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**Muslim Association of**  
**Craigavon (MAC)**  
**Annual Report 2016**

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## **VISION and MISSION**

MAC Vision Statement is:

*“MAC 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:

*Craigavon Muslim Association of Craigavon 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 MAC, I would like to welcome each and every one of you for taking the time to attend our 2017 AGM. Special thanks to those brothers and sisters who have travelled from outside Craigavon to be with us today.

## **Minutes of last AGM**

• To be read by Br Omar

### **• Chairman's Report**

As the Chairman of Muslim Association of Craigavon I am pleased to present our Annual General meeting report for years 2017. Looking back on 2016-2017 and reflecting on all the developmental activities including a series of meetings and networking, MAC has increased their profile level significantly.

I am determined to ensure that myself 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.

## **Acknowledgements**

- I would like to thank my fellow members of the Management Committee and our Trustees for their untiring support throughout the year.
- Br Hesham and Br Muzamil for sharing the prayer over Ramadan.
- The brothers and sisters for providing Iftar and Sahoor during Ramadan
- All those who donated.
- Those who cleaned in Ramadan.
- The sisters who arrange food for Eid prayers.
- Br Hesham and Br Edison, who helped with Friday Khutbah.
- A special thanks to all of our volunteers and youth who have helped throughout the year especially for Ramadan.
- Barnardos and Redcross for including MAC in the resettlement programme for Syrians as part of VPRS

# Activities

## Internal Activities

- 5 daily prayers and Friday prayers
- Ramadan – we provided Iftar everyday and Zakat ul Fitr
- Eids
- Quran, Arabic language and Islamic studies for children.
- Islamic Cultural Awareness sessions
- Giving advice
- Performing marriage – helping in Nikah
- Bereavements – help with funerals, provide coffin, Ghussal, prayer.
- Support for reverts
- One dish party – very successful and popular
- MAC has successfully been working in partnership with the Syrian Vulnerable person relocation scheme with Redcross and Barnardos

## Future plans

The Management Committee, volunteers and community are

extremely commendable and are 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 staffing and funding. However, I am confident in the commitment of the Management Committee, volunteers and community contribution to continue to provide a place of worship and service provider for the Muslim community.

**Strategic Development** We are dedicated to our recent strategic plan's implementation over the next five years and the vision that it ascribes to. MAC are hoping to start in the service delivery of Islamic Cultural Awareness sessions to the wider non Muslim community, schools, Government organizations, youth groups and many more groups to help dispel myths about the peaceful religion of Islam. MAC continues to establish a political line, core voluntary staffing structure to work towards supporting the needs of the community.

MAC management committee has sought parental feedback for the development of the Quran and Arabic classes and has recently re-structured the curriculum with the support of the dedicated teacher Br Hesam to ensure that all of the children have the opportunity to learn Quranic and Islamic study.

## Partnership with other Islamic Centres and Mosques

- Belfast Islamic Centre

- NIMFA
- Islamic Centre, Coleraine
- Newtownards Mosque
- Newry Islamic Centre
- Ballymena Mosque
- Dunmurry Islamic Centre
- Islamic Makteb, Dublin
- Islamic Cultural Centre, Dublin
- Dundalk Mosque
- Muslim Council of Britain (MCB)

### **Delivery of Islamic Cultural Awareness sessions**

- Regional Syrian Vulnerable Person relocation scheme
- Red Cross
- Barnardos

## **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 MAC 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 MAC, I must say that without their financial support we would not be able to continue the work and services, thank you.

## **Member of the Executive**

Chairman Mr Shameem Qureshi, Vice Chairman Mr Steven Omar, Treasurer Mr Zafar Iqbal, Secutarty Mr Syed Najeeb. Member Mr Muhammad Tahir, Member Muhammad Irfan.

## **Trustees**

Mr Naiem Qureshi, Mr Muhammad Arshad, Mr Muhammad Rafiq, Mr Javed Iqbal

..... Mr Zafar Iqbal Treasurer MAC

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