

**The Muslim Jewish Forum of Greater Manchester  
Company Registration Number 5480738**

The Directors of The Muslim Jewish Forum of Greater Manchester present their annual report together with the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023.

**Our purpose**

The objects for which the Forum is established are to develop the cultural and social ties between the Muslim and Jewish Communities of Greater Manchester; to educate members of the Muslim and Jewish Communities in relation to their shared values and common Abrahamic tradition, heritage, history and culture; maximising their potential and improving their health and well-being as residents of Greater Manchester; and to promote better understanding within the wider community of the interests and values that are common to the Muslim and Jewish Communities.

**During the year, the Forum has held a number of events to further these objects:**

With the end of the coronavirus pandemic, the Forum resumed holding in-person events, as well as continuing to hold some events online where appropriate. When events are held online, we record them and publish appropriate parts on our website. They can all be found via our “News and past events” page.

26 June 2022 — Trip To Leeds. 20 participants went on a day trip to Leeds to meet members of the Muslim and Jewish communities, including visits to a synagogue and a mosque.

24 July 2022 — Annual picnic. 25 participants enjoyed a picnic in St Mary's Park in Prestwich and listened to a talk by the Christian Wakeford MP whose constituency includes the park.

20 November 2022 — History presentation. 25 participants attended a talk given over Zoom by Robert Kantor on his research into how British and European Muslims and Jews set aside the Palestine conflict to cooperate against fascism in the period 1933 – 1942.

15 January 2023 — Annual kosher meal. 34 people enjoyed a kosher meal at Celia's Kitchen in Prestwich. The guest speaker was the Mayor of Bury Cllr Shaheena Haroon.

26 February 2023 — Leeds people's return visit to Manchester. 35 people altogether visited Manchester Jewish Museum and Manchester Central Mosque, The speakers included the Ceremonial Mayor of Salford, the Lord Mayor of Manchester, and MP for Manchester Gorton Afzal Khan CBE.

26 March 2023 — Annual iftar. After a four-year gap due to the coronavirus pandemic, 50 people enjoyed an iftar meal at Khizra Mosque with several high profile speakers including the Lord Lieutenant of Greater Manchester Diane Hawkins.

**The Forum also supported other organisations' events. Some of these are listed below:**

10 August 2022 — Adam Day. Our Co-Chair Cllr Heather Fletcher spoke at the 20<sup>th</sup> Adam Day celebration organised by the Azeemia Foundation.

23 October 2022 — Mothers Against Violence community event in Hulme. Both of our Co-Chairs, Cllr Heather Fletcher and Mohammed Amin MBE about the work of the Muslim Jewish Forum.

**Financial accounts**

The financial accounts, which comprise an Income and Expenditure Account and a Balance Sheet, are set out on the following pages. Due to the small size of the company's turnover and assets, the accounts are not required to be audited.

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During the year, the Forum had total receipts of £ 1,302.41 and total expenditures of £ 1,414.80 resulting in an overall deficit of £ 112.39 as detailed in the Income and Expenditure account. The overall financial position is considered satisfactory.

**Charitable status**

The Forum is registered as a charity with HM Revenue & Customs with effect from 9 May 2014. Accordingly, donors to the Forum who are taxpayers are requested to complete a gift aid declaration which can be downloaded from the "Join us" section of our website. Donors to the Forum who are higher rate taxpayers should be able to claim higher rate tax relief through self-assessment for their donations.

**Directors** - The following persons served as directors during throughout the year:

Cllr Rabnawaz Akbar  
Mohammed Amin MBE  
Tahara Amin  
David Berkley KC  
Cllr Heather Fletcher  
Jackie Harrison  
David Lewis JP  
June Rosen  
Qaisra Shahraz MBE  
Cllr Naeem UI-Hassan JP

**Employees** - The company had no employees.

**Policy for payment of suppliers**

The company's policy is to pay all suppliers promptly in accordance with their contractual terms.

**Charitable and Political Contributions**

The company is itself charitable. During the previous year it made two donations to other organisations as set out in the Income & Expenditure Account. No donations to other organisations were made during the current year.

The company made no political contributions during the period.

**Annual General Meeting**

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 24 October 2023 at 19:30 via Zoom. The meeting registration link has been circulated separately to members.

By order of the Executive Committee

*Tahara Amin*

Tahara Amin - Company Secretary

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**Income and Expenditure Account**

	Year ended 31 March 2023 £	Year ended 31 March 2023 £	Year ended 31 March 2022 £	Year ended 31 March 2022 £
Membership Subscriptions		258.00		293.00
Other donations received		10.00		
<b>Donations to other charities</b>				
Manchester Jewish Representative Council			(40.00)	
MACFEST (Note 1)			(100.00)	(140.00)
<b>Trip to Leeds 26 June 2022</b>				
Receipts from travellers	275.00			
Payment for coach	(445.00)	(170.00)		
<b>Manchester Jewish Museum 26 February 2023</b>				
Admission & meals of VIP guests		(25.00)		
<b>15th Anniversary Afternoon Tea 3 October 2021 (Note 2)</b>				
Brochure advertisements			895.00	
Donation towards event			250.00	
Catering, room hire, printing brochure, photography			(2,407.45)	(1,262.45)
<b>Kosher meal 15 Jan 2023 / 27 Feb 2022</b>				
Payments from diners	759.41		975.00	
Payments to restaurant (Note 3)	(853.50)	(94.09)	(1,054.00)	(79.00)
<b>Subscriptions</b>				
Interfaith Network for the UK		(35.00)		(35.00)
<b>Operating costs</b>				
Companies House annual return	(13.00)		(13.00)	
Travel to venues to speak about the Forum	(42.95)		(15.50)	
Payment processing charges	(0.35)			
Purchase of MJF Quiz Trophy		(56.30)	(31.95)	(60.45)
<b>Surplus / (deficit) for year</b>		<b>(112.39)</b>		<b>(1,283.90)</b>

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<b>Balance sheet</b>	<b>31 March 2023</b>	<b>31 March 2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Assets</b>		
Cash at bank	5,329.07	5,449.46
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Prepaid subscriptions	(8.00)	(16.00)
	<b>5,321.07</b>	<b>5,433.46</b>
<b>Reserves</b>		
Unrestricted reserves of the Muslim Jewish Forum		
Balance brought forward	5,433.46	6,717.36
Surplus / (deficit) for the year	(112.39)	(1,283.90)
Carried forward	<b>5,3321.07</b>	<b>5,433.46</b>

For the year ended 31 March 2023, the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006. The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006. The directors acknowledge their responsibility for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and for the preparation of the accounts. These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

Approved by the members of the company on 24 October 2023.

David Barrie Lewis

*David Lewis*

Mohammed Amin

*Mohammed Amin*

**Notes:**

(1) Executive Committee Member Qaisra Shahraz is Director of MACFEST. She played no part in the decision making on the donation.

(2) The event was organised to celebrate the work of the Forum over its first 15 years and to spread its message to our guests. It was free to attend. Accordingly, the deficit was not unexpected.

(3) As we have always done, the MJF paid for the meals of the official guests.