

BACKGROUND TO GLMCC

Green Lane Masjid & Community Centre (GLMCC) is a leading UK mosque based in the heart of Small Heath in Birmingham. Having acquired the premises in 1979, the trustees and committee members have been evolving the mosque and its building over the decades to create a mosque that acts as a hub for the local community, consisting of prayer halls for men and women, a community hall, evening school for children, educational institute, library and some accommodation. It also provides a funeral service to the local Muslim community.

GLMCC occupies a prominent corner position on Green Lane in Small Heath. The building was originally constructed as a public library and baths, designed by local architects Martin & Chamberlain and built in the redbrick and terracotta Gothic-Jacobean style between 1893 and 1902. It is a Grade II listed building.

Recognised internationally, GLMCC has circa 750,000 followers on facebook. It was also runner up in the model mosque competition held by Islam Channel in 2017.

A brief summary of some of the main activities and services operated from the centre:

Educational Services:

- Adults education holding over 60 classes a week
- Green Lane Institute of Islamic knowledge (GLISK), which runs evening classes for adults in Arabic and Quranic studies
- A weekly children's evening school run 4 days a week with over 400 children registered
- Annual conferences attended by over 2,000 people
- Weekly Islamic talks attended by hundreds
- A monthly kids Budding Believers club, a weekend school with over 100 children

Welfare Services:

- Counselling services run by 2 qualified counsellors
- A funeral service managing over 30 funerals and burials a year
- A Foodbank that has supported over 3,000 families over the years
- A charitable giving (Islamic zakat/charity) service that distributes close to £200k of the Muslim communities charitable financial donations (zakah) to UK people and families in need
- Sisters coffee mornings held every Thursday, attended by around 60 sisters each week, providing a much needed social activity for the women in the community, particularly those on their own or single mothers.

GLMCC has also kicked off several new projects over December and January, including a monthly elderly social and lunch, a soup kitchen and a community Streetwatch initiative.

Celebrate Eid

- GLMCC runs the bi-annual Celebrate Eid event in Small Heath, Birmingham. This is the largest outdoor Eid event in Europe with over 100,000 people attending. Arranged twice a year, this is a fantastic and fun community event for all, with a fairground, food stalls and much much more.

International Humanitarian Wing:

- Task Force Green Lane Masjid, is the GLMCC international humanitarian wing and has raised over £5m over the past 5 years for needy causes overseas.
- From supporting the recent humanitarian crisis in Yemen to providing homes and essential support to Syrian refugees and orphans fleeing conflict zones, the taskforce provides a lifeline of support to those in severe conditions.
- The team supports and has helped various NGO's including Islamic Relief in establishing key projects around the world.
- We currently provide ongoing support for an orphanage built and established in Lebanon, where Syrian widows were paired with lost orphans to form families that were then housed in the orphanage. A purpose built building was constructed to provide apartments for them to live and the organisation covers the annual living costs for these newly formed families.

Other Major Activities:

- The GLM football club, in association with the FA, holds 3 football sessions per week for adults and children
- Weekly Kick-boxing classes - separate classes for kids and adults
- A weekly ladies basketball session

There are many more activities run by the organisation, which allows it to act as an active hub for the community.

Some Background Articles relating to GLMCC:

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