



# Woodfarm Educational Trust

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Woodfarm Education Centre (WEC) Bridging Communities Together

1 Burns Grove, Giffnock, East Renfrewshire, G46 7HF

Newsletter 02

September 2011

## Summer School First for WEC

With the kids off school, WEC introduced its first ever Summer School. The programme proved to be a huge success after being fully subscribed.

Over 50 youngsters attended the week long event which saw them learn about the holy month of Ramadan and the Quran. The Summer School also included nasheed and poem competitions and a day trip to Calderglen Park in East Kilbride. A prize giving ceremony was also held at the end of the week with prizes presented by Cllr Jim Fletcher, Leader of East Renfrewshire Council. The School concluded with a Friday Jumah prayer programme led by Shaykh Amer Jamil for the children and their parents.

Commenting on the success of the event, W.E.T Chairman, Mohammed Rashid said "it's great that WEC hosted its first ever school and I thank all the youngsters, parents and volunteer staff who made it such a success."



WEC Summer School 2011

### Creative Writers Hits Again

Explore Learning, the organisers of the Creative Writers workshop, were so impressed when they held them at WEC in April 2011, that they decided to hold them there again in July.

The Roald Dahl Week themed project saw youngsters aged between 7 – 13 write their own stories and enter as part of a national competition.

WEC also organized a hugely successful "Free Higher Revision Study Course" in English and Maths for local School children, prior to the start of their SQA exams



### Top of the lot in Glasgow

Youngsters from the Woodfarm Education Centre's youth classes entered the Glasgow Inter School competition organized by Al-Meezan.

Hafsah Bashir came first for delivering a speech on Salat whilst Sana Bashir came second in the Nasheed Competition. Also awarded was Hamzah for his part in the competition.

WEC Management Chair, Akram Shaikh congratulated the youngsters saying "it's great that they have helped achieve such a brilliant result for WEC in a Glasgow wide competition. They are a credit to their families and to the entire community."

← The Winners

### Fun for all the Family

Two Family Funday Meena Bazzars have been held at WEC in the past year.

The first was organised in May by local volunteers whilst the second was organised and hosted by the Woodfarm Education Centre in conjunction with the Scottish Police Muslim Association.

Both days were a big success as they brought together families and communities from all races, cultures and background.

Dr Amir Hussain, W.E.T Trustee and Secretary, noted that "on both days, there were over 25 stall holders and also sport activities and a bouncy castle outside. I would like to say particular thanks to all the local volunteers and the Scottish Police Muslim Association for helping organise the fun days and also for supporting the Centre."

### Al-Khair comes to WEC

The Al-Khair Foundation chose the Woodfarm Education Centre to hold an Iftari Fundraiser to raise money for all those suffering in the famine in Africa.

The event held on 24<sup>th</sup> August proved to be very popular with many local brothers and sisters who joined others from around Glasgow to help the fundraising effort.

W.E.T Trustee, Haji Rafique Chaudhry welcomed Al Khair's choice of venue. He said, "It is great to see WEC doing its bit to help all those suffering around the world. Last year we helped our brothers and sisters in Pakistan and now we are helping those in Africa.

The 24<sup>th</sup> also saw the WEC Khatam – e – Quran during the Taraweeh programme which ended with a talk and dua by Molana Aslam.

## WEC is your Community Centre, open for you and for your use

In line with the Trust's aims and objectives, the Woodfarm Education Centre (WEC) caters for all aspects of the Islamic faith and promotes a policy of tolerance and mutual respect for all religions and cultures. WEC is not associated or related to any organisation or mosque in Glasgow but has its own independent ethos and code of conduct based on universal and Islamic principles of justice, compassion and service to humanity, which also promote religious and racial harmony – in accordance with the aims and objectives of the Trust. Therefore all organisations and people from all walks of the community are welcomed at the centre providing the activities they promote are in accordance with its ethos.

### URGENT WEC APPEAL 2011

In order to build on its great success over the past year, the Woodfarm Educational Trust is now looking to acquire the building and its grounds from the Council by paying a lump sum. **£300,000 is our target in order to acquire the Centre as well as carry out long needed refurbishments to the roof, aged (oil-based) heating system and car park as well as to help maintain the building for our generations to come.**

Radio Ramadhan has kindly listed WEC as one of the organisations its charity appeal will support and an Islamic Centre in Airdrie, North Lanarkshire has given £500 towards our efforts. Al-Khair's Iqra TV (Sky 826) has also generously donated air time to broadcast our fund raising appeal. Please play YOUR part in our efforts and remember the Muslim community has never had a better offer in the 40 years it's been in East Renfrewshire.

**Please collect a Pledge Card from the Centre or download it from the website. Also Direct debit forms are available at the Centre and online.** Please also support the upcoming fundraising events like the "Market on the Grove" Fun day on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2011 and the Eid Fundraising Dinner on 25<sup>th</sup> September 2011. More

### WEC Ramadhan & Eid Education Programme (including Tarawih, Jumah and Eid Prayers)

Following last year's first and hugely successful Ramadhan and Eid programmes, WEC organised another daily Taraweeh programme during Ramadhan and an Eid Programme to mark the end of the holy month.

Numbers attending this year's programme rose from over 150 people last year to over 200 people this year. The Eid – Ul – Fitr educational prayer programme was held once again with another educational prayer programme planned to mark Eid – Ul – Adha in November.

The Friday Jumah Programme for local school children has also seen its number rising since it first started in Ramadhan last year (in partnership with local Schools). Between 50 and 60 youngsters from Woodfarm and St Ninians' High School's attend every week. During British Winter Time, the programme will coincide with the Schools' lunch time (12.30PM – 12.45 PM) and during British Summer Time, the Jumah programme will be held after School from 3PM – 3.20PM, so the students do not have to miss any of their School classes.

**Maghrib & Isha'at jamats are held everyday. Please see Timetable on back page for timings**

### Hiring WEC Facilities

WEC is a large detached building, with extensive, dedicated car parking facilities. WEC facilities include a large community hall (with up to 150 seating capacity), a fully fitted – kitchen and five good sized multi – purpose rooms, all of which are available for hire (at nominal charges – to cover the Centre's running costs only). There is also a Prayer Room and dedicated Wudhu / washing facility for informal prayer use.

For further details and to download a full timetable of activities, WEC Hiring Facilities form (including current list of charges) and the WEC Code of Conduct for its users, please see the WEC website:

[www.woodfarmeducationcentre.org.uk](http://www.woodfarmeducationcentre.org.uk). You can also find us on Facebook as well as by email: [admin@woodfarmeducationcentre.org.uk](mailto:admin@woodfarmeducationcentre.org.uk)

### WEC KEYS HANDOVER (July 2010)



*The Woodfarm Education Centre is pleased to announce the following events as part of the WEC 2011 Appeal*

## Market on the Grove

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2011

12PM – 5 PM

At the Woodfarm Education Centre  
ALL WELCOME

*Multi – Cultural Local Community Stalls,  
Children's Entertainment and much much  
more!*

Limited Stalls Available, Tel. 07868698328

## Woodfarm Education Centre Eid Fundraiser Dinner

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2011

7PM – 10PM

At the Woodfarm Education Centre  
Guests of Honour:  
Leader of ER Council, Councillor Jim Fletcher

Tickets £10

Tickets Available from WEC (0783-3325204)

### Feedback from the wider community

“Can I also take this opportunity of thanking W.E.T as you have been nothing but excellent neighbours since taking ownership of the centre. Keep up the good work.” **Colin Girvan (Woodfarm Residents Group)**

“Another successful event. WEC goes from strength to strength – and really at the heart of the community.”  
**Ken Macintosh, MSP for Eastwood**

“Dear Dr Hussain, I think the Higher Revision Courses for English and Maths is an excellent initiative, which I hope will continue in the future. Keep up the good work!”  
**Alex Mackie (Cllr.) Provost ER Council**

### Overview of other WEC Activities (Full Timetable Overlap, on website and Facebook)

Other activities and events at the Centre include: Daily maghrib and Isha, Children's Quran classes, Young Believers, Karate Classes, Young Muslims (Islamic/Sports Clubs for Boys and Girls), Interfaith and cultural events, Weekly Friday Jumah sessions for local School children, Harun Yahya (scientific Islamic research) Conference, Family/relationship Counselling, Lectures by distinguished Islamic scholars, After-School Revision Classes, Ladies Sewing Classes, Sports Clubs, Monthly MP/ MSP/ Councillor surgeries ....and lots more planned, including an Islamophobia Seminar (with CORDOBA and Exeter University), WEC Nursery, Health awareness, Islamic information/dawah, (Pre)marital & Parenting courses, cookery classes and more.

**So come along and join us at Woodfarm Education Centre!**

**Don't miss out on the Young Believers Class (led by Innes Shaheen) held every Saturday at WEC (10.45AM–1PM)–see back page for details**



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### SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL OUR WEC VOLUNTEERS, SPONSORS AND SUPPORTERS

Who keep our centre running by: becoming volunteers; organise events; lead activities and classes; help the fundraising effort and continue to use and hire WEC facilities.

**PLEASE CONTINUE TO SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY CENTRE AND DONATE GENEROUSLY TO THE URGENT WEC APPEAL**

### 3 WAYS TO CONTACT WEC

1) Visit WEC Office at 1 Burns Grove, Giffnock 2) E-mail: [admin@woodfarmeducationcentre.org.uk](mailto:admin@woodfarmeducationcentre.org.uk) 3) On Facebook

***Activities Timetable for WEC,1 Burns Grove, Giffnock, Glasgow G46 7HF (As of Sep'11)***

**Parking Notice to all Users of WEC facility:** Please ensure you do NOT park on Burns Grove. The small parking area adjacent to the building (accessible from Burns Grove) is ONLY for use by the disabled and the elderly. EVERYONE else is requested to use the building's car park that is accessible from Robslee Road (opposite Woodfarm High School)

**Please check WEC website ( [www.woodfarmeducationcentre.org.uk](http://www.woodfarmeducationcentre.org.uk) ) regularly for updates - Woodfarm Educational Trust manages WEC and is a registered Charity (SC040818)**

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
<p><i>Forthcoming</i>  <b>SQA Higher Revision Classes</b>            (Boys &amp; Girls)  <i>Times to be Confirmed</i>  <i>Qualified &amp; experienced Teachers</i>  <i>Contact: Dr Amir</i>  <i>Tel:07886 919084</i>  <i>(£5 per Session)</i></p>	<p><i>Ongoing</i>  <b>Mothers &amp; Toddlers (with crèche facility)</b>            10:30AM-12PM  <i>Tel: 07890539445</i>  <i>£2 per Session</i></p>	<p><i>Ongoing</i>  <b>Keep Fit</b>            (Sisters Only)            Time To be Confirmed  <i>(From Beginners to Advanced level - Easy to follow work outs)</i>  <i>Qualified &amp; Experienced Instructor</i>  <i>Tel: 07929884910</i>  <i>(£2.50 per session or £10 for 5 week block)</i></p>	<p><i>Ongoing</i>  <b>Sewing Class</b>            (Sisters Only)            10AM-12noon  <i>(From Beginners to Advanced level)</i>  <i>Experienced Instructor</i>  <i>Tel: 07811189141</i>  <i>(£3 per session)</i></p>	<p><i>Ongoing</i>  <b>Friday Education Sessions (including Jumah Prayers)</b>  <b>For local School children only</b>            3PM-3.20PM  <i>Contact: Br. Shoket Ali</i>  <i>Tel: 07807673119</i>  <i>[These Fri Sessions are continuing, on popular demand, following the hugely successful Ramadhan programme. During British Winter Time, from 30 October, Jumah time is: 12.30PM-12.45PM]</i></p>	<p><i>Ongoing</i>  <b>Young Believers</b>            (Boys &amp; Girls, aged 5-10)            10:45AM-12:45PM  <i>Contact: Br. Anas (Qualified Teacher) Course covers Arabic Lang., Seerah, Islamic History &amp; Art, Tajweed &amp; Fiqh (in a fun environment)</i>  <i>Tel: 07807673119</i>  <i>(£10 per month)</i></p>	<p><i>Ongoing</i>  <b>Tafseer-Quran Urdu (Sisters)</b>            10AM-11AM  <i>Qualified and Experienced Teacher</i></p>
	<p><i>Ongoing</i>  <b>Quran Tajweed (Pronunciation)</b>            11AM-12noon (Sisters)  <i>Qualified &amp; Experienced Teacher</i>  <i>Tel: 07890539445</i>  <i>(£2.50 per Session or £10 for 4 week block)</i></p>				<p><i>Ongoing</i>  <b>SQA Urdu Language (Basic to SQA Standard, Higher &amp; Adv. Higher)</b>            12:30PM-2PM  <i>Qualified &amp; Experienced Teachers</i>  <i>Tel: 07761600677</i>  <i>(£10 per month)</i></p>	<p><i>Ongoing</i>  <b>Young Believers</b>            (Boys only 11-18)            11AM-1PM  <i>Contact:Br. Shoket Ali</i>  <i>Covers:Arabic,Seerah, Tajweed, Fiqh &amp; Sports</i>  <i>Tel:07807673119</i>  <i>(£10 per month)</i></p>

### Evening Classes

<p><b>Children's Quran &amp; Islamic Studies (for Boys &amp; Girls, 5-15 years)</b>  <i>Qualified &amp; Experienced (male and female) Scholars/Teachers</i>  <b>4 Days/week: Boys &amp; Girls (5-10): Mon-Thurs, 5PM-6PM (Ongoing)</b>  <b>3 Days/week: Boys (11-16): Mon-Wed, 6PM-7PM (Ongoing)</b>  <i>(Course covers: Quran Tajweed, Islamic manners, character building, how to read Salat, surahs, duas, 99 names of Allah, all with English translation, and stories from the Holy Quran - learn in a fun environment).</i>  <i>Tel: 07811189141 (£5 per week)</i></p>			<p><i>Ongoing</i>  <b>Young Muslims Club</b>            (Boys only, 11-18)  <i>Time to be Confirmed</i>  <i>(Islamic reminders, meeting new friends and sports)</i>  <i>Contact: Dr.Ammad</i>  <i>Tel: 0791-2078187</i></p>	<p><i>Ongoing</i>  <b>Young Muslims Club</b>            (Girls only, 7-18)            7PM-9PM  <i>(Islamic reminders and sports)</i>  <i>Contact: Sr. Amnah</i>  <i>Tel:07895366183</i></p>	<p><i>Ongoing</i>  <b>Islamic Course</b>            (Men &amp; Women)            2<sup>nd</sup> Thurs of each month  <i>After Isha Prayers</i>  <i>(Covering: Lectures on Quran, Hadith &amp; Contemporary Issues)</i>  <i>By: Molana Aslam (Qualified Teacher and experienced Scholar)</i>  <i>Tel: 07903187538</i></p>	<p><i>Ongoing</i>  <b>Individual, Family and Relationship Counselling</b>            (with Amina – MWRC)  <i>By Appointment Only</i>  <i>Tel: 0141 585 8026 (any time)</i></p>
<p><i>Forthcoming</i>  <b>Basketball Club</b>            (Sisters Only)  <i>Time to be Confirmed</i>  <i>Tel: 07939588444</i></p>	<p><i>Forthcoming</i>  <b>Karate Club</b>            (for Children, aged 5-15)  <i>Times to be Confirmed</i>  <i>Tel:07807673119</i></p>	<p><i>Ongoing</i>  <b>Tafseer-Quran English (Sisters)</b>            7.30PM-8.30PM  <i>Qualified &amp; Experienced Teacher</i></p>	<p><i>Ongoing</i>  <b>Local MP/MSP &amp; Councillor Surgeries</b>            2<sup>nd</sup> Fri of each month  <i>Parliamentary Office</i>  <i>Tel:0141 621 2080</i></p>	<p><i>Ongoing</i>  <b>Quran Tajweed</b>  <i>For Men After Isha</i>  <i>Qualified Teacher</i>  <i>Contact: Br Abdul Hannan</i>  <i>Tel: 07905759311</i></p>		

*Ongoing*

**Daily Maghrib & Isha Jamat - Maghrib times: as per Glasgow prayers timetable, and Isha Times:**

**Dec/Jan/Feb: 8.30PM, Mar/Apr: 10PM, May-July: 11PM, Aug-Sep: 10PM, Oct: 9PM, Nov: 8PM**

**Every Friday, there is a Drop-in Quran and Islamic Studies Dars/Session for Men before Isha - Contact: Haji Rafique, 07903187538**