

## **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 2017.

### **Principal Activities**

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; 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:

26 June 2016 – Our annual Interfaith Iftar hosted by Cheadle Mosque. Over 100 people attended including the Lord Mayor of Manchester Cllr Carl Austin Behan.

17 July 2016 – A Srebrenica memorial event at the Manchester Multifaith Centre. Approximately 50 people attended. The speakers included North West MEP's Afzal Khan and Julie Ward

31 July 2016 – Our 10<sup>th</sup> annual picnic in Platt Fields Park, chosen to coincide with the Manchester Mega Mela. About 25 people attended.

30 October 2016 – The Forum participated in the 9<sup>th</sup> Global Season of Twinning of Muslims and Jews. Our Twinning event was held Salford Civic Centre, Swinton. Approximately 60 people attended. The speakers included Salford City Mayor Paul Dennett.

20 November 2016 – We organised the event “Eating and our health” at the Manchester Multifaith Centre to address diet related issues of particular relevance to Manchester Jews and Muslims. The presenters were Executive members Dr Jacqueline Lewis, Mohammed Amin, and Jonny Wineberg. Mohammed Amin's presentation was recorded and can be watched on our website, where the other speakers' slides can also be read. About 20 people attended.

26 February 2017 – We again held our quiz event “The Pub Quiz without a Pub” at the Manchester Multifaith Centre with quiz masters Jonny Wineberg and Steven Pearlman. Approximately 30 people participated.

19 March 2017 – Our annual kosher meal at JS Restaurant in Prestwich was attended by approximately 20 people.

The Forum also organised joint events with other interfaith organisations and supported other organisations' events. Some of these are listed below:

28 May 2016 – Several members of the Forum Executive represented us at the Fusion Awards ceremony in Blackburn, where we won the Award for “Community Organisation of the Year.”

10 August 2016 – Co-Chair Cllr Heather Fletcher and Executive Member Qaisra Shahrz spoke at Manchester's annual Adam Day event.

27 November 2016 - The Forum again entered a team in the Manchester Jewish Representative Council Community Quiz.

2 February 2017 - Cllr Heather Fletcher attended the Remembering Srebrenica North West Awards and collected the award on behalf of the Forum for “Best Educational Event” which was given for our event held on 17 July 2016 mentioned above.

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5 February 2017 - Cllr Heather Fletcher spoke at the national launch of "Visit My Mosque Day", which took place in Manchester at Khizra Mosque, rather than London where most national launches happen.

### **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.

During the year, the Forum had total receipts of £1,154.06 and total expenditures of £660.44 resulting in an overall surplus of £493.62 as detailed in the Income and Expenditure account. The total receipts and total expenditures were much higher in the previous year because of the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner held in June 2015.

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 throughout the year:

Mr Mohammed Amin	- director throughout the period
Mr Jonny Wineberg	- director throughout the period
Ms Heather Fletcher	- director throughout the period

### **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. However, it did not make any donations to other charities during the year. The company made no political contributions during the period.

### **Annual General Meeting**

The Annual General Meeting will be held on 22 November 2017 at Manchester Town Hall, Albert Square, Manchester, M60 2LA.

By order of the Executive Committee

Tahara Amin

Company Secretary

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Income and Expenditure Account					
	Year ended 31 March 2017	Year ended 31 March 2017		Year ended 31 March 2016	Year ended 31 March 2016
Membership Subscriptions		329.00			279.00
Donation from Prestwich Carnival Committee					100.00
Other donations received		5.00			
Gift aid tax refund		175.85			
Bank interest received					1.54
Interest on Gift Aid claim					0.13
<b>10'th Anniversary Dinner 7 June 2015</b>					
Ticket sales				2,994.00	
Brochure advertisement sales				2,025.00	
Donations				505.00	
Food and other costs				- 5,367.48	156.52
<b>Twinning event Bury Town Hall 15 November 2015</b>					
Forum paid room hire					- 150.00
<b>Twinning event Salford Civic Centre 30 October 2016</b>					
Receipts	59.65				
Costs	- 131.30	- 71.65			
<b>Health event 20 November 2017</b>					
Costs net of donations received		- 28.97			
<b>Interfaith Iftar 21 June 2015</b>					
Donations received				254.35	
Cost of food, cutlery etc				- 257.85	- 3.50
<b>Meal at JS Restaurant 19 March 2017 / 24 January 2016</b>					
Receipts from diners	460.00			345.00	
Payment to restaurant	- 460.00	-		- 345.00	-
<b>Asian Meal 6 September 2015</b>					
Receipts from diners				285.00	
Payment to restaurant				- 285.00	
Forum 10'th Anniversary cake				- 30.00	- 30.00
<b>Srebrenica Commemoration Event 17 July 2016</b>					
Donations	14.56				
Costs	- 27.17	- 12.61			
<b>Literary Event 22 November 2015</b>					
Cost of tea for speakers					- 122.00
<b>Festive Party 13 December 2015</b>					
Donations received				312.59	
Food costs				- 262.59	50.00
<b>Quiz Evening 26 February 2017 / 6 March 2016</b>					
Receipts for quiz entries		110.00		125.00	
Food and other costs				- 91.95	33.05
<b>Operating costs</b>					
Companies House annual return		- 13.00			- 13.00
Public liability insurance					- 71.87
Printing new MJF flyer					- 300.00
Reminder messages about new email system					- 50.00
Surplus / (deficit) for year		<u>493.62</u>			<u>- 120.13</u>
<b>Note</b>					
The surplus / (deficit) has the following components:					
Unrestricted funds of the Muslim Jewish Forum		493.62			120.13

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<b>Balance sheet</b>	<b>31 March 2017</b>	<b>31 March 2016</b>
<b>Assets</b>		
Cash at bank	4,230.88	3,761.26
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Prepaid subscriptions	- 24.00	- 48.00
Other creditors	- 122.00	- 122.00
	4,084.88	3,591.26
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<b>Reserves</b>		
Unrestricted reserves of the Muslim Jewish Forum		
Balance brought forward	3,591.26	3,711.39
Surplus / (deficit) for the year	493.62	- 120.13
Carried forward	4,084.88	3,591.26
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For the year ended 31 March 2017, 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:		
Mohammed Amin		
Heather Fletcher		