

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From: 02/02/2023 (Period start date) **To:** 01/02/2024 (Period end date)

Charity name: Ihsan Youth

Charity registration number: 109118

Objectives and Activities

	Trust Deed Reference (if applicable)	
<p>Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document</p>	<p>Clause No. 3</p>	<p>Ihsan Youth is established to support Muslim youth and their families throughout Northern Ireland, through advancing Muslim values, education community development, poverty alleviation and promotion of Islamic arts/heritage, religious/racial harmony and advocating for civil progress, with the aim of integrating, empowering and improving the conditions of the said community. For the avoidance of doubt, the system of law governing the trust deed of the charity is the law of Northern Ireland.</p>
<p>Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.</p>	<p>Public Benefits Reporting</p>	<p>The direct benefits which can flow from the purpose are: To provide and assist the maintenance and formation of religious facilities and places of worship for Muslims which are for their spiritual, educational, theological and/or social benefit. Enable the Muslim community to be full participants in public, social and economic life in Northern Ireland. Provide and help develop a positive example of Muslim youth, their families and their religious identity, which is compassionate, peaceful, civically minded, environmentally mindful, well informed spiritually/socially and integrated to the wider community thus benefiting society through developing a peaceful and tolerant community. Safeguarding Muslim youth and their families from Islamophobia, racism, bigotry and all forms of discrimination. Promotion of the Islamic faith which is peaceful and compassionate and disseminating correct Islamic views, values and theology from misunderstandings and misrepresentations which are contrary towards universal Islamic principles of tolerance and peace. Safeguarding Muslim youth and family rights enshrined in international law. Promotion of civil rights</p>

		and equality for the Muslim community for the benefit of a tolerant and multi-cultural society. These Benefits will be evidenced through: Feedbacks from the beneficiaries of the courses/classes/religious activities/ programs/projects/events. Beneficiary feedback opportunities, community networks, Social media followers and website responses. Progress updates for beneficiaries. There is no harm flowing from the purposes. The charity's beneficiaries are the Muslim community, and the general public throughout Northern Ireland. There is no private benefit flowing from the purposes.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Clause No. 34	We the trustees have full regard for the guidance issued by the Charity Commission and work towards fulfilling our public benefits arising from our Trust Activities and Purposes.

Additional information

Policy on Trustee powers in relation with grant-making and financial conduct.	Clause no. 5	The Policy on Trustee Powers in Relation to Grant-Making and Financial Conduct outlines the responsibilities and authority of trustees in overseeing grant distribution and ensuring sound financial management. Trustees hold ultimate decision-making power over grant approvals, ensuring alignment with the organisation's purpose and compliance with legal and regulatory standards. They are also responsible for maintaining fiscal integrity by ensuring that funds are used efficiently and ethically. Trustees must ensure transparency, mitigate conflicts of interest, and enforce accountability measures, including monitoring grantee performance and financial reporting to safeguard organisational resources.
Contribution made by volunteers	N/A	We deeply value and appreciate the contributions made by our volunteers, who are the backbone of our organisation and key to driving our mission forward. As a volunteer-led organisation, their dedication and passion enable us to make a meaningful impact. To ensure the safety and well-being of young people and at-risk individuals, all volunteers who come into contact with these groups undergo thorough safeguarding procedures, including screening through AccessNI, in line with our safeguarding policy. This ensures we provide a safe, supportive environment for everyone involved.

Achievements and Performance

<p>Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>At Ihsan Youth, our work has significantly benefitted our beneficiaries and contributed to wider societal well-being. Through our classes on religious values and the study of Arabic, we have empowered individuals with knowledge that fosters spiritual growth and a deeper connection to their heritage. Our efforts in delivering hampers to refugees have provided vital support to those in need, while our non-legal pastoral advice to refugees and asylum seekers has offered guidance and comfort in challenging circumstances. By collaborating with the PSNI, we have contributed to promoting a safer, more inclusive society. Our women's conference gave Muslim women a platform to voice concerns, engage in prayer, and receive education on various topics, strengthening their community participation. Additionally, our interfaith event, "Jesus in Islam," welcomed by Queen's University Christian Union, helped bridge understanding between faiths. Finally, our youth group has nurtured civic responsibility and community spirit in young people, helping to integrate them and instil a sense of belonging and contribution to society.</p>
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Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Bank account & all other relevant financial standings.	£3,267.71 in bank account by the period end date. Total Income (≈): £6,556 Total Expenditure (≈): £3,833
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held		The purpose of our reserves policy is to ensure the financial stability and sustainability of Ihsan Youth in both the short and long term. Reserves are held to provide a safeguard against unforeseen financial difficulties or interruptions in income, allowing the charity to continue delivering essential services to our beneficiaries. They also enable us to respond swiftly to opportunities or emergencies that may arise. By maintaining reserves, we ensure that our core activities, such as classes, community outreach, and pastoral care, can continue without disruption. The level of reserves is reviewed regularly to ensure it is adequate to meet future financial commitments while supporting the on-going growth and development of the charity.
Amount of reserves held		£500
Reasons for holding zero reserves		N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit		0
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern		N/A

Additional information

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)		Ihsan Youth's principal source of funds comes from the generous donations of individuals within the community. These donations provide the essential financial foundation that enables us to carry out our mission and deliver our services. As a charity reliant on public support, we deeply value every contribution, which allows us to make a meaningful impact on the lives of our beneficiaries. Regular reviews ensure that donations are managed responsibly and transparently, ensuring the long-term sustainability of our work.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Clause no. 5	There are currently <u>no investments in place</u> by Ihsan Youth; however the policy is as follows. Ihsan Youth's investment policy is designed to ensure that funds not immediately required for operational purposes are invested responsibly to support the long-term sustainability of the charity. The primary

	<p>objective of our investment strategy is to safeguard the charity's assets while achieving a reasonable return that can be reinvested into our charitable activities. Investments are managed with a low-risk approach, prioritising capital preservation while seeking stable, modest growth. In alignment with our values, Ihsan Youth has adopted a socially responsible investment policy. This means we ensure that our investments reflect our commitment to ethical practices, avoiding sectors or companies that contradict our mission or values, such as those involved in harmful activities or practices. Where possible, we seek to invest in opportunities that have a positive social or environmental impact, reinforcing our dedication to fostering a just and inclusive society.</p> <p>Regular reviews of the investment portfolio are conducted to ensure it continues to meet our financial and ethical objectives, supporting the charity's ability to fulfil its mission for the long term.</p>
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Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document	Clause no. 1	Trust Deed
How is the charity constituted?	Clause no.1	Trust
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Clause no. 9	<p>Appointment of trustees:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) There must be at least 3 trustees. Apart from the first trustees, every trustee must be appointed for a term of 3 years by a resolution of the trustees passed at a special meeting called under clause 15 of this deed (2) In selecting individuals for appointment as trustees, the trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the charity. (3) The trustees must keep a record of the name and address and the dates of appointment, re-appointment and retirement of each trustee. (4) The trustees must make available to each new trustee, on his or her first appointment: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) a copy of this deed and any amendments made to it; (b) a copy of the charity's latest report and statement of accounts (5) The first trustees hold office for the following periods respectively: <p>The first trustees will hold their positions until they retire/resign but will be reviewed regularly and every 5 years a review will be made on their position and whether they should continue in their position. Additionally, if a trustee retires/resigns they must ensure that there are a minimum of 3 trustees left before making that decision, this could mean finding their replacement according to proper procedure.</p>

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Ihsan Youth
Other name the charity uses	Ihsan Youth Association
Registered charity number	109118

Charity's principal office
address

143 University Street, Belfast, BT7 1HP.


Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)
1	Tadbirul Islam	Chairperson
2	Talimul Islam Ali	Treasurer & Officer
3	Sherena Sideqa	General Secretary

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Talimul	Islam Ali
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Treasurer & officer	
Date	15/09/2024	