

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 2020.

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:

10 April 2019 - We co-hosted the VIP launch of a new exhibition brought by International Christian Embassy Jerusalem ("ICEJ") / Yad Vashem travelling exhibitions depicting Albanian Muslims who saved Jews in the Second World War. Guest speakers included exhibition co-ordinator Russell Bowles, Rabbi Warren Elf and Ceremonial Mayor of Salford Cllr Ronnie Wilson. Approximately 20 people attended.

19 May 2019 - We held our annual Iftar at Khizra Mosque. The speakers included Graham Stringer MP, Afzal Khan CBE MP, Rabbi Dr Reuven Silverman and the Dean of Manchester Cathedral the Very Reverend Rogers Govender. Approximately 50 people attended.

23 June 2019 - We held our first Migration Stories event at the British Muslim Heritage Centre. The speakers were Forum Co-Chair Mohammed Amin, Afzal Khan CBE MP, Cllr Anna Abdul, Anne Isaac, Forum Co-Chair Cllr Heather Fletcher, Dr Jacqueline Lewis, Jacky Buchsbaum and Jay Charara. Approximately 25 people attended. The talks were recorded and can be heard on the Forum's website.

4 August 2019 - We held our annual picnic at St. Mary's Park in Prestwich with approximately 30 people attending.

6 October 2019 - We organised a day trip to Lincoln, the city which in 1255 saw one of the earliest cases of the "Blood libel." We had a vegetarian meal and then visited the Lincoln Cathedral and locations of Jewish interest. In Jews Court Richard Dale of the Lincoln Jewish community told us about the recent growth of the Jewish community in Lincoln, and Lincoln's nascent Muslim community. 16 people went on the trip.

31 October 2019 - We held our annual "Loose Lawyers" panel event at Khizra Mosque. The question for the evening was "Should the Government have the power to take away my citizenship?" The panel consisted of barristers Ahmed Nadim and David Berkley QC, and solicitors Joanne Feldman and Nasir Hafezi. Approximately 50 people attended.

5 November 2019 - We co-hosted a VIP launch of another new ICEJ exhibition entitled "Children of the Holocaust" at Broughton Hub. Speakers included Rabbi Warren Elf, exhibition co-ordinator Russell Bowles, the deputy City Mayor of Salford Cllr John Merry, and the Ceremonial Mayor of Salford Cllr Charlie McIntyre. Approximately 25 people attended.

9 February 2020 - We held our annual kosher meal at Pagoda Chinese Cuisine & Grill kosher restaurant with our special guest being the High Sheriff of Greater Manchester Mark Adelstone OBE DL. Approximately 22 people attended.

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

10 August 2019 - Co Chair Cllr Heather Fletcher spoke at the 17th Adam Day event in Manchester.

11 March 2020 – Both Co-Chairs Cllr Heather Fletcher and Mohammed Amin explained the history and mission of the Forum to students at Salford University's Faith Centre at the invitation of the University's Muslim Chaplain Imam Rashid Musa. The presentation was recorded and can be watched on the Forum's website.

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 £2,250.12 and total expenditures of £679.34 resulting in an overall surplus of £1,570.78 as detailed in the Income and Expenditure account.

The overall financial position is considered satisfactory. The size of the surplus is due to receiving two annual grants from the Foundation for Ethnic Understanding within one accounting year.

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 the year:

Qaisra Shahraz	Ahmad	Served throughout the year
Cllr Rabnawaz	Akbar	From 26 November 2019
Mohammed	Amin	Served throughout the year
Tahara Tanweer Akhtar	Amin	Served throughout the year
David Nahum	Berkley	Served throughout the year
Cllr Heather Dawn	Fletcher	Served throughout the year
Jacqueline	Harrison	Served throughout the year
Cllr Naeem Ul	Hassan	Served throughout the year
David Barrie	Lewis	Served throughout the year
Seamus	Martin	Served throughout the year
June Avis	Rosen	Served throughout the year

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.

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Charitable and Political Contributions

The company is itself charitable. During the year it made one donation to another charity as set out in the Income & Expenditure Account.

The company made no political contributions during the period.

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 29 September 2020 at 19:30 via Zoom. The meeting registration link will be 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 2020	Year ended 31 March 2020	Year ended 31 March 2019	Year ended 31 March 2019
	£	£	£	£
Membership Subscriptions		268.00		268.00
Donations from FFEU (Note 1)		1,482.08		
Other donations received		7.00		733.44
HMRC Gift Aid refund		118.04		
Donations to other charities				
Rainbow Appeal			(50.00)	
Manchester Jewish Representative Council	40.00		(90.00)	
Manchester Cathedral		(40.00)	(50.00)	(190.00)
Lawyers event 31.10.2019 / 1.11.2018				
Event costs		(40.77)		(49.52)
Lincoln trip 6.10.2019				
Payments by participants	375.00			
Travel and entry costs	395.00	(20.00)		
Holocaust Centre visit 7 October 2018				
Payments by participants			553.00	
Travel and entry costs			(592.50)	(39.50)
Quiz night 17 March 2019				
Receipts from participants			199.12	
Expenditure (Note 2)		(103.82)	(111.08)	88.04
Migration Stories event 23 June 2019				
Event costs		(16.13)		
Launch of Children of the Holocaust Exhibition 5.11.2019				
Event costs		(20.62)		
Kosher meal at Pagoda 9.2.2020 / 13.1.2019				
Meal of official guest and a short payment paid by MJF (Note 3)		(50.00)		(48.00)
Operating costs				
Companies House annual return		(13.00)		(13.00)
Surplus / (deficit) for year		1,570.78		749.46
Note				
The surplus / (deficit) has the following components:				
Unrestricted funds of the Muslim Jewish Forum		1,570.78		749.46

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Balance sheet	31 March 2020			31 March 2019
Assets				
Cash at bank	6,803.11			5,223.86
Liabilities				
Prepaid subscriptions	(32.00)			
Other creditors				(23.53)
	<u>6,771.11</u>			<u>5,200.33</u>
Reserves				
Unrestricted reserves of the Muslim Jewish Forum				
Balance brought forward	5,200.33			4,450.87
Surplus / (deficit) for the year	1,570.78			749.46
	<u>6,771.11</u>			<u>5,200.33</u>
For the year ended 31 March 2020, 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:	<i>29 September 2020</i>			
David Barrie Lewis	<i>David Lewis</i>			
Mohammed Amin	<i>Mohammed Amin</i>			
Notes:				
(1) Each calendar year from 2018 onwards, the Foundation for Ethnic Understanding in New York City has made a donation to the Forum. The r 2019 and 2020 donations were both received within the 12 months to 31.2.2020.				
(2) The 2019 accounts failed to accrue all of the catering costs. Rather than amend the 2019 accounts, this amount has been treated as a 2020 expense.				
(3) One diner failed to pay, we assume inadvertently. This cost was covered by the Forum.				