

Al-Mustafa IECC Newsletter



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Membership Registration of Al-Mustafa IECC Members started

In this month we have started a membership registration campaign in which all Muslims which are attached to Al-Mustafa IECC are requested to become registered members of Al-Mustafa IECC



The Holy Prophet Muhammad (SAW) has advised his Ummah to be attached to a Jamaat (Group).

By the grace of Almighty Allah,

Al-Mustafa IECC has been serving the Muslim community in Dublin 15 for many years now.

As we are growing rapidly and our activities are increasing day by day, it is important to have a formal structure in the organization. In order to achieve this goal a 3 action plan has been setup. The first step is to get brothers and sisters to sign up for membership of Al-Mustafa IECC. The monthly contribution for this is €10,-. Alhamdulillah as per 17th April we have already signed up 54 members!

The membership of Al-Mustafa IECC will help to raise the necessary funds to continue the religious, spiritual and social activities from the platform of Al-Mustafa IECC.

The next step is to call all the registered members for an AGM in which a committee will be formed for the duration of one year. In the AGM the constitution of Al-Mustafa IECC will be agreed upon. All registered members will receive the draft prior to the AGM for review.

To become a registered member please fill in the membership form and send it to 31 Coolmine Industrial Estate, Blanchardstown or email the form to info@islamiccentre.ie

Weekly Halaqah

Since the past 2 weeks the Brothers and Sisters have a joined Halaqah every Saturday form 7pm till 9:30pm.

The Halaqah starts at 7pm with Tafsir-ul-Quran. This is followed by Fiqh Lecture, Q & A session and Zikr. The Halaqah is concluded with the Isha prayer and Duaa.

In Tafsir-ul-Quran “Ta-Awwuz” & “Tasmiyah” are discussed in detail and this week insha Allah we will discuss Surah Al-Fateha.

In Fiqh class the following topics have been discussed: Wudu, Ghusl and Tayammum.

All are welcome during this Halaqah.

If you would like to receive the Fiqh class lecture notes, please send a request to info@islamiccentre.ie

Muslim Scholar speaks on Islam in a Church

Shaykh Umar Al-Qadri was invited by the Dalkey Parish & Church to deliver a lecture during the Dalkey Parishes Ecumenical Lent Course.

Shaykh was requested to speak on the Reality and Meaning of Jihad in Islam. The lecture was well attended by many Priests and members of various churches in Dalkey.

After the lecture an interesting Q & A session took place in which participants asked many questions. Almost all questions reflected that the participants experience with Islam was only through the media.

The Shaykh answered all questions in detail. The lecture and particularly the Q & A was hugely appreciated by the Christian religious leaders and members. Many people expressed that their misconceptions about Islam had been cleared through today's interaction with the Shaykh.

To watch the lecture on Youtube please visit: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bs7HmgnAlI8>



Family Fun Day & Sports Day in Phoenix Park

On Sunday the 8th April Al-Mustafa IECC organized a Family Fun Day & Sports day for all Muslims in Dublin 15 in the Phoenix Park.

Alhamdulillah the event was well attended by more than 250 participants.

At 11am people started gathering in the Phoenix park as agreed before. Children and elders engaged in the different Sports activities.

An Irish non Muslim sister, who is a Professional face painter, had come to do face painting.

BBQ arrangements were made but unfortunately the usual BBQ allocated areas in Phoenix park had all signs that BBQ was not permitted there. Brother Faycal was very kind to search for almost an

hour in Phoenix Park to find a place where we could have the BBQ and at the same time the Sports Activities but had no joy.

Sister Hajia Nimot then volunteered to grill the meat in her place and took some of the meat with her. May Allah reward the sister abundantly.

Around the Shaykh found an ideal location in Phoenix park where BBQ was allowed and no boards of prohibition were put. He informed all participants and the participants all moved from the current place to the new place.

Once all arrived there Zuhr the Shaykh explained all how to do Tayammum.

Zuhr prayer was lead by Brother Abdul Qadri Hussein.

Brothers Rashid, Zahid and Tariq then prepared the meat on the BBQ and everyone was served the meal. Some Brothers and Sisters

sponsored on the spot the meals for everyone masha Allah. May Allah reward them abundantly, amin.

Then it was time for the race. There were different races for Fathers, Mothers and the Children.

Among Mothers, Sister Manzurat won the race and Sister Naila was runner up. In the race of the Fathers, Br. Abdul Quadri was first and The Shaykh was second.

In the Boys race Mohaiman and in the Girls race Sofiat won the race.

Everybody enjoyed the day and around 4:30pm the Sports Day was concluded with Duaa.

Insha Allah in the Summer another event like this is on the Agenda!

Islamic Q & A

Insha Allah in every newsletter we will have a page with answers to your questions in regards to Islamic way of life. Please send your questions to info@islamiccentre.ie .

Some people say women are not allowed to work? Is this true?

Allah has defined roles for men and women by looking at their strengths and weaknesses and assigning them with certain responsibilities. However, there is no where in the Shariah where there is a point blank refusal for women to work or for men not to do the household chores.

Both these duties are permissible and sometimes recommended depending on each of the situations.

However, with every aspect of Islam if the work is Haram, then to do that job is also Haram. For example, a man is not allowed to work in an alcohol factory or deal with interest or work in a casino etc as all these activities are not permissible. In the same way if a woman works in an environment where she would be going against her husbands wishes then this would not be permissible as this would create disunity and be the cause of a marriage to break up.

In the same way if a woman works in an environment where she is unprotected or her dignity could be challenged or would have to intermix with men without other people being present then this could have an effect on her dignity; or she could be accused by some of being sinful and therefore exposure in such environments could be severely disliked or could even be Haram.

At the same time we all know that our mother Khadijah (r.a.) was a business woman and the Prophet chose to marry her. But more importantly there are some roles (almost in every walk of life) where women should do these.

The same people who point blank give fatwas for women not to work have problems when their own wives or daughters need to be examined by doctors and they would deprive their families of medical health because the doctor is a male. When women need legal advice because she is being abused by her partner etc then she should have a female Muslim lawyer she can go and see. When a woman needs a driving instructor then she should be able to feel comfortable by choosing a female driving instructor. Even when a woman needs financial assistance she should be able to see a social worker who is a Muslim woman.

Therefore the same situation would apply to all aspects of day to day life: teachers, opticians, dentists, immigration control, Islamic scholars etc etc.

In all the above situations if Muslim women were not allowed to work then how would these roles be filled?

What is also important is that in any of the above roles a Muslim woman should not and cannot compromise her Islamic obligations and values. Such as Salaah, Hijab, dressing modestly etc. as to leave an obligation for something which is desirable is not permissible.

And Allah knows best

Updates on Weekly Activities

Jumah Lecture Topics in March and April



The Lectures on the Blessed Day of Jumah are delivered in English by the Shaykh and he uses the Projector to show the notes which is very effective. Last month the Shaykh discussed the different types of Islamic Commandments (Fard, Wajib, Sunnah Huda, Sunnah Zaidah, Mustahab and Mubah). During the easter holidays the Shaykh is delivering lecture on the Virtues of Jumah and the rules of Jumah in Islam for the benefit of the children. After the easter holidays the lectures will continue on the different types of Islamic commandments (Makruh tahreemi, Makruh tanzeehi and Haram)

Al-Mustafa Sisters Group Weekly Sewing Class



The Sisters hold occasionally different activities in Al-Mustafa IECC. Sister Hafswah and Sister Shahidah have started a Sewing Class which takes place every Saturday from 4pm till 5:30pm. Any sister is welcome to learn how to sew and stitch clothes. The class is free of cost.

Al-Mustafa Weekend Islamic School (Madrassah)



There are 6 teachers teaching in Al-Mustafa WIS at the moment.

The classes are held on Thursday & Friday from 5pm till 7pm and Saturday & Sunday from 10:30am till 01:30pm.

For admissions please call 0876764122.

To make an appointment with the Shaykh for Consultation please call 0876764122 or email dr.umaralqadri@gmail.com

Weekly Halaqah report by Br



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The Weekly Halaqah is a program initiated by Sheikh Umar Al-Qadri at the Al-Mustafa Islamic Educational and Cultural Centre.

This program is an avenue upon which the basic ethics of Islamic religion are being taught. Actually, the whole concept is based on Ilm ul Fiqh (Science of Islamic Conduct).

The lessons of the Islamic studies class range from how to perform simple tasks such as ablution, to more complex ones like Tayammum and Ghusl. Other topics include ethics of prayer (Salah), how to make Adhaan, Quranic studies and the meaning and interpretation of

Hadith. The Islamic studies class has provided me with an opportunity to learn more about the religion of Islam in accordance with the practice of our Holy Prophet Muhammad (SAW).

I hereby implore brothers and sisters of Al-Mustafa Islamic Centre to attend the Islamic studies class regularly with our families. This will Insha Allah increase our knowledge of the Deen and also provide a platform for our children upon which they will acquire the knowledge of our religion at the best time of their life.

May Almighty Allah provide us with the Taofeeq to attend the Islamic studies group regularly and accept our attendance as an act of Ibaadah.



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