

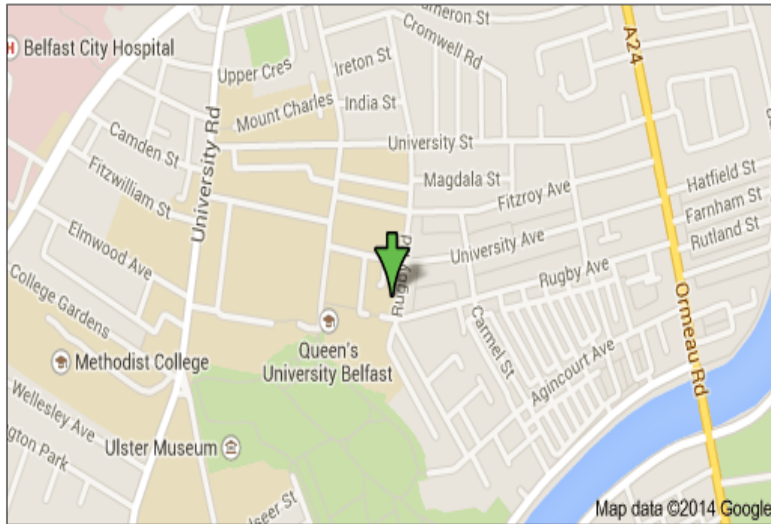


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NIMFA (AGM 2023)

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Annual Report 2022

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VISION and MISSION

NIMFA Vision Statement is:

“NIMFA is an active and friendly society which supports and works in partnership with the Northern Ireland Community at large to foster good relations”.

These values and ideals are amplified further in the Mission Statement:
Northern Ireland Muslim Family Association is a voluntary group which aims to meet the needs of all Muslim families by giving support through social, spiritual and education activities for young and old.

We strive to work closely in partnership with other Faith Communities, various community groups and local authorities to improve good relations which will help Muslim families celebrate their identity and integrate with the society in which we live.

Objectives

1. To promote the spiritual, social, educational, recreational, psychological and physical well-being of all members of the family.
2. To help these families preserve their Islamic identities, and integrate in the community of Northern Ireland as Northern Irish Muslims.
3. To complement the work of other local and national organisations supporting local Muslim families.
- 4 To organise and facilitate voluntary community work.

Welcome

- On behalf of the Executive Committee of NIMFA, I would like to welcome each and every one of you for taking the time to attend our 2023 AGM. Special thanks to those brothers and sisters who have travelled from outside Belfast to be with us today.

Minutes of last AGM

- To be read by Sr Brenda

• Chairman's Report

As the Chairman of Northern Ireland Muslim Family Association (NIMFA) I am pleased to present our Annual General meeting report for the year 2021-22. Looking back on 2021-22 and reflecting on all the developmental activities including a series of refurbishment works, meetings, social gatherings and networking. I take this as an opportunity to thank you all and Ask Allah to reward and support us all. The past few years have been a very significant stage in NIMFA's development, with the help of Allah.

I am determined to ensure that I and the Management Committee continue to make extremely positive contributions to meeting the needs of our community including education, personal development, Islamic Culture, Integration and organizational development. I am particularly happy with the refurbishment works of our building and the tremendous efforts of those who have worked tirelessly towards having a clean, safe and inviting centre with facilities that are in accordance to Islamic teachings. We are happy to see that our community are enjoying and appreciating the new improved space, with improved disability access.

Acknowledgements

- I would like to thank my fellow members of the Management Committee and our Trustees for their untiring support throughout the year.
- Br Abu Bakr, Br Mohammed and Br Hassam for sharing the Taraweeh prayers.
- All those who donated for the ongoing refurbishments at NIMFA.
- Those who cleaned in Ramadan.
- All those who helped with Friday Khutbah, including Br Hassan, Br Sharif, Br Mohammed, Br Abdul and Br Amir
- A special thanks to all of our volunteers including our dedicated school staff
- The cleaning team including: Sr Linda and other Somalian sisters, Br Omar, Br Abdul and all other sisters and brothers who have contributed throughout the year especially at Ramadan.

Activities

Internal Activities

- 5 daily prayers and two Friday prayers
- Ramadan – we provided Zakat ul Fitr and Iftar
- Eids
- Quran and Islamic studies for children (dedicated committee and teachers)
- Giving advice
- Performing marriage – helping in Nika
- Bereavements – help with funerals, provide coffin, Ghussal, prayer
- Support for reverts
- Commemoration for Remembering Srebrenica

New Projects undertaken

- Continued refurbishment works

Future plans

The Management Committee, volunteers and community are extremely commendable and a strength to the Muslim community here in NI. However, we need to source and secure funding, increase volunteer capacity to achieve our Strategic Goals and secure future stability.

The upcoming year will present challenges for us with funding opportunities especially with the restrictions due to funding. However, I am confident in the commitment of the Management Committee, volunteers and community contribution to help us continue to provide a place of worship and service for the Muslim community. We are delighted to now be in a position of ownership of the building and that the extension and refurbishment work has been so successful.

NIMFA have supported organizational income through a tenancy agreement for the rear downstairs room, which is on a monthly basis and has shared shower room and kitchen facilities we are thankful to our community for respecting this place by keeping it clean and recognising that it is the home of our Brother and the House of Allah.

Strategic Development

We are dedicated to our recent strategic plan's implementation over the next five years and the vision that it ascribes to. NIMFA has successfully secured premises to continue with the work we do and provide a place for our ever growing community and is committed to this endeavor. NIMFA continues to establish a political line, core voluntary staffing structure to work towards supporting the needs of the community.

NIMFA management committee has sought parental feedback for the development of the Hikmah School and curriculum with the support of the dedicated teachers and Br Samir to ensure that all of the children have the opportunity to learn Quranic and Islamic study.

Partnership with other Islamic Centers and Mosques

- Belfast Islamic Centre
- Craigavon Islamic Centre
- Islamic Centre, Coleraine
- Newtownards Mosque
- Newry Islamic Centre
- Ballymena Mosque
- Iqra, Dunmurry Islamic Centre
- Islamic Makteb, Dublin
- Islamic Cultural Centre, Dublin
- Dundalk Mosque
- Muslim Council of Britain (MCB)
- Derry Mosque
- Coleraine Mosque
- Enniskillen Mosque
- BMCA
- NIMCA

Networking and communication activity for the development of NIMFA

- Lekan Ojo-Okiji Abasi – Counselling All Nations Services
- Brid Ruddy, Wild Flower Alley
- Brid Arthurs, Forward South Partnership
- Patrick Yu, NICRE

Support for external organisations

- NI Council for Racial Equality
- Remembering Srebrenica

Concluding remarks

In conclusion, I would like to acknowledge members of the Management Committee for all their hard work, commitment and dedication over the past years to make NIMFA a valuable community resource. I would like to thank the wider community for their ongoing support of the project. I would like to thank all of those whom have contributed to NIMFA, I must say that without their financial and practical support we would not be able to continue the work and services, thank you.

Member of the Executive

Mr Javaid Naveed (MBE), Chairman
Mr Ihsan Abbas, Vice Chairman
Sr Brenda Skillen, Secretary
Dr Mohammad Yusuf Khattak, Treasurer
Mr Louay Maged, Member
Br Samir Al-Halabi, Member
Dr Wasif Naeem, Member

Trustees

Mrs Ishrat Hassan
Mrs Khadijeh Okdeh, Member
Br Zamir ul Huda

Assets Report

NIMFA purchased the existing building in the year (2020).
Total price of building: £265,000
Deposit: £55,000
Initial Loan: £210,000
Annual Repayment: £102400
Outstanding Balance £102400.00

