

**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 2021.

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; and to promote better understanding within the wider community of the interests and values that are common to the Muslim and Jewish Communities.

Principal activities during the year

During the year, the Forum was unable to hold any in-person events due to the coronavirus pandemic.

However, by using Zoom, the Forum was able to hold 11 online events to further our objects, as listed below. This is more than we would normally have in a year of physical events. Furthermore, recording our events enabled us to publish appropriate parts on our website. They can all be found via our "News and past events" page.

12 April 2020 – "Muslims, Jews and COVID-19." Mohammed Amin gave a 19-minute presentation which was followed by a 70-minute participants' discussion facilitated by Jonny Wineberg who took notes that were published on our website as well as the presentation recording.

26 April 2020 – "Muslims, Jews and keeping healthy during the COVID-19 crisis." Former Executive Committee Member Doctor Jackie Lewis, who is a retired GP, gave a presentation focusing on healthy eating and exercise.

31 May 2020 – "Has the COVID-19 crisis strengthened or weakened people's faith?" Solicitor Jawad Amin from Khizra Mosque gave a Muslim perspective, and Cllr Rabbi Arnold Saunders gave a Jewish perspective.

14 June 2020 – The Forum celebrated its 15th Anniversary. Co-Founder Afzal Khan CBE, MP for Manchester Gorton spoke alongside Mark Guterman, eldest son of our late Co-Founder Henry Guterman MBE. An in-person celebration is planned for 3 October 2021.

19 July 2020 – Commemoration of the 25th Anniversary of the Srebrenica Genocide. We had six speakers including Kate Green MP for Stretford and Urmston, and Aldin Zilic, who came to the UK as a refugee from Bosnia aged nine.

15 November 2020 – "What I like about Religion X." To mark the UK's national Interfaith Week, a Muslim spoke about Judaism, a Jew spoke about Christianity, and a Christian spoke about Islam.

29 November 2020 – "Combating Islamophobia Together." This event was organised jointly with the British Muslim Heritage Centre to mark Islamophobia Awareness Month.

15 December 2020 – We held an online Chanukah celebration including performances of klezmer music.

31 January 2021 – "Muslims and Jews on the medical, legal and religious aspects of organ donation." To illustrate the benefits of online events, our speakers were a transplant surgeon from London, an imam from Cardiff and a rabbi from London, all of whom had specialist expertise on this topic.

28 February 2021 – "Purim Fancy Hat Party." We held our first ever Purim party, with all participants wearing a fancy hat. As well as David Berkley telling the story of Purim, we were entertained by klezmer music and two comedians.

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21 March 2021 – “Anglo-Jewry’s interactions with converts to Islam in the period 1900-1920.” Robert Kanter shared with us part of his PhD thesis research, covering British Jewry’s relationship with William Henry Quilliam and Marmaduke William Pickthall.

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 £533.00 and total expenditures of £586.75 resulting in an overall deficit of £53.75 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 QC
Cllr Heather Fletcher
Jackie Harrison
David Lewis JP
Seamus Martin
June Rosen
Qaisra Shahraz MBE
Cllr Naeem Ul-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 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.

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Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 6 October 2021 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 2021	Year ended 31 March 2021	Year ended 31 March 2020	Year ended 31 March 2020	
			£	£	
Membership Subscriptions		293.00		268.00	
Donations from FFEU (Note 1)				1,482.08	
Other donations received		240.00		7.00	
HMRC Gift Aid refund				118.04	
Donations to other charities					
Manchester Jewish Representative Council		(40.00)	40.00		
Event costs					
Purim Fancy Hat Party 28 February 2021		(140.00)			
Chanukah Celebration 15 December 2020		(100.00)			
Kosher meal at Pagoda 9 February 2020 (Note 3)				(50.00)	
Launch of Children of the Holocaust Exhibition 5 November 2019				(20.62)	
Lawyers event 31 October 2019				(40.77)	
Migration Stories event 23 June 2019				(16.13)	
Quiz night 17 March 2019				(103.82)	
Lincoln trip 6 October 2019					
Payments by participants			375.00		
Travel and entry costs			395.00	(20.00)	
Subscriptions					
UK Freedom of Religion or Belief Forum (Note 4)	(250.00)				
Interfaith Network for the UK	(43.75)	(293.75)			
Operating costs					
Companies House annual return		(13.00)		(13.00)	
Surplus / (deficit) for year		(53.75)		1,570.78	

The notes are on the following page below the balance sheet.

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Balance sheet		31 March 2021		31 March 2020
Assets				
Cash at bank		6,741.36		6,803.11
Liabilities				
Prepaid subscriptions		(24.00)		(32.00)
Other creditors				
		6,717.36		6,771.11
Reserves				
Unrestricted reserves of the Muslim Jewish Forum				
Balance brought forward		6,771.11		5,200.33
Surplus / (deficit) for the year		(53.75)		1,570.78
		6,717.36		6,771.11
Carried forward		6,717.36		6,771.11
<p>For the year ended 31 March 2021, 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.</p>				
<p>Approved by the members of the company on 6 October 2021</p>				
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 2019 and 2020 donations were both received within the 12 months to 31.3.2020.				
(2) The 2019 accounts failed to accrue all of the catering costs. Rather than amend the 2019 accounts, this amount was treated as a 2020 expense.				
(3) The MJF always pays for the official guest's dinner. At this event, one other diner failed to pay, we assume inadvertently. This cost was covered by the Forum.				
(4) This subscription was funded by a specific donation received.				