpower @MuslimCouncil #Ramadan



3:50 PM · Apr 27, 2022



Eden Girls' School, Coventry
@edengirlsscv

@ZaraMO1 is the Secretary General of the #Muslim Council of Britain. She is the first woman to lead the organisation in its history!

We are still reeling from our day with Zara, having the privilege of listening to her talk both during our assembly AND Presentation Evening.



2:57 AM · Nov 19, 2022



Islam UK Centre
@IslamUKCentre

We were so pleased to welcome @ZaraMO1 Secretary-General for @MuslimCouncil to our Centre today. Great to share the work that we do and hear how it can serve the many Muslim communities in Britain.

@AbdulAzim @sgilliat @amandarabaab @Laurabakes @michaelmunnik @abusamibryant



6:27 PM · May 20, 2022



Rashidat Hassan
@rashidathassan

Delighted to attend 5yr anniversary of @MuslimFostering alongside MCB colleagues last night.

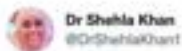
An inspiring event on the importance of fostering. We remain proud to support this vital work. (Jzk for the unexpected award!)



Faversham Girls' Academy
@FavershamA

Today Zara Mohammed @ZaraMO1, Secretary General of the @MuslimCouncil (MCB) visited us and spoke to our P16 students about leadership, their future and challenges they face, and how they can contribute to society and their own communities. #Inspiration #Leadership #TeamFaversham





Dr Shehla Khan
@DrShehlaKhan1

A fantastic day with lovely @ZaraM01 general secretary of @MuslimCouncil discussing the importance of women leadership in taking the equality agenda forward for Muslim communities in 🇬🇧 🇬🇪



10:56 PM - May 21, 2022



Ufuk Secgin
@UfukLondon

Immensely privileged to moderate the #InternationalUyghurForum in #Brussels. Some excellent speeches by distinguished legal & human rights experts, MEPs, ambassadors, MPs from the #UK, #Canada, #France, #Belgium & shocking witness statements by #concentration camp survivors.



HASENE International and 2 others



MuslimDoctorsDentist
@mddok

Productive meet with Sec Gen @MuslimCouncil @ZaraM01

Discussions on collaborative working, priorities post-pandemic, health challenges & membership. Also MCB wanting to strengthen communities & institutions, policy development & future planning. Further meets placed InshaAllah.



Dr Naveed Syed and Zara Mohammed

11:01 PM - Jun 22, 2022



UCD Newman Centre for the Study of Religions
@Ucdnewmancentre

Thank you so much @ZaraM01 for attending and giving us the benefit of your expertise and leadership in support of Islam in Ireland. It was an honour to meet you and have you as a guest in Dublin.



Zara Mohammed @ZaraM01 - Oct 19, 2022

A real pleasure to speak at the Islam & Ireland conference bringing together political leaders, international guests, academics and local communities to discuss the future hopes for Irish Muslims @AnsariUND @NotreDame @uoddublin @Dub_Faith_Forum @PMaryMcAleese @SimonHarrisTD

Show this thread



2:29 PM - Oct 19, 2022



Bahu Trust
@bahustrustuk

It was an honour to host @ZaraM01 at the Bahu Trust, an inspirational role model to many.



Jane Haynes @JaneRockHouse - Jun 23, 2022

Good to chat with @ZaraM01 first female leader of @MuslimCouncil who is visiting #Birmingham and #Walsall to listen to mosques and community groups to hear their concerns. We covered a lot of ground in 15 min phone call! @GreenLaneMasjid @bahustrustuk@birminghammail.co.uk/news/midlands-

9:53 PM - Jun 23, 2022



Our Impact: **VisitMyMosque**

Visit our Mosque



Visit My Mosque is an invitation to discover more about Islam and Muslims in Britain, this year's theme was about opening doors and opening hearts, Mosques across the UK welcomed all in."

Project Overview

The Muslim Council of Britain were excited to facilitate the first in-person Visit My Mosque Day since the onset of the pandemic.

With over 200 Mosques participating across the UK and tens of thousands of guests from all walks of life, the success of this year's campaign can be seen in the diversity of turn out and the hard work and commitments from Mosques to provide a day of learning, sharing and fun.

This year the MCB team provided mosques with a range of support and material helping ensure well thought out events, guidance for visitors and a successful campaign.

Prominent figures at VMM

Former Prime Minister Theresa May & Cllr Gurpreet Bhangra
Maidenhead Mosque

Cllr Saj Hussain & Jonathan Lord MP
Shah Jahan Mosque

Cllr Asghar Khan
Leeds Grand Mosque

Cllr Matthew Fido
Lincoln Mosque

Cllr Emma Dent Coad former MP, Kensington & Chelsea & MP Felicity Buchan
Al Manaar, Muslim Cultural Heritage Centre

MP Tony Lloyd & Mayor Cllr Ali Ahmed
Madina Mosque Rochdale

Cllr Aiza Rashid, Mohammad Arshad & Shahid Mohammed
Neeli Mosque Rochdale

Boxer Adam Azim
Liverpool Quilliam Mosque

Mayor, Councillor's, police officers.
Harlow Islamic Centre

Chris Stephens MP
Glasgow Central Mosque



Refreshed website with an immersive user experience offering key resources:

- 1. Mosque Visitor Guide**
 - 2. How to Organise a Tour**
 - 3. Mosque Tour Locator**
- And Much More.**

Case Studies, Testimonials & Highlights



2a Shah Jahan Mosque, Woking

"It was incredibly special to see such an iconic mosque and to understand its history and connection to Britain. Learning about the early Muslims was fascinating."

Britain's first purpose-built mosque, established in 1889, the Shah Jahan hosted a wonderful VMM open day, with diverse attendance from locals far and near.

1000+

**VISITORS
WELCOMED IN**



300+

**RESOURCE
PACKS POSTED**



York Mosque



The day was filled with people coming from all over York, everyone enjoyed participating in the activities and stalls. We felt it was a great day bringing together communities and supporting better understanding.



200+

MOSQUES
NATIONWIDE
THOUSANDS
ATTENDING

2000+

CUPS OF
TEA AND
CONVERSATION



Further testimonials from participating mosques

Zara Mohammed
Sec. General, MCB

“Seeing the vibrancy and diversity of people from all walks of life coming together, for this visit my mosque weekend, really highlighted the need for more opportunities to meet and share perspectives.”

Worthing Islamic Society VMM 2022 attendee:

“I came today with my two friends to your open day, and I wanted to thank you so much for the wonderful experience. The tour, history and explanation regarding the Muslim religion was fascinating and enlightening. Your hospitality was generous and discussions with your congregation was a pleasure, everyone was so welcoming, and I’m so pleased I came to meet everyone. Please pass on my thanks to everyone involved, it was a tremendous success. Best wishes.”



Harlow Islamic Centre

Watch Harlow Islamic Centre’s Reel
<https://bit.ly/3BdMqkc>



Media Coverage

This year we provided Mosques with template Press Releases, guidance on receiving coverage with a focus on local media.



BirminghamLive

Birmingham Live - "Birmingham Mosque to open doors in 'Visit My Mosque' campaign for first time since Covid-19 pandemic"

<https://www.birminghammail.co.uk/news/midlands-news/birmingham-mosque-open-doors-visit-24887812>

Norwich Evening News



<https://www.eveningnews24.co.uk/news/visit-my-mosque-ay-2022-norwich-aylsham-road-9250768>

Telegraph

All the Lancashire mosques taking part in 'Visit My Mosque Day'

<https://www.lancashiretelegraph.co.uk/news/20892878.lancashire-mosques-taking-part-visit-mosque-day/>

Daily Record

<https://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/in-your-area/lanarkshire/lanarkshire-mosque-welcomes-visitors-open-27869430.amp>



Windsor & Eton Express



Maidenhead Mosque looks forward to upcoming Visit My Mosque Day

<https://www.windsorexpress.co.uk/gallery/maidenhead/179904/maidenhead-mosque-looks-forward-to-upcoming-visit-my-mosque-day.html>



iqna

Hundreds of Mosques in UK Host Visitors in Weekend

<https://iqna.ir/en/news/3480307/hundreds-of-mosques-in-uk-to-host-visitors-in-weekend>

HullLive

A fascinating look inside Hull's mosque where you will always get a warm welcome

<https://www.hulldailymail.co.uk/news/hull-east-yorkshire-news/fascinating-look-inside-hulls-mosque-7545749.amp>

Mosque at 'heart' of Merseyside town hoping to 'build bridges' across region

<https://www.liverpoolecho.co.uk/news/liverpool-news/mosque-heart-merseyside-town-hoping-24856246.amp>

BelfastLive

Belfast Islamic Centre opening its doors for Visit My Mosque Day

<https://www.belfastlive.co.uk/news/belfast-news/belfast-islamic-centre-opening-doors-24887116.amp>

GrimsbyLive

See inside the Grimsby Mosque that has its own dedicated Arabic school

<https://www.grimsbytelegraph.co.uk/news/local-news/gallery/see-inside-grimsby-mosque-dedicated-7545396.amp>

RDG.TODAY

Abu Bakr Mosque Open Day



<https://rdg.today/abu-bakr-mosque-open-day/>

BBC RADIO 2

BBC Radio 2 - Good Morning Sunday, Laura Mvula - Zara Mohammad

spoke about VMM [1:43:00] www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/m001b9tw

BBC News Leicester report

'Mosques open to public for weekend event' www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-leicestershire-62770418

'Mosques open to public for weekend event'

www.bbc.com/news/uk-england-leicestershire-62770418.amp

BBC SOUNDS

York Mosque opens its doors to the local community.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/p0cby701>

BBC NEWS

POLICY & ADVOCACY

Our focus this term was to ensure

- i. Effective representation on key issues impacting British Muslims such as Islamophobia, cost of living crisis, and extreme right-wing ideology
- ii. Ensuring effective response to international human right issues such as the Uighur genocide, and Palestine.
- iii. Building relationships across civic society, including politicians across all political parties, media and wider society.
- iv. Publishing reports on key issues of concern regarding British Muslims such as the Census 2021.



I am proud to represent thousands of British Muslims, around one in six of my electors. I know they suffer discrimination and hate and I won't stand for it. That's why as an individual MP, I actively represent my residents by supporting campaigns against Islamophobia routinely. I'm pleased to see that under new leadership, The Muslim Council of Britain is much more constructive today than in the past.

Steve Baker MP

COST OF LIVING CRISIS



CROSS PARTY ENGAGEMENT

Engaging 50+ parliamentarians to discuss key issues impacting British Muslims.

LOBBYING

Successful removal of Clause 9 from the Nationality & Borders Bill, preventing citizenship to be removed without notice.

TACKLING ISLAMOPHOBIA

Successful parliamentary drop-in session hosted by Afzal Khan MP, and in partnership with Human Rights Watch UK with over 40 cross-party MPs.

Calling out institutional Islamophobia in political parties.



SUBMISSIONS GIVEN



Organisation for Islamic Cooperation: Tackling human rights abuses against Muslim minorities.

United States Commission on International

Religious Freedom: Islamophobia

European Commission on Religious Slaughter

Council of Europe: Tackling anti-Muslim hatred and bias



INTERNATIONAL ADVOCACY



Successful campaigning against British Embassy being moved to Jerusalem.

Highlighting the persecution of Muslims in India and the Uighurs communities in China.

CRISIS RESPONSE

Swift community support in response to Leicester unrest resulting from Hindutva ideology.



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MCB calls for action against far-right Hindutva extremism in Leicester

September 16, 2022

PRESS RELEASE

19 SEPTEMBER 2022

The Muslim Council of Britain condemns the targeting of Muslim communities in Leicester by far-right Hindutva groups.



Letters: the catastrophic effect of the Trojan Horse Affair

The podcast about the 2013 allegations that there was an Islamic plot to take over Birmingham state schools was misleading and wrong

Zara Mohammed
SG, MCB

Sun 27 Feb 2022 06.00 GMT

Sonia Sodha seems to acknowledge, albeit grudgingly, that the Trojan Horse Affair was indeed overshadowed by a “false narrative” of violent extremism in some Birmingham schools, a narrative that was fuelled by a phantom letter and relied on false tropes of regressive Muslim attitudes.

The allegations stoked Islamophobia on a national scale and Muslim communities are still living with the consequences. Concerns about child protection, governance and the role religion and culture play in schools are valid and should be discussed openly.

Parents, teachers, governors and education officials could have

come together through mutual respect to navigate expressions of faith in our school system in an inclusive way. Instead, policymakers and the media were blinded by a moral panic about Muslims, a suspicion of their motives and sheer prejudice about their beliefs and customs. To put it simply: the Trojan Horse hoax was weaponised, compounding institutional racism.



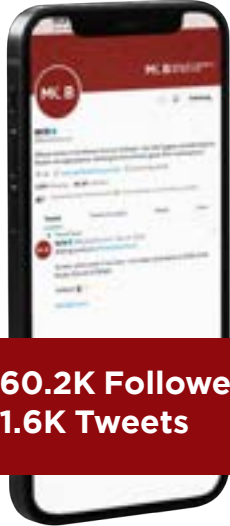
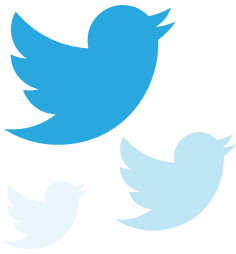
Britain's faith leaders pay tribute to Queen's devoted life of service

Zara Mohammed, the secretary general of the MCB: “We at the Muslim Council of Britain remember how the Queen devoted her life to public service and sought unity among British communities.

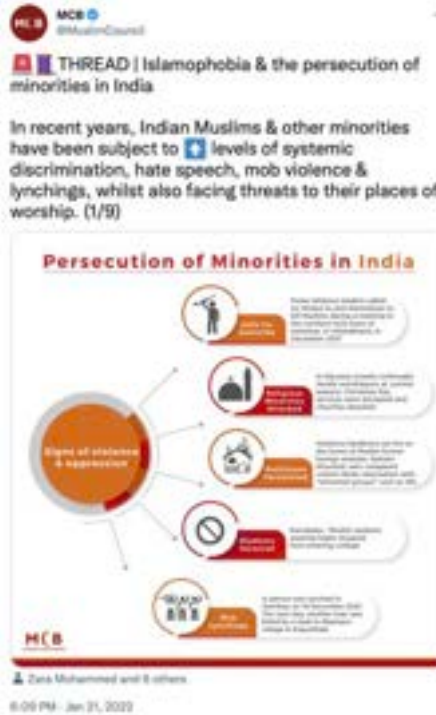
“Her Majesty’s reign saw extraordinary change in our country. Over seven decades, the United Kingdom has seen itself transformed into a multicultural and multi-faith society.

“Her Majesty was the first monarch to engage with newly established Muslim communities here in the UK. Though the first British mosque was seen in the Victorian era, the Queen was the first monarch to visit a UK mosque during her jubilee celebrations in 2002.”





60.2K Followers
1.6K Tweets



458 Retweets 641 Likes



163 Retweets 453 Likes

The MCB has written to the Foreign Secretary Liz Truss, calling for action to be taken.

“Just as Gov. has taken firm line against genocide of Muslims in China, we ask the same admirable stance is taken against the disturbing situation... in India.”





The McCarthyite blacklist of Muslim groups Gove wants published should never see the light of day

Miqdaad Versi



Some of the people who created this list - as part of the Prevent strategy - held problematic views about Islam themselves



Niaz Shah MP
@NiazShahMP

No.10's Boycott of the @MuslimCouncil is disgraceful.

The days when Conservative Governments could prop up Muslim organisations based on 1/2 people, funded for their own purposes is over!

Every community has a right to be heard by their government and so do British Muslims.



117.8K views
12:07 PM - Jul 19, 2022



Zara Mohammed
@ZaraM01

I seem to be on the front page of the Daily Mail. A paper that has regularly reinforced negative tropes about British Muslims. Today it reinforced that trope by reporting on a supposedly 'controversial' meeting I had with Penny Mordaunt last year which was widely known.



STYLIST



"Whilst Nusrat Ghani's experiences were shocking, they were sadly unsurprising to many British Muslims," says Zara Mohammed, secretary general of the Muslim Council of Britain.



Listen to our spokesperson @MiqdaadVersi on @TimesRadio, sharing MCB's response to the latest Policy Exchange discriminatory report on Muslim organisations and Prevent (1/2)

Prevent and Muslims

POLICY EXCHANGE REPORT

Miqdaad Versi of the MCB on Times Radio



9:08 AM - Apr 27, 2022

The perpetrator of the firebombing in Dover openly expressed hatred of Muslims. Yet the reaction has been remarkably muted



Britain had a far-right terrorist attack a week ago. Why the failure to call it by its true name?

Miqdaad Versi



Politics

Gordon Brown joins with 56 faith groups, charities and politicians to demand urgent action on cost-of-living

Others endorsing it include the Trussell Trust, the Joseph Rowntree Foundation, the Child Poverty Action Group as well as the Methodist Church, the Bishop of Durham, the Hindu Council UK and the Muslim Council of Britain.

UK Delegation to CoE @UKDeCoE

An important discussion at the @coe on Preventing & Combating #antiMuslim Racism & Discrimination, where @DomenicaGhideiB of the anti-discrimination body @ECRI_CoE presented the new recommendations to address this. Great to also hear the #UK experience, thanks to @ZaraM01.



10:51 AM · Jun 8, 2022

METRO



The head of the Muslim Council of Britain says 'no concrete steps' have been taken to tackle the problem (Picture: Getty Images)

MCB 10 YEARS

AFFILIATES

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MCB UPDATES PRESS RELEASES

MCB joins calls to scrap Rwanda Deportation Scheme

MCB @MuslimCouncil

MCB is honoured to be partnering with @WarmWelcome_UK this winter, encouraging Mosques across the UK to sign-up to provide a safe, #WarmSpace for those in need.

To register your own space, or find a Warm Space near you, visit: warmwelcome.uk

#CostOfLivingCrisis



"Today is a marker of our unity & not allowing this type of divisive actions to define who we are but also a reminder that Islamophobia is still a very serious concern."

@ZaraM01 of @MuslimCouncil spoke to @BenBrownBBC on BBC News Channel on Finsbury Park attack anniversary 1/2



Published key findings from the Census 2021, and the Proudly Muslim & Black report.

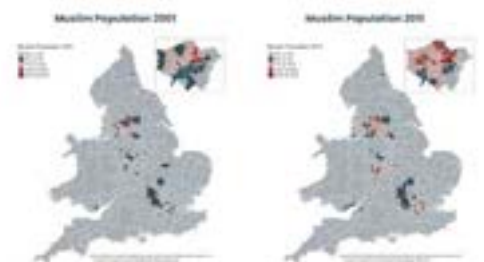
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“It is rightly said that our nation today is a community of communities. We are now 2nd and 3rd generation Muslims, confident of our faith and place in society. There is a certain vitality in the air. Diversity is a catalyst for creativity.”



Investment type	Region	Rank	Number of companies in the top 100		
			2007	2008	2009
Technology	United States	1	352	362	361
Business services	North America	2	242	212	201
Services	United States	3	212	202	212
Telecom	North America	4	162	164	162
Manufacturing	United States	5	152	152	151
Healthcare	United States	6	142	142	142
Energy	United States	7	132	132	132
Financial	United States	8	122	122	122
Transportation	United States	9	112	112	112
Media	United States	10	102	102	102
Food	United States	11	92	92	92
Real estate	United States	12	82	82	82
Automotive	United States	13	72	72	72
Chemicals	United States	14	62	62	62
Utilities	United States	15	52	52	52
Construction	United States	16	42	42	42
Retail	United States	17	32	32	32
Education	United States	18	22	22	22
Insurance	United States	19	12	12	12
Telecommunications	United States	20	12	12	12
Healthcare	United States	21	12	12	12
Energy	United States	22	12	12	12
Financial	United States	23	12	12	12
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Algeria	North Africa	2050	10	60	60	60



key points

- Key points**
- The population of England & Wales stands at 59.66 million; the Muslim population is 3.67 million, or 6.2% of the total.
 - The population of England & Wales increased by 3.52 million in the decade 2011-2021. In the same period, the Muslim population increased by 1.78 million accounting for approximately 51% of the total increase.
 - CB's analysis linking Census data to the Index of Multiple Deprivation states that 40% of the Muslim population of England reside in the deprived fifth of local authority areas, whilst just under 6% Muslims live in the most affluent fifth of local authority districts.
 - 16 localities with the largest Muslim populations are Birmingham (168,548); London (123,912); Tower Hamlets (122,962); London Borough of Tower Hamlets (122,148). However, in addition to these, there are many other minority ethnic communities across the country.
 - There are more Muslims in the local authority areas of London and Wales.

The Office for National Statistics (ONS) published further findings from the 2021 Census, including responses to the religion and ethnicity questions on the 29th November 2022. The response rate was 84%.



negative treatment of 9 weeks

Working population
The working population of England and Wales in 2017 was 32.2 million. The increase in the working population from 2011 to 2017 was 1.1 million, or 3.4%.

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consequence of climate change and conflict. For example, the Census indicates that the number of Iraqi and Afghanistan-born respondents in England and Wales on Census Day 23rd March 2007 was 86,384 and 85,683 respectively. The population of Nigerian-born persons was 57,236. These are parts of the world with predominantly Muslim populations.

Overall, the UK continues to be a more diverse nation, with the minority ethnic population standing at 18% of the overall population, compared to 14% in 2011. This needs to be reflected in our public life and in our key institutions.

Commenting on the Census, MCB Secretary General Zara Mohammed observed, "It is rightly said that our nation today is a community of communities. We are now 2nd and 3rd generation Muslims, confident of our faith and place in society. There is a certain vitality in the air. Diversity is a catalyst for creativity."

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Figure 1 shows a 3D schematic of a rectangular block with a vertical crack. The crack is labeled 'a' at the top and 'b' at the bottom. The block is divided into two parts by the crack. The left part is labeled '1' and the right part is labeled '2'. The crack is labeled 'a' and 'b' at the top and bottom respectively. The crack is labeled 'a' and 'b' at the top and bottom respectively.

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“ This iconic dinner will bring together prominent British Muslims leading across diverse sectors in business, politics and community to connect, collaborate and create opportunities for the future.”

£1,000 DIGITAL SUPPORTERS

Social media promotion x3
Logo feature on website
Two seats

£10 AVAILABLE

£2,500 BRONZE TABLE ONLY

Website and social media promotion
Logo on table card
Five seats
Half-page promotion in the event brochure

£10 AVAILABLE

£10,000 SILVER

Website and social media promotion
Logo on table card
Ten seats
Full-page promotion in the event brochure
One-minute advert played during dinner
Banner in Palm Court
Logo on event media board

£10 AVAILABLE



£15,000 GOLD

Website and social media promotion
Logo on table card
18 seats
Full-page promotion in the event brochure
One-minute advert played during dinner
Banner + stand in Palm Court
Logo on event media board
Two-minute speaking slot
Acknowledgement of support in the welcoming speech and event programme
Promotional material in guest gift bag

£10 AVAILABLE

OUR PRIORITIES

BUILDING SUSTAINABILITY

Our focus this term was to ensure

- i. Working to strengthen the MCB financially and to recruit the best talent to support this critical work
- ii. Facilitating a constitutional review process to strengthen the structures within the MCB
- iii. Enhancing the organisation's digital presence and engagement with members through improved technology and systems



INCREASING ENGAGEMENT WITH MCB AFFILIATES

Improving affiliate fee collection and
affiliate communication with the MCB

200+
AFFILIATE
ENGAGEMENTS



EFFECTIVE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Delivering good financial planning
with a budget for the next term.

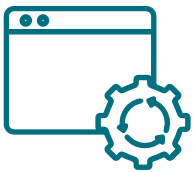
£40K
ANNUAL SAVING
FROM OFFICE
DOWNSIZE



GROWING MCB PARTNERSHIPS

Engaging wider networks of British
Muslim philanthropic donors across
the UK

UK WIDE NETWORK
RELATIONSHIP
BUILDING



UPGRADE OF MCB SYSTEMS AND SOFTWARE

Investing in the new MCB website, new
programmes and systems to support
HR, finance and marketing.

UPGRADES INCL:
WEBSITE
QUICKBOOKS
BITRIX CRM



STRENGTHENING FUNDRAISING

Successful campaign fundraising incl.
Ramadan, VisitMyMosque, and MCB 25
Year Dinner.

HIRING NEW
FUNDRAISING



DELIVERING PROJECT GROWTH

Successful delivery of MCB Projects
creating sustainability and support for
core finances.

£250K+
FUNDS ACQUIRED



INVESTING IN CRITICAL HUMAN RESOURCE

Hiring of fundraising and relationship
officer, data cleanse officer, and
financial controller.

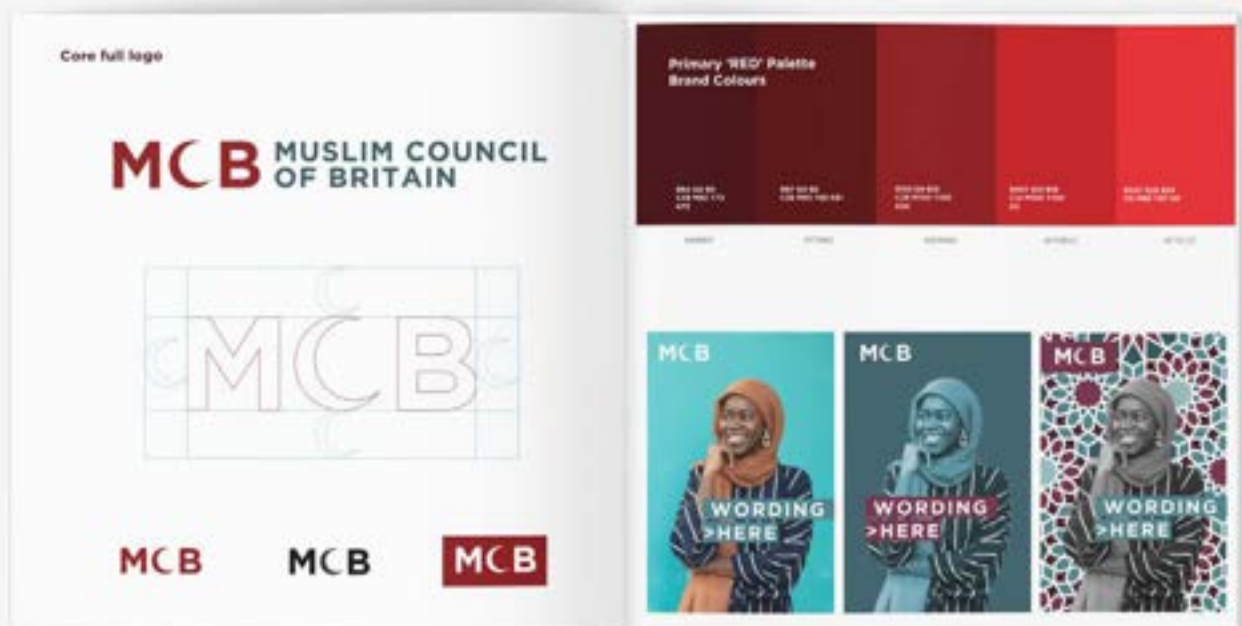
RECRUITMENT:
CORE ADMIN TEAM
IT & TECH
DATA CLEANSE
MARKETING & DESIGN

Our Impact: Brand MCB

Brand Refresh

The MCB required an immediate complete brand redesign with a scalable dynamic identity system. The website and social media platforms failed to articulate a clear message, that represented the voice of the UK's largest umbrella body. The brand MCB project was initiated in 2021 to reposition MCB's digital presence and enhance its brand value.

01 MCB Brand Style Guide



The redesign was to ensure **visibility, familiarity** and **continuity**. It also needed to envelope new adaptations like the anniversary logo.

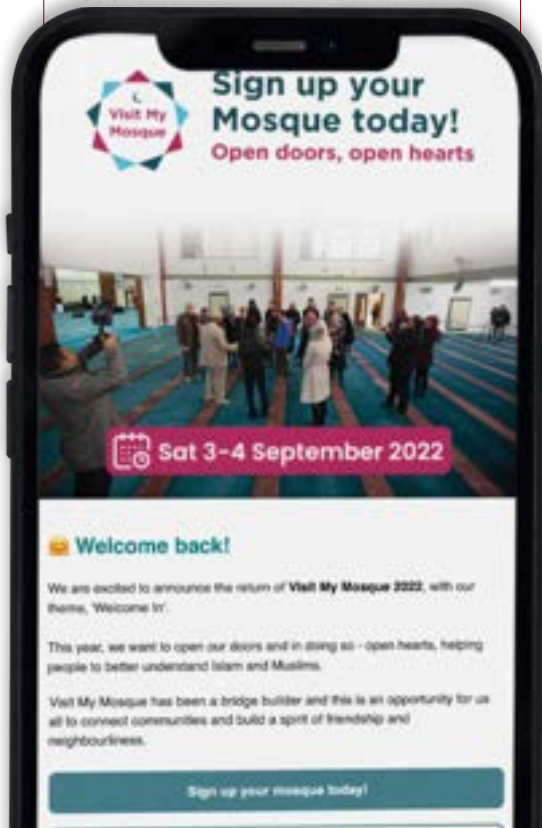
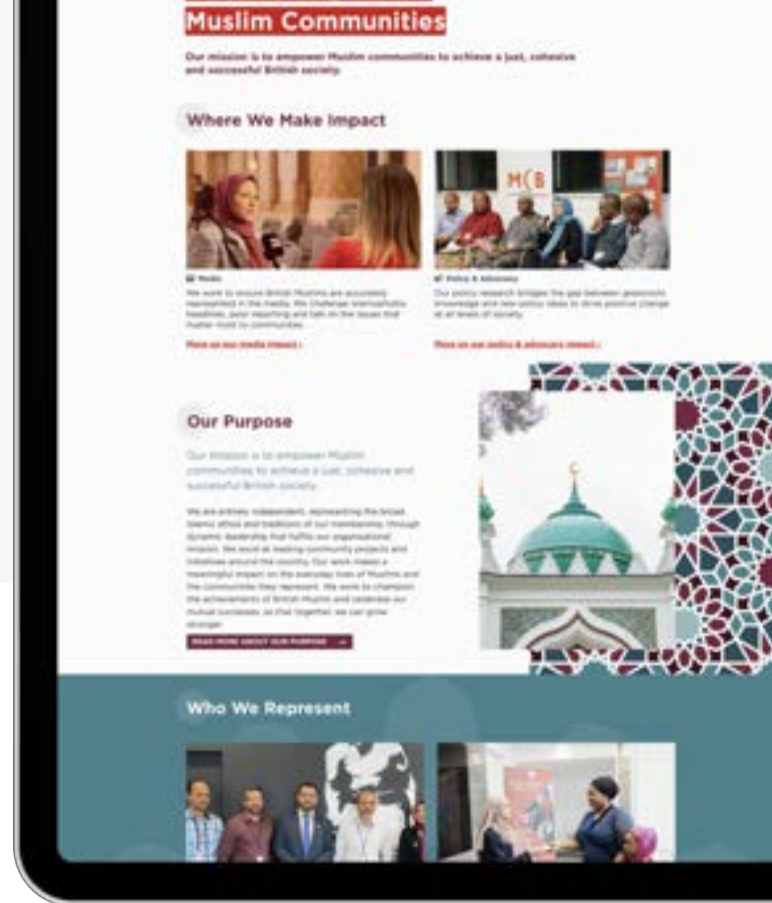
The new adaptive design allows scalability yet retains legibility.

The next phase of works is to roll out a successful migration onto the new brand.

02 New MCB Website that speaks directly to its audience

03 Enhanced Newsletter branding which equaled in increased enagement.

MCB NEWSLETTER HIGHLIGHT
JAN 01 2022 - DEC 31 2022



UP 19% (31%)



UP 36% (1.7%)



DOWN 7.4% (0.13%)

FEEDBACK ON OUR IMPROVED NEWSLETTERS



LIKES
495



NEUTRAL
5



DISLIKE
62

Reports:

CENTRE FOR MEDIA MONITORING (CfMM)

Rizwana Hamid

Director's Report:
Centre for Media Monitoring

In March 2023, the Centre for Media Monitoring (CfMM) will be five years old. Its founder, Miqdaad Versi set it up in 2018 to:

- Monitor the British media on how it reports on Islam & Muslims,
- Create an evidence base
- Engage constructively with key stakeholders
- Empower communities to engage proactively with the media to help change the narrative

Since it's humble beginnings, CfMM's core team (Rizwana Hamid, Faisal Hanif and Amanda Morris) have worked hard to grow CfMM into an organisation that is recognised and respected by all stakeholders including print & broadcast media, editors and journalists, regulators and politicians, academics and community organisations both here in the UK and abroad.

CfMM has analysed almost 50,000 online articles & 5,500 broadcast clips, produced four ground-breaking reports and engaged with hundreds of key stakeholders. CfMM's team is called upon for its expertise, evidence, advise & training from Parliament and media outlets to universities and community organisations.



Director & Advocacy Lead Rizwana Hamid

2021 has been a particularly good year as far as CfMM's advocacy work is concerned. Rizwana secured agreements from over 60 universities that teach the National Certificate for the Training of Journalists as well as BA & MA journalism courses to include CfMM's Masterclasses on "How to Report on Muslims & Islam" in their Ethics, Race & religion modules. Some of the universities that Rizwana has taught at include leading schools of journalism like City, Cardiff, Goldsmiths, Westminster, Sheffield, Portsmouth, Kingston, Leeds Trinity, Kent, Oxford Brookes, News Associates, St Mary's & Middlesex University's Dubai Campus to mention a few. She also edited two chapters for an undergrad journalism theory textbook – "Journalism, Culture, Society" dealing with the misrepresentation of Muslims & Islam in the media.

Rizwana has also delivered "Conscious Journalism" training to editors & journalists at The Standard, The Independent, & Scottish TV. She is due to deliver one to Reach PLC which has 100's of regional newspapers as well as national publications like The Mirror, The Express and The Star.

Discussions are ongoing with Diversity & Inclusion Leads as well as with editors at the BBC, News

UK The Times, The Sun, The Sunday Times), C4, ITN, Sky, LBC, STV, The Guardian, The Mail, The Bureau for Investigative Journalism, & The Peoples' Newsroom.

This year Rizwana submitted written evidence to the House of Commons Public Bill Committee on Online Safety (<https://cfmm.org.uk/resources/publication/cfmm-submission-of-evidence-to-online-safety-bill-public-committee/>), and has also attended various roundtable discussions around the implications of the new Safety Bill on Muslim communities. She has also inputted into the rStandards Code of the regulator IMPRESS.

CfMM has been contacted by a number of external organisations for our expertise and input into a number of projects around Muslims & the media. IEMED, a European project on gendered based Islamophobia (MAGIC) asked Rizwana to head up a task force to produce a toolkit for community organizations & journalists. She also met with a Swedish MP at parliament for a report on Islamophobia in Europe. She took part in various panel discussions, conferences and festivals including Channel 4's Diversity Festival, Media Democracy's Festival on "Misinformation & Accountability" and the Society of Editors Conference on the "Future of News".



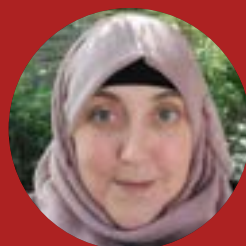
Monitoring Analyst Faisal Hanif

Faisal continues to monitor and analyse the daily coverage of Muslims & Islam online and on television as well as posting relevant material on social media. Complaints are made whenever misleading or inaccurate stories are reported and corrections have been secured from several publications. CfMM has also secured three important wins at IPSO (Independent Press Standards Organisation) against The Jewish Chronicle for misquoting the Quran, The Star and The Express for reporting on a fabricated story about a mosque in Oldham denying a gay paramedic access into the mosque to treat a heart attack patient.

Faisal has also written a report on The Spectator's coverage of Muslims and Islam (2011-2021) which has yet to be released. Alongside that, he has conducted a major piece of investigative work on the so-called Trojan Horse Affair which has been falsely described as an attempt to 'Islamise' schools in Birmingham as well as other major stories that have been printed in newspapers, magazines and shared on social media like the recent events in Leicester where the infiltration of Hindutva followers led to clashes between Hindus and Muslims. He is also on the Advisory Panel for Elizabeth Poole's Islamophobia Project at Keele University. He also met with

the London Story which looks to challenge Facebook on its hosting of anti-Muslim rhetoric.

Faisal has continued writing for various publications including an article on the racism directed at former Yorkshire cricket player Azeem Rafiq which appeared in The Byline Times (see [here](#)) as well as several stories in The Middle East Eye about current topics about Muslims & Islam in the media (see [here](#)). Faisal also wrote a piece for the Muslim Charities Forum on the damage caused by hostile and negative media reporting on Muslim charities, and the wider ramifications of such journalism on the reputation and finances of Muslim-led organisations (see [here](#)).



Community Liaison Amanda Morris

Amanda (who now only works two days a week) has continued to deliver media training workshops to Muslim organisations including a very successful one specifically for Muslim women for International Women's Week and two days of Press Release Writing, Media Interviews and Crisis Media Management Training for the European Forum of Muslim Women (EFOMW). She also delivered media training to mosque affiliates and participants of Visit My Mosque participants, and at Our Mosques and Our Future conference. She also did some preliminary work with the Media Diversity Institute regarding

delivering some Training the Trainers workshops on Islamophobia in the media.

Amanda conducted research following the killing of the Palestinian Journalist Shireen Abu Akleh which will be included in an updated version of our report on the coverage of Palestine (see here). Amanda also helped with arrangements for the MCB's Secretary General's visit to Wales in May and organised visits to institutions that have previously engaged with CfMM or which have potential to engage (MCW, mosques, CMPS, CAVC, Grange Pavillion etc.) as well as with community activists in Cardiff.

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Committee Report

Dr Wajid Akhter

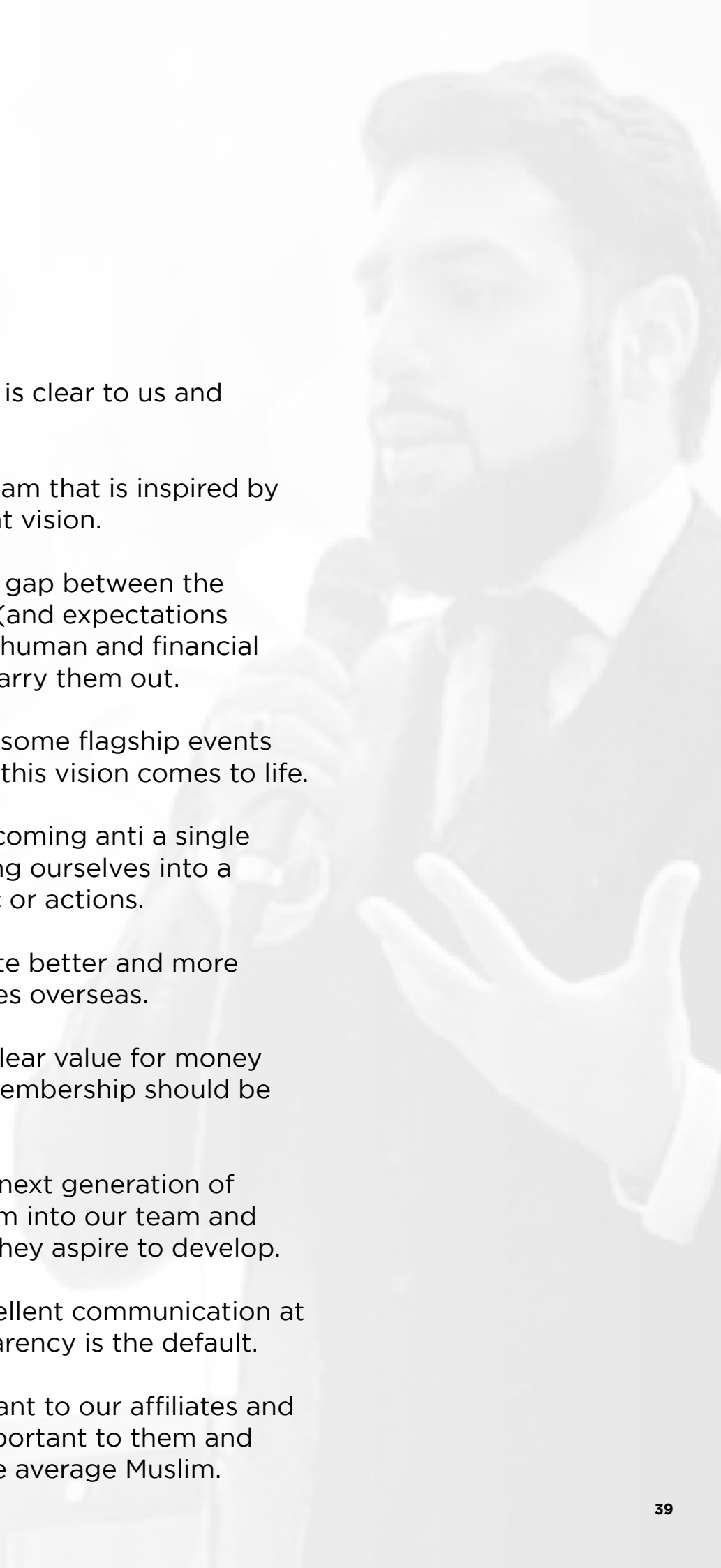
Assistant Secretary General's Report

I have learnt many lessons from my term as ASG, the most important being the importance of the MCB for the success of Muslim communities in the UK.

Although there were many challenges and many times when we did not achieve our potential, when all the stars aligned together, the benefit of having a truly diverse national umbrella body was undeniable.

If we can recreate those conditions on a more regular basis and mitigate for our weaknesses, the future is bright inshaAllah.

- Led the Covid Response and recovery groups
- Coordinated the Operation Vaccination campaign with BIMA and NHS
- Worked with Church of England to promote Vaccinaid to help provide vaccines to other countries
- Partnered with Oxford University on PANORAMIC trial for Covid anti-virals
- Representing MCB to the Covid-19 Public Inquiry
- Providing general health advice to Muslim communities during summer heat wave
- Providing advice to Muslim communities on hospital admission in conjunction with BIMA
- Representing MCB in various events and meetings including those with MCF, NHS, BIMA, Durioo etc...
- Hosting Islam Channel health show and appearing as a guest on variety of news shows for MCB
- Coordinating Muslim disabilities and Special educational needs groups and platforming them for monthly discussions
- Coordinating with mosques in Southend to provide a united front after attack on their MP
- Being part of the team working on Leicester response + working with Indian Muslim organisations in UK re response to right wing Hindutva groups.
- Meeting with and speaking to new generation of Muslim organisations such as IFG, Muslim Census, Faith, Pilgrim, Launchgood, NCP, Muhsen etc
- Being part of the team working on pushing the government to commit to Alternative Student Finance (Halal Student Loans)
- Writing template khutbas for disabilities, Green week, cost of living crisis etc...

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1. We need a vision that is clear to us and everyone else.
 2. We need to build a team that is inspired by and ready to deliver that vision.
 3. We need to close the gap between the aspirations of the MCB (and expectations of its affiliates) and the human and financial resources available to carry them out.
 4. We need to organise some flagship events that will showcase how this vision comes to life.
 5. We need to avoid becoming anti a single political party or painting ourselves into a corner with our rhetoric or actions.
 6. We need to coordinate better and more often with our colleagues overseas.
 7. We need to provide clear value for money to our affiliates. Their membership should be earned not expected.
 8. We need to train the next generation of leaders by bringing them into our team and building a culture that they aspire to develop.
 9. We need to have excellent communication at all levels so that transparency is the default.
 10. We need to be relevant to our affiliates and stand up for what is important to them and what is important to the average Muslim.

Mosque Affairs Report

Dr M Shahzad Amin
Mosque Affairs

Mosque engagement

The pandemic has changed the way we engage and communicate with others. Having engaged and liaised with Mosque teams and management by video calls and phone calls during the pandemic this gave us an opportunity to return to pre pandemic times with in-person meetings.

Our first engagement visit post pandemic was to Leicester with a meeting held with Mosques leaders, community leaders, business leaders and the local community. This was an excellent meeting with a diverse group of leaders and the local community in Leicester. We had the opportunity to listen to the challenges faced by the local community and also hear about the great community services carried out by all these groups and Mosques to support their local communities.

We had the opportunity to visit many Mosques across the country. A visit to the London Central Mosque with a tour of the Mosque and a tour of the excellent library facilities on site of the Mosque was wonderful to see and an excellent example of innovative ways to benefit the community. We had a memorable tour with an opportunity to learn about the history of this Mosque and the excellent faculties and services it provides.

A visit to Liverpool to the first Mosque built in this country was very impressive with an opportunity to discuss the history of this Mosque with the Mosque leadership and the great work carried out at the mosque and currently ongoing too. The eco friendly wudu facilities at the Mosque were very impressive. Discussing the original Mosque and it's history was inspiring.

We were able to visit several Mosques in Wales and it's different regions and learning about the diversity of these communities and the wonderful services they provide from academic to youth, educational, women focused and so much more.

Other visits included affiliates and Mosques in Birmingham, Walsall, Bury, Burnley, Leeds, Bradford, Rochdale, Manchester, Liverpool, Batley, Dewsbury and Bradford. Every single Mosque we visited were doing something different and many activities which were beneficial and unique for their local community.

It was an excellent opportunity to learn about the excellent services our mosques provide and an opportunity to share good practice with other Mosques.

We had the opportunity to visit Manchester University for the Manchester Muslim Student Fund event on the launch of this wonderful initiative. This was a special event to hear about this excellent initiative for students in the north west region to support students with financial issues and help them attain an education at this university.

We have had the opportunity to contact mosques who have sadly been the victim of deliberate attacks and damage in the year to check on their well-being and safety and offer our support.

We helped to arrange a constitution review visit in Manchester at one of our affiliate Mosques with attendance from several leaders from the Muslim community and Mosques across greater Manchester to share thoughts on the constitutional changes. This included visitors from the different parts of the North West region. This was a constructive meeting with excellent suggestions and feedback for the organisation.

We were invited for the first Iftar at Manchester City football ground representing MCB with an opportunity to meet and listen to representatives of the football club and learn about their community engagement work. We were able to participate in this first event and meet many representatives from Mosques, community groups and community leaders from Manchester.

Mosque Resources

To support our affiliates we helped to prepare several guides. This includes:

Greener Ramadan guide

A guide to help our affiliates to have a Green Ramadan and how to protect the environment.

Green Eid ul Fitr guide

A guide to help our affiliates have a Green Eid ul Fitr and how to protect the environment.

Green Eid ul adha guide

A guide to help our affiliates to have a Green Eid ul Adha and how to protect the environment.

Cyber security guide

Security protocols for affiliates

Supporting communities through Mosques

How Mosques can improve access and support for different groups and communities

Supporting healthy living through mosques guide

How can Mosques help improve health for the community

Cost of living crisis support through Mosques guide

How can Mosques support their communities with the cost of living crisis

Holding a hustings guide for Mosques

A simple step guide going through full details and resources on how to set this up at your Mosque or community centre

Mosque security guide

How can Mosques keep safe and secure

Islamophobia awareness guide for Mosques

The basics of what is required in terms of information for Mosques in Islamophobia, how to report it and protect yourself and communities

Mosque visiting etiquette guide

Guide to support Mosques and visitors on visiting Mosques

About the mcb guide

A simple guide for Mosques to inform them about the MCB

Policy templates for affiliates

Working on a bank of resources for MCB affiliates to be provided only to our affiliates to use as editable templates.

A bank of policies to be provided to our affiliates to use for better governance in their organisations.

Bank of khutbah

MCB have produced several khutbah over the years and we are working with imams for a full bank being worked on with over 50 templates to be used and edited by Mosques on a variety of topics relevant to Muslims across the UK.

Mosque based initiatives

Remembering Srebrenica campaign

Supported a campaign to encourage Mosques to deliver a khutbah on remembering Srebrenica.

Campaign on khutbah on greener Mosques and creating awareness in the community

Supported a campaign to encourage Mosques to deliver a khutbah on greener mosques

Keep Britain tidy initiative with Mosques

Encouraging mosques to engage with keeping their streets tidy. It was great to have mosques.

Mosques supporting the needy during Ramadan at Iftar

Mosques across the UK, shared a hot meal, donating food packs and encouraged people to attend an Iftar at their local Mosque.

Support with FAQ's for Mosque protection

Helped work with our MCB team to create FAQ's on protecting Mosques grant application.

September 2022 Visit my Mosque

- › Annual event opening doors to Mosques on weekend 3rd to 4th September 2022.
- › Welcome people back to Mosques
- › 220 Mosques registered to participate across the UK
- › Different parts of country involved
- › Held training and prepared presentation and resources which were updated to support Mosques across the country.
- › The MCB team visited mosques across

the country to support this event

- › We visited around 15 mosques in 10 cities and towns over the weekend across North west, Merseyside, Yorkshire regions and London.

Other activities done

- › Helped support speakers from different Mosques for knife youth violence workshop from across the country
- › Visited a Mosque in London and spoke to the youth about the MCB and our work
- › Visited an annual graduation event at Al Mahdi institute in Birmingham and an affiliate mosque Al Farouq in Walsall
- › Visit to Bristol as part of the Bristol Muslim Conference.
- › A conference bringing together key dignitaries from the regional commissioner police, politicians, mosque leaders and council of Mosque trustees.
- › Opportunity to speak about issues affecting Muslims and role of Mosques to supporting those there.
- › Met the trustees of the council of Bristol Mosques, imams and key dignitaries.
- › Working with the MCB.
- › Key initiatives ongoing in the area and Mosques supporting each other.

Warm welcome campaign

- › A campaign to help open our doors at Mosques to support the community during this cost of living crisis.
- › MCB is partnering in this initiative on

this cost of living crisis initiative.

- › Encouraging our Mosques to participate.
- › One of our affiliate mosques opening doors for brothers and sisters on weekly basis helping people through the cost of living crisis.
- › • Our mosques do need to do more as majority registered are churches.

Safeguarding of children

- › Working with our MCB team with legal, PA participating in the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse (IICSA) work liaising with legal team vice chair who represented us at the hearing and provided a draft safeguarding of children MCB guide during recent london meeting.
- › The SG of MCB signed a joint letter from different groups to the government that was recently published.

Speak Out Stay Safe Campaign working with NSPCC

Providing a letter partnering with the NSPCC around safeguarding training for schools and supporting the initiative as we did a few years ago and encouraging parents to participate.

The MCB National safeguarding campaign

A 3 step approach with:

- › a safeguarding policy for Mosques for our affiliates
- › a safeguarding guide for all Mosques
- › a safeguarding Khutbah for Mosques to be delivered on one day as a national campaign.

The guide will support mosques in how to be a safe centre in terms of safeguarding of children and simple steps to take to ensure our Mosques are safe centres for children.

Mosque support

Answering emails sent it by the Mosque leads, people in the community enquiring about issues encountered at Mosques and how to support them.

Calls with Mosque leads and imams around supporting Mosques or advice on challenges they face.

Support and guidance of Mosques in London, Manchester and Scotland with challenges they face and supporting them through this.

Contact with Mosque affiliates

- › Offering support and communication with mosques
- › Supporting mosque in Manchester with governance and general support
- › Contact with affiliates in Leicester regarding recent troubles

General support

- › Deal with emails and queries related to Mosques on a regular basis

Internal support

- › review of internal processes, risk assessments for the organisation and producing templates to improve our work

Summary

We have had engagement with around 300 mosques through our initiatives this year with many affiliates and some non affiliates. As a team we have produced around 15 guides to support mosques. We have held 2 big events and given out 6 awards to our affiliate organisations for exceptional work and effort. We have been pushing for high safeguarding standards at our Mosques and produced guidance to support our affiliates. We have produced over 20 policies and procedures for our affiliates and over 25 khutbah so far. These are work in process with many more to be produced.

One of the great aspects of the visits to our affiliates is to learn of the great work our Mosques are doing across the country. It was fascinating to see how all the mosque we have visited are doing unique work to serve and benefit the community and these activities are unique to these areas and for their local communities.



MCB Governance

This year the MCB constitutional review committee began the process of reviewing the current constitution on the following areas:

Affiliation structure and community engagement model
Election of Office Bearers, including their terms and conditions
Membership and function of National Council, committees, zonal representatives and Board of Counsellors

The constitutional review is chaired by Khalid Sofi.

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Constitutional Review

Have Your Say in the Future of Your MCB

The Muslim Council of Britain (MCB) is reviewing its Constitution in an open consultation exercise between March and July 2022.

We are taking views and opinions on how the MCB can be more representative and more democratic, helping us to serve all of Britain's Muslim communities. Read on below to find out more and how to get involved!

To find out more about the MCB's current governance structure, [click here](#).



Why?

When the MCB was founded in 1997, a Constitution was adopted after 18-months of consultation across hundreds of community organisations.

Since then, the MCB periodically undertakes a critical review of its Constitution in order to take stock of how British Muslim communities are changing and identify improvements to the MCB's governance structure.

The last major constitutional review took place in 2012.

What?

Between March and July 2022, an inclusive, open and forward-looking consultation exercise is being undertaken.

The purpose is to ensure the MCB's governance structures are fit for purpose and reflects the expectations of affiliates and wider British Muslim communities.

Proposed amendments to the Constitution are planned to be put forward to affiliates in August, ahead of a planned Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) in September.

How?

You can get involved by emailing your views, joining an online Zoom consultation session or attending in-person meetings to be scheduled in May/June 2022.

Anyone is welcome to join and share their views, whether you are part of an MCB affiliate organisation or not.

Read on below for details!

Redoc Report:

Mansur Safdar
Chairperson

1. Elderly care Programme

a. Joint Report between MCB and Marie Curie

■ MCB and Marie Curie will launch a report on January 18 titled “Muslim Voices: The palliative care needs of British Muslims during the Covid-19 pandemic and beyond”. The report will make recommendations to authorities based on the issues faced by vulnerable Muslims in navigating and accessing health and social care highlighted during the pandemic.

a. Joint Study between MCB and Coventry University

■ Coventry University with support from MCB will submit a funding proposal to Aberdeen Financial Fairness Trust for a project to understand ethnic minorities’ behaviours towards their retirement planning

savings. Runnymede is already on board and we anticipate support from the Department of Work and Pensions.

a. With co-production partners, Khayaal Theatre, Oxford University, Keech Hospice and Bedfordshire University

2. Social Housing Programme

MCB has been involved in a number of discussions with senior stakeholder groups within the social housing sector to highlight the higher levels of housing discrimination faced by the BAME community.

■ MCB continues to contribute to the ‘Housing & Care for Older People’ APPG’s inquiry into “Making retirement living affordable: the role of shared ownership housing” ahead of the release of this report

in coming months. The APPG is chaired by Peter Aldous MP and Lord Best

■ The APPG has urged local authorities to identify clearly the requirements for older people’s housing that include those from minority communities and, through planning powers in collaboration with adult social care and housing services, seek to ensure these needs are met in a culturally and sensitive manner to avoid complete isolation.

■ The MCB looks forward to the APPG’s upcoming report on shared ownership housing and wider strategic work in this space, as well as to providing evidence to the long-awaited launch of the Government’s Joint Taskforce on Housing for Older People promised in the Levelling Up White Paper earlier this year.

■ On Tuesday 15th November 2022, the MCB attendees at the APPG (Deputy Secretary General, Hassan Joudi, and Research & Documentation Committee, Abdul A Ravat) highlighted Britain's ageing population and the inter-section with the present and future challenges facing minority communities including the multitude of issues faced by Muslims

■ An increasing fraction of Muslims are retiring

■ In the context of Britain's older generation becoming more diverse, the strategic importance was outlined for national and local Government, statutory bodies, social care, NHS, funders and providers to be aware of and ready to address the wider faith and culturally sensitive needs that the changing demographics will bring.

■ The need for enhancements to community-based infrastructure, for example mosques or other faith-based institutions, need to be adapting.

■ Rapidly changing social attitudes, combined with the realities of the housing market, are making it more challenging for younger relatives to be able to look after their elderly relatives

in the way that many in previous generations may have traditionally done.

“We urge local authorities to identify clearly the requirements for older people’s housing that include those from minority communities and, through planning powers in collaboration with adult social care and housing services, seek to ensure these needs are met in a culturally and sensitive manner to avoid complete isolation.”



GENERAL NEWS MCB UPDATES

Older people's housing & care: MCB contributes to APPG and raising awareness of upcoming demographic changes

International Affairs

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Chairperson

In January 2022 our team produced a detailed thread and infographics on Islamophobia & the persecution of minorities in India. In recent years, Indian Muslims & other minorities have been subject to increased levels of systemic discrimination, hate speech, mob violence & lynchings, whilst also facing threats to their places of worship.

In February 2022 ahead of #Beijing2022, the Muslim Council of Britain issued a press release asking broadcasters, influencers & athletes to recognise winter Olympics for what they are: The Genocide Games

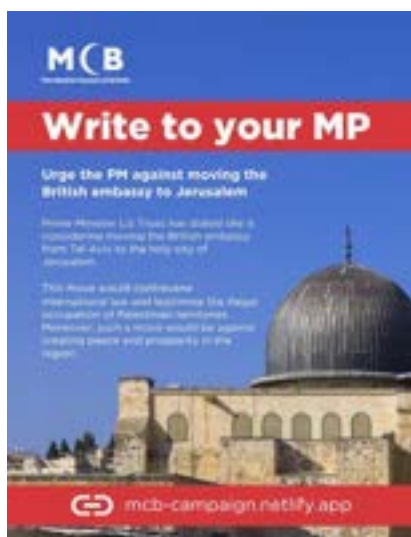
In February 2022 we held an online event on the plight of Uighur's and the genocide games with very high-level panellists such as Peter Osborne (journalist), Dr Sophie Richardson (China Director, Human Rights Watch), Dr Jo Smith Finley (academic), Rodney Dixon QC (barrister), Maira Aisaeva (President, UK Uyghur Community), Luke John de Pulford (Human Rights Campaigner). Furthermore, a Twitter thread with infographics on Islamophobia & the #UyghurGenocide, China's oppression of Uyghurs and other Turkic Muslim groups describing mass detention, torture, sexual violence, forced labour, forced sterilisation and cultural genocide was issued.

In February 2022 the Muslim Council of Britain welcomed amnesty's Report on Israel's Apartheid against Palestinians.

In April 2022 the Muslim Council of Britain condemned the violent raid on the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound by Israeli forces during the month of Ramadan, injuring over 152 Palestinians, according to medics.

In April 2022 as the situation for Muslims in India continued to deteriorate, the MCB requested your

support. With our Prime Minister set to meet his Indian counterpart, we asked you to join us and "Write to Your MP" and call for an end to this persecution. We had many participate in this campaign. #StopIndianMuslimGenocide



In May 2022 the Muslim Council of Britain issued a statement condemning the murder of Shireen Abu Akleh, a Palestinian journalist shot and killed by Israeli forces.

In May 2022 the MCB marked the 74th Nakba and issued a statement.

In July 2022 our head of international affairs spoke at a radio channel discussion around the plight of the Uighur Muslims.

The Muslim Council of Britain in October 2022 had written to Prime Minister Elizabeth Truss, expressing

deep concern over recent statements regarding the moving of the British embassy in Tel Aviv to #Jerusalem.

Urgent campaign to lobby your MP against moving the UK embassy to Jerusalem was carried out by the MCB. The Muslim Council of Britain urged everyone in October 2022 to raise this issue urgently with their elected representatives by "writing to their MP" by clicking here:

<https://mcb-campaign.netlify.app/>

MCB Head of International Affairs moderated the #InternationalUyghurForum in Brussels in November 2022. The MCB re-affirmed its commitment and solidarity to tackling injustice faced by Uyghur communities.

In the last quarter of 2022 we held a round table on UK Indian Muslim organisations and the challenges faced by the Hindutva following the recent troubles in Leicester.

Education Team

Mujidah Mbede

Chairperson

The Education Affairs Objectives/ Work streams have been agreed with the SG with five key priorities.

1. DEVELOP AN EFFECTIVE AND SUSTAINABLE MCB EDUCATION AFFAIRS COMMITTEE - TERMS OF REFERENCE
2. EVALUATE AND ASSESS THE IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON BRITISH MUSLIM COMMUNITIES
3. DIVERSITY & INCLUSION: LOOK AT ADDRESSING KEY AREAS WHERE MUSLIMS FEEL MARGINALISED IN THE EDUCATION SECTOR TO CREATE INCLUSION AND DIVERSITY OF APPROACH (RSE, BLASPHEMY).
4. ADVANCING MUSLIMS IN PUBLIC LIFE: TACKLING ISLAMOPHOBIA IN SCHOOLS AND CREATING CULTURE OF EMPOWERMENT FOR MUSLIMS IN EDUCATION SECTOR (PALESTINE - ONLINE BULLYING).
5. IMPROVING THE UNDERSTANDING OF ISLAM BY THE NON-MUSLIM PUBLIC.



Activities completed in the period

Liaison and strategic meetings Southwark SACRE (Southwark Advisory Council on Religious Education).

Prayer Room Guidelines for secondary schools – design is now completed, due to be placed on website asap with soft launch to be arranged among stakeholders.

Administrative queries relating to education was paramount on the agenda this quarter and were dealt with accordingly.

Membership Committee

Asim Uddin
Chairperson

1. AFFILIATION PROCESS

25 affiliate applications this year

- Accepted affiliates- 6 new affiliates in last quarter
- North Somerset British Bangladesh Association
- Solace UK
- Halal Food Information Centre UK
- Liverpool Muslim Society
- Ahlulbayt Cultural Centre
- Muslim Cultural Welfare Association of Sutton
- 6 affiliation requests not accepted for a variety of reasons
- 15 Pending applications

2. DATA CLEANSE PROCESS ONGOING FOR ALL DATA

- Working with finance and staff team on database cleanse and audit
- Its a slow process with old and missing information so taking time

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

- MCB to complete the data cleanse and membership audit process
- MCB to develop comprehensive membership packs and induction for new members
- MCB to create more opportunities for affiliates to network and learn the benefits of being members
- MCB membership team to review and improve application process to become an affiliate.

Legal

Ahmed Fulat
Chairperson

1.INTERNAL LEGAL SUPPORT

Supporting Constitutional Review Committee with different models pros/cons analysis - April to August 2022

Legal policies/HR Support

GDPR & new website support

Public Affairs legal advice

CFMM Legal advice

2.EXTERNAL LEGAL SUPPORT

Outdoor marriage legalisation - reviews/replies - Jan 2022

Marriage and Civil Partnership (minimum age) reply/feedback to MOJ - feb/March 2022

Kingsway Community Trust - primary school issue (PE changing rooms) re MCB endorsement resolved - Jan 2022

Admin queries inbox

Child Safeguarding submission response & follow up

3. CRISIS RESPONSE

Leicester riots – head of legal key input in the ground

Drafting support

Meeting with key stakeholders

4. RECOMMENDATIONS

- › MCB to recruit more volunteers to support in-house legal work
- › MCB to consolidate the legal entity structure to ensure best coverage for office bearers
- › MCB to continue to submit evidence on key policy matters that impact British Muslims in law.



Winter APPEAL

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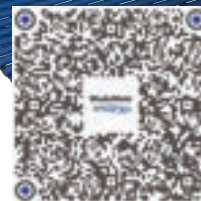
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Committee Report

Bilkisu Savage

Chairperson's Report: Proudly Muslim & Black (PMB)

The PMB Committee was set up as a result of an MCB conference organised in 2019.

The Committee was set up to address the inequality and the lack of representation of Black Muslims in the UK Society and in Muslim communities in the UK.

Within a short period of time, the committee has worked closely with a number of organisations namely: Everyday Muslim, Muslim Association of Nigeria (MANUK). Also delivered Racial Justice Workshop, events that raise awareness on discrimination and provided tools for

To date, it is fair to note that the committee still has a long way to go in realising its full potentials and objectives. I am positive that the launch of the report in September will set the pace for this.

Key Achievements

The last 18 months have been an exceptional and insightful year. This year saw the launch of the committee inaugural report on 22 September. Favourable feedback and suggestions have been received.

The report titled: Race, Faith & Community in Contemporary Britain provided an insight to lived experiences of over 40 contributors.

The launch of the committee e-zine last October 2021 showcasing positive achievements in the black Muslims community is a landmark.

August 2022 was an exciting month with special focus and events on community engagement. The committee held 3 main events. Working with some affiliates, the committee delivered virtual presentations that focused on various solutions on reducing youth violence.



Also, the events provided an opportunity for the committee to collaborate with the wider the wider community particularly 3 mosques across the regions.

Recommendation

In the long term, the committee would like a response to the following areas below.

1. MCB leadership commitment to the committee ethos, objective and vision.
2. MCB leadership assurance and support on PMB committee long-term term viability is an area of concern.
3. MCB leadership commitment to physical and financial support in raising the committee profile. Assurance on this, will enable the committee to deliver future planned projects and regular activities efficiently.

Overall, MCB leadership commitment to resources and moral support to this committee to deliver its objectives must be addressed soon.







**25 YEAR FEATURE:
CELEBRATING TWENTY FIVE YEARS TOGETHER**











Dr Muhammad Abdul Bari MBE

Harun Rashid Khan

Sir Iqbal Sacranie

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BRITISH MUSLIM COMMUNITIES**



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Luton Council of Mosques	Abdul Ghafoor
Al-Manaar MCHC	Abdurahman Sayed
Council of Sri Lankan Muslim Organisations UK	Adil Sardardeen
UK Islamic Mission (South Birmingham)	Adrees Sharif
Lancashire Council of Mosques	Afrasaib Anwar MBE
Council of Nigerian Muslim Organisations	Afusa Abi Akerele
Da'watul Islam UK & Eire	Ahmed Abdul Malik
Co-opted	Ahmed Fulat
Islamic Society of Britain (National)	Ajmal Masroor
Muslim Council of Wales	Alaa Khundakji
Bolton Council of Mosques	Asif Patel
Muslim Council of Scotland	Asim Sheikh
UK Islamic Mission (Ibrahim Mosque - Plaistow)	Asim Uddin
Council of Nigerian Muslim Organisations	Bashir Zubair
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UK Islamic Mission (National)	Dr Hammad Lodhi
UK Islamic Mission (Manchester North)	Dr Mohammad Shahzad Amin
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UK Islamic Mission (National)	Dr Sadia Ahmad
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Co-opted	Hasan Patel
Islamic Unity Society	Hassan Joudi
Khazinat Al-'Ilm	Ibrahim Mogra
Dewsbury Shariah Office	Imran Mohammad
KSIMC of Birmingham	Ismat Ramji
Lebanese Youth Foundation	Kassem Aboud
Pekcham High Street Mosque & Islamic Centre	Lamine Konate
Muslim Women Society for the Future	Lana Al-Sumaiday

Federation of Muslim Organisations - Leicestershire	Mahomed Siddik Giga
Co-opted	Mansur Safdar
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Council of Sri Lankan Muslim Organisations UK	Mohamed Liyas Abdul Wahid
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Muslim Society of North East	Muhammad Islam
Muslim Association of Nigeria UK	Mujidah Mebude
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