

Iron Aid Foundation

Registered Charity Number 1134493

Recap of 2012-2013 and our Vision for the coming year.

As defined in our Articles of incorporation Iron Aid Foundation was setup with specific community oriented goals. These goals are core to our belief of providing education to Muslims in the area and to promote good citizenship with the Muslim community as well as driving engagement with the wider non-Muslim community.

During the last year we have continued to look for suitable properties in the Northwood/Pinner area in order to establish a base from where we could provide a centre for education, promote social inclusion and drive engagement with the surrounding non-Muslim community. In order to be viable there has to be ample parking, a D1 usage (which allows for community uses and places of worship etc) and 24/7 access. Houses and shop fronts are not suitable as we would quickly outgrow these.

Our relationship with the St John's church has gone from strength to strength and we now use the funds we have raised so far to rent the Hollowell Hall, hence we are able to deliver on the vision of Iron Aid Foundation, which was to promote Community Cohesion and Worship. This rental will be primarily for community engagement and fundraising events to advance and promote the relief of poverty of any persons who are in need, irrespective of their race, caste, nationality and creed.

Fundraising

Our fundraising has fallen into two broad areas. Firstly we raise funds for acquiring or renting a property that will serve as a community centre so the charity can work towards its core objectives. Secondly we raised money for many worthy causes. This includes running a quiz night in aid of the Syrian crisis and a joint fundraiser with the St Johns Church for the Paul Strickland Scanner centre.

The Coming Year

We are very excited about the prospects for the coming year. Iron Aid Foundation is now an established institution in the area and we have started the important work of engaging with the local community both Muslim and non-Muslim.

Community Cohesion

We will continue to engage with the Elders of the St Johns church with a view to establishing a trusting and mutually beneficial relationship. This relationship will be based on open and respectful dialogue to foster understanding and good community relations. Additionally we have been running monthly educational seminars covering the Quran and it's meaning along with explanations of the Hadith, which is simply translates as the deeds and sayings of Prophet Muhammad.

A relatively new activity is the mothers and toddlers weekly sister's circle, which usually includes a short talk, followed by Islamic children's song's and story time.

Our vision for an engaged and open relationship with the wider community in the area and establishing a community centre remains as strong and vibrant as ever and as we Muslims say: "Insha -Allah" (God Willing) we will succeed.

Thank you for your kind attention.

Trustees of Iron Aid Foundation.