



## Importance of Foster Carers in the Community

On Friday the 24<sup>th</sup> of March Lewisham Islamic Centre hosted a Workshop on the Importance and Need of Foster Carers in the Muslim Community.

The Information Session was organised by Network Recruitment Solutions (NRS), who are responsible for the recruitment and assessment of Foster Carers for Lewisham Local Authority. The session was delivered by Wendy Lawrence, Louise Pearce and Antony Philomin who are all part of the recruitment team at NRS. Mohammed Hamid, a social worker from Lewisham Council was also present.

One of the key issues of the presentation was that out of 145 foster carers in the London Borough of Lewisham, less than 8 are of the Muslim faith.

As Muslims we are reminded about the importance of empathy and to care about those in need especially the children who are separated from their families.

Allah Almighty states in the Qur'an: ***"Worship Allah and associate nothing with Him and to parents do good, and to relatives, orphans, the needy, the near neighbour, the neighbour farther away"*** (Chapter 4 Verse 36).

We also find Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) stating the following: ***"The one who cares for an orphan he and myself will be together in Paradise like this,"*** and he held his two fingers together to illustrate. (Collected by Imam Bukhari in his Sahih).



Thus, it is crucial for Muslims to be involved in Foster Care and we urge Muslim families, parents and all that are interested to contact: NRS Foster Care Recruitment, 340 Lewisham High Street, London, SE13 6LE. You can call on: 0208 690 9020 or email to: [fostering@networkrs.co.uk](mailto:fostering@networkrs.co.uk).



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