

Karimia Institute

Centre for Islamic learning and moral-spiritual development



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Mission statement:

To help individuals and families learn life skills and develop moral and spiritual values through education, worship and recreation

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In the name of Allah, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful

Introduction

The Karimia Institute is a progressive organisation for education, training, community development and Da'wah. The scope and variety of its activities are focussed on bringing change in individuals through moral and spiritual development. Spirituality is the sense of closeness to the creator of the universe, the wish to please him and the quest to recognise Him. Spirituality gives life a meaning and purpose that motivates one to care and love others. Our aim is to help people to rediscover this spiritual potential through learning, serving and caring. We also strive faithfully to transmit the beautiful message of Islam to our children as well as the wider society.



The Karimia Institute was founded in 1990 by Dr Musharraf Hussain OBE, DL. Starting with a small Masjid in the Forest Fields area of Nottingham. The institute has grown rapidly in the past 20 years, it is now providing facilities for worship, education, sports and self-development in the heart of the Nottingham Muslim community in three locations:

- Karimia Masjid (Forest Fields)
- Bobbersmill Community Centre (Bobbersmill)
- Nottingham Islamia School (Hyson Green)



This wide range of facilities allows the Karimia Institute to touch the lives of thousands of Muslims every day through its twenty eight projects. There are various activities and events taking place across the three sites everyday including a range of sports activities such as Cricket and Football, adult classes in Arabic and Islamic studies and children's classes such as Qur'anic studies, Maths and English tuition. As well as these activities and events, the Karimia institute also operates two well established Masjid's for daily and weekly Juma prayers:

- Karimia Masjid
- Ash Shifa Masjid



Both Masjids have quality Quran schools and prayer facilities for men and women. Currently the Institute employs 35 fulltime staff and over 40 part-time. This makes it one of the largest Masjid based organisation in the UK, Alhamdulillah.

Trustees

- Tariq Nasir (chairman)
- Mazhar Butt
- Fazl Rabbi Khan
- Muhammad Sulaiman
- Abdul Wahid
- Muhammad Iqbal

Senior Management Team

- Dr Musharraf Hussain Al Azhari, OBE, DL (Chief Executive)
- Allama Saffiullah Al Azhari (Director of Dawah)
- Ajaz Hussain (Assistant Director)
- Muhammad Yaseen (Director of Youth work)
- Sajjad Ahmed (Finance Manager)

I. Education

One of the key aspects of our education we have a variety of facilities and resources sites which help individual



Nottingham Islamia School

The School was founded in January 2000 and has always achieved excellent results in key stage 2 SATS. The School aims to provide high quality education in an Islamically rich environment.

Aims and objectives

1. Maintain a harmonious Islamic environment.
2. Enable the pupils to develop to their highest capacity as servants of Allah.
3. Deliver a broad and balanced curriculum.
4. Fulfil the academic, physical, moral and spiritual needs of the pupils.



Islamic Environment

The school buzzes with devotional songs and prayers. In the pursuit of moral and spiritual development there is a stress on prayer, practising good manners, developing moral characteristics, constant remembrance of Allah, respecting others and showing care and concern for fellow pupils. Children are encouraged to explore the application of Islamic teachings in a modern society.

Curriculum

The national curriculum is enriched by adding key Islamic teachings; this consists of teaching Arabic, Islamic Studies and Qur'anic reading and memorisation. This fine blending of the religious, cultural and academic learning not only boosts the self-confidence and self-esteem of our students but makes education relevant for the subjects. Lessons begin and end with a Dua.



Teachers

Our teachers are all committed to continuous professional development in order to provide our pupils with the best possible education, and to enable the School to continue to be in the vanguard of the growing Muslim Schools movement nationwide.

Hifz Classes

Hifz classes for those children whom wish to memorise the Quran are held at both Karimia Masjid and Ash Shifa Masjid. The best children are selected from our Qur'anic classes and are encouraged to do hifz. So far 10 children have completed memorisation of the complete Quran.

Qur'anic Classes

To read the Glorious Quran and learn the basics of Islam in order to encourage Muslim children to learn the Glorious Quran, small classes are organised for a duration of 1 ½ hours where children are taught the reading of Arabic and Islamic morals and manners as well as basic theology and fiqh. As well as learning to read the Quran, children are further taught short surahs with translation, duas, tajweed, rights of parents and neighbours.

Naat Classes

The aim of these classes is to help build confidence, artistic talent and develop children's love of the Prophet. The class is taught by a professional Naat singer with many years of experience behind him. A separate class is run for girls 10-16 years old.

ects of the Karimia Institute is individuals learning, activities that run throughout the year at our three individuals learn and develop themselves.

Zaytuna Nursery

The Zaytuna Nursery was established in 2002 and is an Ofsted registered nursery for 2-5 year olds. Starting with a small number of children, the nursery has expanded vastly and now has around 80 children attending in two sessions daily throughout the week.

Aims and objectives

Both nurseries' aim to deliver the foundation stage of the National Curriculum as well as providing the first steps towards Islamic education.

This is achieved through the following key objectives:

1. Social development: encouraging children to interact and share with others.
2. Creative development: encouraging children to explore and share their thoughts ideas and feelings.
3. Physical development: by helping children to understand how their bodies work and what they need to do to be healthy and safe.

Nursery Environments

A key aspect of the nursery is the environment in which children learn, we have developed a warm caring Islamic environment for children to learn and develop their skills. This is achieved through well planned activities both indoor and outdoor, which are the basis for helping children enjoy learning.

Fig Tree Nursery

The Fig Tree nursery was established in 2007 and is based at the Nottingham Islamia School. It is also an Ofsted registered nursery for children aged 2-5 years old. The nursery has places for 50 children and runs two sessions daily throughout the week.



Adult Classes

These classes are run for adults, as we believe education is for everyone. We arrange classes for adults in Arabic and Islamic Studies. These classes are attended by both men and women in a secure Islamic environment. Classes are taught to a recognised level and accredited by local colleges. Students are awarded certificates upon completion.

Urdu classes

These classes are run on the weekend to teach children to read and write Urdu, advanced pupils are encouraged to take Urdu as a GCSE. We believe it is important for children to learn their mother tongue as this will help them to understand their culture and learn about their heritage. These classes are taught by professional teachers who have a deep understanding of the language. Emphasis is not only given to reading and writing but speaking too.

Education Support

Sunday tutorial classes and revision classes for 5-16 year olds with professional and experienced teachers teaching children English, Maths, Science and Islamic Studies up to GCSE level as well as a personal development programme which runs throughout the year.

The aim of the tutorial classes is to help pupils to learn effectively, enhance pupil's motivation, develop pupil's confidence, raise pupil's expectations, and develop pupil's morality and spirituality.

2. Da'wah

At the heart of the Karimia Inst two fantastic Masjids, the Inst projects which aim to help pe



Radio Dawn 107.6 FM

Radio Dawn has been running since March 2006 and broadcasts 24/7 in English, Urdu, Arabic, Bengali, Somali and Pashtu.

Broadcasts range from interviews, lectures by renowned scholars, public service announcements, a calendar of events, call-in shows, Quran recitation, live public events, current affairs, live adhan and nasheeds.

A team of dedicated volunteers and station manager work together to make the radio successful. The station has around 15,000 listeners in Nottingham and the surrounding areas and is also available nationally/internationally via the website. Local businesses provide financial support by advertisements.

For further details visit:
www.radiodawn.com



The Invitation

The Invitation Magazine is a useful resource for Islamic education, Da'wah and social issues. Established in 1988 it is a bimonthly Muslim family magazine that reaches 25,000 readers.

A high quality resource for personal and community development as well as spiritual growth, the Invitation magazine is a platform for writers to express their views with articles such as Rays of the Qur'an, Lessons from Hadith, Da'wah Notes, Questions and Answers, Community Workshop, Worship Focus, The Islamic Consumer, Kidszone, Interviews, and much more.

The magazine is available in various mosques, Islamic stores and an annual subscription is also available and the magazine can be downloaded from the website.

For further details visit:
www.invitation-magazine.com



Radio Azan

For seven days a week and all round the year the Nottingham Muslim community can listen to the five daily Azans and lectures in their homes via our special receiver. As with radio Dawn, this is fantastic medium to deliver the message of Islam into people's home. Functions at the Masjid are transmitted live.

Weekly Study Circle

A weekly study circle takes place at both Karimia Masjid and Ash Shifa Masjid. These study circles are essential for learning and developing individual's religious knowledge. It is a fantastic opportunity for people to come and listen to the recitation of the Quran and Hadith and to understand them. It's also an opportunity to meet others and learn from others.

It is the desire to invite people to Allah. As well as this, da'wah has expanded vastly into a variety of new Da'wah activities to help people to develop their love and devotion for Allah.

Conferences and public lectures

The Karimia Institute hosts a variety of conferences and lectures throughout the year. Lectures around key Islamic issues are held monthly with themes including the celebration of events in the Islamic calendar and current issues facing the Ummah worldwide. Various conferences are also organised to engage both the Muslim community and the wider community in understanding and learning about various issues such as social issues, personal issues, and religious issues.

Publications

The Karimia Institute has published a range of books on traditional Islamic teachings and contemporary subjects. These books are essential guides for Muslims to learn about their deen and to develop their intelligence. Titles include:

1. Hajj: A Handbook
2. Dua and Salah made easy
3. Time to Marry
4. Shortening long hopes
5. 7 steps to moral intelligence
6. Perfect Prayer
7. Ramadan: A spring of righteousness
8. Journey to God
9. Aqaid An Nasafi
10. Pearls of Wisdom
11. Yassar Nal Quran
12. Fatawa Rizwiya

Teachings of Islam – Summer course

This is a two week short course (50 hours) for young people. Every year an important theme is selected and it is systematically taught in lectures and seminars. In the past years we have studied:

- Study of creed, fiqh of tahara, salah and tajweed.
- Family life and moral teachings of Islam.
- Study of Surah Al Baqarah.
- Study of Surah Ale Imran.



The following 8 booklets are available free of charge. People and Places Series:

1. Tragedy of Karbala
2. The Milad
3. Maulana Ahmad Raza Khan
4. Al Isra Wal Miraj
5. Repentance
6. Who is Muhammad?
7. Longing for the Divine; Virtues of Salah
8. Journey to the afterlife : A Funeral guide
9. Virtues of Friday Prayer and the language of the sermon

These books are available to buy from the Bobbersmill Community Centre, various book shops around the UK or online: www.karimia.com

3. Welfare & Social Services

Regular advice sessions on health, Councillors' a



Nikkah & Marriage Registration

Nikkah is a very special occasion for Muslims and the Karimia Institute is here to aid and support people from various Muslim backgrounds in organising this great occasion. To ease this process, the Fatimia room in the Bobbersmill Community Centre is an approved and licensed premise for marriage registrations with the Nottingham City Registrar's Office, this allows the institute to perform both the Nikkah and registration in one place.



Firduas Burial Society

The Quran tells us of a universal truth, "Every soul shall taste death". Death comes to anyone, anywhere, any time. When it comes, the family need support in arranging the funeral in a dignified way. FBS helps its members by taking care of these expenses; members pay a small annual fee. The centre also provides this service to any Muslim for a small fee. FBS strives to ensure the funeral is completed according to the Sunnah where the family is involved at every step from collecting the body from the ward or home to the cemetery.



Interfaith

We are living in a multi-faith and plural society therefore it is imperative for Muslims to work with other faith communities. Karimia Institute works closely with a number of interfaith organisations such as 'Faiths in Action' and is involved in many interfaith projects with these organisations. As well as inviting Christians to visit the Masjid and taking groups to visit Churches, we organise many joint lectures and discussions on topics common between us.

Nationally the Karimia Institute works with the Christian-Muslim forum to improve Christian Muslim relations. We also host seminars for faith awareness for public and voluntary sector. We publish leaflets to build bridges and improve community cohesion. Our leaflet on "Introducing Islam" (www.introducingislam.co.uk) is also used nationally for Islamic awareness projects.

"Let there be a community amongst you who invite to what is good, advocate righteousness, and forbid evil. These are the winners."

Surah Al Imran [3:104]

ions for welfare, social services, employment, and Police meetings are held at our centre.

Madad Project

This project is about increasing the awareness to Muslims about the probation service, the criminal justice system as well as encouraging the Muslim community to support ex-offenders. The Muslim community has a religious obligation to care for ex-offenders, we want to raise their awareness. So that eventually Muslim prisoners who have been released or who are going to be released are provided with mentors from local Mosques or Muslim community organisations based in their area. So that the ex-offenders are helped to re-adjust to life outside prison through counselling and practical help with housing, welfare benefits, employment and health issues. We are grateful to north east England probation service for providing us initial support.

UKIEW (UK Islamic Education Waqf)

Since 1991 UKIEW has been at the forefront of providing vital support to parents who desire to see the beautiful fruits of Islamic education in their own children, but are unable to pay the required fees, as well as helping community based education projects directly. Every year we collect both Zakah and Sadaqah, adhering to the rules of the Shari'ah, and then distribute it according to the needs of our applicants. By establishing Muslim Schools and struggling to maintain and develop a high standard of educational provision, we are surely setting the right example of good practice which is increasingly being acknowledged by others within the mainstream education system.

For further details visit: www.ukiew.org



“Surely We have created you of a male and a female, and made you into nations and tribes so that you may know each other; verily the most honoured of you in the sight of God is the most righteous of you; surely Allah is all-Knowing, all-Aware.”

Surah Al-Hujurat [49:13]

4. Youth Work & Leadership Training

To empower members of developing

Muslim Youth Development Project (MYDP)

The Muslim youth development project supports Muslims aged 16 – 25 in developing leadership skills and encourages volunteering. Young people receive leadership training that develops their skills and understanding of volunteering and being a leader in their community. There is also an opportunity to complete a part time NVQ youth work qualification. This is a national project with hubs across various cities, such as:

- Nottingham
- Derby
- Birmingham
- Halifax
- Manchester

Youth club

Young people need space to enjoy themselves, role models and guidance. At the youth club they get all three. There are 2 ½ hour sessions every evening when young people can enjoy a game of Table-Tennis, Pool, Badminton, 5-a-side Football and even a bit of Play Station 3. The session is structured and has a half hour of Islamic lessons, which help the youth to develop their character.

Football and Cricket coaching

The Bobbersmill Community Centre hosts various football and cricket coaching sessions in our fantastic sports hall. The age range for these sessions is from 6 – 15 year olds; these coaching sessions are a brilliant opportunity for young children to develop their fitness, skills and team work.

Our new sports hall has 3 badminton courts, 3 cricket nets and is suitable for 5-a-side football. The sports hall is used by more than 200 people throughout the week. Our centre runs a number of activities and sports teams for young people.

We run two football teams for under 11's and under 9's. Both teams compete in local leagues and have finished in good positions over the last two seasons. Last year our under 13's & under 15's won the Nottingham Cricket league.

For further details visit: www.karimiafc.com



to nurture and educate Young people to become active members of society, through their leisure-time activities, by developing their physical, moral and spiritual capacities

Girls Club

Every week at the Bobbersmill Community Centre we run a fantastic Girls Club for girls aged 9 – 15. Throughout the year girls enjoy activities such as arts and crafts, Football, Net-ball and Badminton. We believe it is important to cater for both boys and girls. A professional female youth worker coordinates these sessions.

Annual Family Camp

The family camp is organised for families to appreciate the bounties of Allah in the most serene environment. The aim is to foster the values of brotherhood/sisterhood and to inculcate confidence in young people. The camp has also been helpful in highlighting the importance of physical education and sports. The activities at the camp include: canoeing, archery, orienteering, sailing, cycling, football, cricket etc. Besides these activities daily prayers are offered in congregation, lectures, barbeques, debates and walks etc.

3-mile Fun Run

As part of our fitness campaign, each year in July, we organise a 3-mile fun run at Nottingham's Wollaton Park. This is a family event and people of all age groups are welcome. Participants receive a medal on completion, prizes and trophies are awarded to winners and runners-up, and this event is for all the family.



Notts Muslim Unity League

Notts Muslim Unity league was set up to unite young Muslims of Nottingham, whatever their background, creed or madhab is. Time has come when we all need to unite and become one ummah as commanded by our beloved Prophet. Notts Muslim Unity League uses football to bring together young Muslims from different Mosques within Nottingham. Using football as a means of engagement, Notts Muslim Unity League aims to bring Muslims together in a bid to improve relations between young Muslims from different areas of the city. Last season we had 10 teams participating and the feedback we received was positive.



For further details visit: www.nmul.co.uk

“You shall invite to the path of your Lord with wisdom and kind enlightenment, and debate with them in the best possible manner. Your Lord knows best who has strayed from His path, and He knows best who are the guided ones.”

Surah An-Nahl [16:125]

Become a friend of Karimia Institute

The Karimia Institute has made significant contributions to the development of the Muslim Community in Nottingham. By establishing two Masjids, a thriving community centre with a sports hall, Ofsted registered Nurseries and teaching facilities. The establishment of Nottingham Islamia School has given Muslim parents the choice to educate children in a secure Islamic environment. The Quranic School, Urdu classes, tutorial classes and various other programmes to raise educational achievement of Muslim children makes Karimia a leading Muslim community organisation in the UK. Over the past twenty years you have helped us financially and morally - Please continue to help us.

Please donate today, by filling out a standing order form or visit our website (www.karimia.com) to download a form.

Leave a legacy

As a registered charity, the Karimia Institute will always be fundraising. If you would like to help ensure the work of the institute continues after your life, please consider making a legacy in your will, to the Karimia Institute. According to Shariah, up to one third of one's wealth can be donated to charity, and leaving a bequest to charity, is encouraged in the Quran. By leaving such a gift to Karimia in your Will, this can also help you too, as Sadaqa Jariyah is one of only three actions that continue to be rewarded after you die.

“Those who spend their wealth in God’s cause are like grains of corn that produce seven ears, each bearing a hundred grains. God gives multiple increase to whoever He wishes: He is limitless and all knowing.”

Surah Al-Baqarah [2: 261]



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