



# The Interfaith Cricket Match

## Another Successful Interfaith Event in Lewisham!

[Lewisham Islamic Centre](#) (LIC) retained its position as the Number 1 cricket team on the interfaith circuit in Lewisham with an encouraging result in the Annual Interfaith Cricket Match against the Jewish and Christian congregations of Lewisham.

LIC won the toss and Sameel Meer, the Captain, decided to bat first. LIC scored 183 runs for 5 in 25 overs; whilst our friends from the Jewish and Christian team played very well but were only unfortunately able to get 77 runs all out.

It was an extremely friendly affair, with players and supporters gathering on the Catford Jubilee grounds in good weather, enjoying good Caribbean, Indian and English food in the interval.







It was also timely reminder for all just as to how communities can coexist together in a week we have seen reports that Islamophobic crimes are unfortunately on the increase, up by up to 70% in London. In addition, many of those who participated, particularly those from the Jewish and Muslim team, were likely to have been themselves or from families, who were refugees and migrants and it shows us just how much they can enrich our communities and society in a week we have seen the refugee crisis around Europe.



We extend our thanks to Gerald Rose, Father Charles Pickstone, Father Alan Race and all those who turned up to play at and watch this extremely enjoyable event. We will be back next year, God willing, to make it a hat trick.