



**COUNCIL of
MOSQUES**

NEWSLETTER

Keeping you updated with news, information, events and future initiatives of the Council of Mosques Tower Hamlets

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The Council of Mosques hosted its Annual Eid Dinner for 250 guests on 21 August 2013. This annual event provided a perfect opportunity for Council of Mosques members and partners to come together and celebrate the end of Ramadan and their successful working relationships.

In attendance were local party leaders, councillors, headteachers, faith leaders and committee members from mosques in Tower Hamlets.

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The Council of Mosques was launched in April 2001 at the London Borough of Tower Hamlets Council Chamber and was formally constituted on the 13th of July 2002.

CoM was established to bridge communication between mosques within the London Borough of Tower Hamlets and statutory providers. It has since operated as an independent umbrella organisation representing a diverse membership of local mosques, cultural and Islamic centres with 55 members at present.

CoM acquired charity status in 2008 enabling it to engage on a more formal footing with statutory bodies and government departments.

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CoM Holds Annual General Meeting for 2013



The Council of Mosques held its annual general meeting on 5 October 2013.

The Annual report, 2012-13 Accounts were passed, a lot of valuable discussions, suggestions and constructive criticisms was noted for further enhancement of CoMs work. Member mosques in tower Hamlets were represented by more than 70 delegates.

MAYORS FAITH BUILDINGS SUPPORT SCHEME - ROUND 2

Charity Commission Delivers Seminar
A valuable full day seminar was organised with the Charity Commission to equip our member mosques with vital information and awareness of Charity Commission. This presented mosque members the opportunity to ask questions that is more suited to their centres. 68 partici-

pants attended ranging from 32 organisations and the seminar was covered in the local media. The seminar held at the London Muslim Centre

- Trustee duties & Governance
- Speakers and literature
- Financial controls.
- Safer giving & safer collecting





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We were particularly delighted by the attendance of so many important people and community leaders. Amongst whom were; Mayor of Tower Hamlets Lutfur Rahman, Rev. Alan Green, Deputy Asst Commissioner Mark Simmons, Unite the Union Regional Secretary Peter Kavanagh. CoM Secretary General Hira Islam said “It was wonderful to have people from so many different fields and an honour to host them”.



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This board was elected to serve 2012-14

LAST QUARTER UPDATE

Funding

CoM has assisted five organisations in exploring and applying for local funding opportunities

Organisational Development

CoM has supported 3 organisations to develop various policies including Child Protection, Finance and Equal Opportunities.

Training/Seminars

In partnership with Tower Hamlets, CoM arranged Child Protection training sessions with East London Mosque Evening Madrasah and Stepney Shahjalal Mosque

Coming up in 2014

CAPACITY BUILDING

The Council of Mosques has secured funding from the Mayors Community Chest to provide capacity building training to member organisations. Workshops and training on the following subjects will be held in

Limited spaces for each, places will be confirmed on first come first served basis.

Subject dates Venue contact

GUIDE FOR MOSQUES IN TOWER HAMLETS

Our long awaited publication which we hope will serve as a handbook for those involved in running mosques in Tower Hamlets. The booklet is in the final stages of editing and will be sent for publication early January 2014.

Funding Opportunities

If you would like to have an informal discussion about TH Mayors funding or any other funding opportunities, please call our Youth & Community Engagement Officer. (Contact details on page 3)

Here to Help

Our officers are here to help you in variety of issues including Mosque development, policies, training advice, child protection, CRB checks, fundraising applications, youth engagement, tension monitoring, liaising with local authority to name a few.

What Makes Good Families

In November 2013, we organised a seminar with Tower Hamlets Working with Muslim Families Sub Group on What Makes Good Families. The seminar was held at the London Muslim Centre in Whitechapel. More than 150 people attended

