



LIC Developing Young Leaders

We must ensure the next generation are ready to lead.

Our children, our youth are our future, and to that end The Youth Leadership Scheme at the Lewisham Islamic Centre has been developing and progressing fast. This summer in particular saw a wealth of Youth Leadership talent on display through the organisation of several Youth and Community Projects.

A Girls day trip to Thorpe Park for just over 20 girls took place on Sunday 29th July. The success of this trip could not be overstated with declarations of greater bonds of friendship forming, realised through a simple event as a trip to an amusement park, but with Islamic sisterhood as the sole and unifying factor.

A Boys Football Tournament involving 8 teams was organised in memory of a greatly admired and sadly missed community leader, the late Sheikh Abdullahi Mohamud Mohammed who passed away earlier this year, but who himself took many a youth under his guiding and nurturing wing and led several Youth Initiatives in the London Borough of Lewisham. And in a fitting and respectful tribute to Sheikh Abdullahi, over 100 youth attended the tournament – now in its established 4th year – to voice their support and to remember this beloved man. May Allah (God) have mercy upon him.



The tournament was won by Peckham Team. However, this was secondary to the meeting and greeting of youngsters from different “endz” of London, coming together to soak up true community spirit and show a united front in the face of the scourge of knife and gang violence wrecking lives in different parts of London and in other inner cities across the UK.



The much-loved annual Sleep Over at the mosque took place at the beginning of September. News of this event has travelled far and wide with over 20 youngsters from all over the South London Boroughs attending this year for play, bonding and activities including Movies and the Islamic obligation on the Youth to be productive rather than passive members of the community.

We also had our weekly indoor and outdoor activities for both Boys and Girls right through the summer, not least that most enjoyable – they say – weekend LIC Scouts camping trip under the care and attention of Ahmed Hussain.



At the Lewisham Islamic Centre we give the greatest importance to our youth and their Islamic and societal development. They will inherit and lead the Muslim Community and, we pray, carry on the good work of the mosque in bringing communities together, facing challenges squarely, and promoting goodness and positive changes and outcomes.

Allah (God) Almighty praises youths in the Qur'an who "... were young men who believed in their Lord, so We increased them in guidance". The Messenger of Allah, Muhammad (saw) said, "There are seven whom Allah will shade in His Shade on the Day when there is no shade except His Shade ... a youth who grew up in the worship of Allah, the Mighty and Majestic..." Prophet Muhammad also said, "Take benefit of your youth before your old age".

The Lewisham Islamic Centre sincerely thanks our courageous youth who have shouldered great responsibilities and surpassed all expectations – Ahmed Hussain (Scouts Chairperson), Sister Seren Erdel (LIC Youth Chairperson), Sister Basirah Gbede (LIC Youth Secretary), Abdul Basit Abdullahi (LIC Youth Treasurer), Abdul Latif Abdillahi (Youth Volunteer), Muhammad Ahmed Ali (Youth Volunteer), Nabil Bennet (Youth Volunteer) and Jabriil Sheikh. There are of course others not named whose anonymity is equally treasured in facilitating and guiding these youth services. We ask Allah to continue to raise your status in this World and in the Hereafter. Jazakumullahu Khayran.

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