



Imam Shakeel Begg with
Gerald Rose - Trustee of
Catford and Bromley
Synagogue.

LIC at The Lewisham and Southwark College Faith Fair 2017

Lewisham Islamic Centre, as Always, Active in the Community

Tide and time really do stand still for no one! It seemed like only yesterday the Lewisham Islamic Centre reported on last year's auspicious gathering celebrating multi faith traditions at the Annual Faith Fair hosted by Lewisham and Southwark College. LIC returned again on Wednesday 3rd May 2017 to partake and contribute to this now anticipated calendar fixture.

There's always something extraordinary in this meeting of minds where shared beliefs are celebrated, mutual cooperation strengthened, and many of those all too familiar unfounded misconceptions dispelled straight from the horse's mouth. This day truly came alive in a warm and welcoming atmosphere that allowed students and staff of the college and from beyond to share their experiences.

"The event, as always, was a great success", opined Imam Shakeel Begg of the LIC. "I am the first to confess that I learn something new at every one of these events. I am also always overwhelmed by the positive and open-mindedness of ordinary people towards Islam and Muslims. When I suggested the stark and invariably negative media portrayals of Muslims, nearly everyone I asked said, 'Islam teaches Muslims to be good and decent people'".



It should never be underestimated the role that faith plays in the lives of adherents, and the degree of interest and support that faith communities have with the general public, both with people of faith and no-faith. And as ever, the London Borough of Lewisham sets the trend in inspiring and nurturing active faith forums in a forward looking vision of maintaining strong community cohesion.

LIC would like to thank and congratulate Lewisham and Southwark College for organising yet another successful faith event. We look forward to seeing you all again next year, God willing.

LIC and Imam Begg would also like to Thank Sherwyn Atkins - Enrichment Officer at Lewisham Southwark College - and his colleagues who organised this Event.

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