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Woodfarm Education Centre

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Bridging Communities Together - 1 Burns Grove, Giffnock, East Renfrewshire, G46 7HF

Fundraising starts as WEC gets go ahead to build Extension!

Alhamdulillah! Following East Renfrewshire Council's historic approval last year, of our planning permission application to extend the community facility, building warrants have now been granted for erecting a major two-storey extension on the upper car park (adjacent to the existing WEC building). Copies of the building warrants are available from WEC Reception, for public inspection.

WEC is indebted to the local Muslim and wider community and our local elected representatives who kindly advised on, and supported our planning application. The fundraising target is £500,000, and we plan to start construction as soon as required funds are in place in sha Allah. Copies of up-to-date charity accounts are available from the WEC Office.

The extended centre will provide a wider range of facilities to accommodate the growing religious, educational and social needs of our local community, including a much needed Nursery in the area. There is also an urgent need to expand existing WEC capacity to accommodate the growing number of daily WEC Quran, iSyllabus & Islamic studies classes for Children & Ladies, Mother & Toddler group, after-School SQA Tutoring, Interfaith and Dawah events, Sports clubs, Health awareness and Family Fun days, in addition to weekly Friday Jumah, and Ramadhan Taraweeh programmes.

The Trust has designed a beautiful and iconic new extension building (plans are available at WEC Reception), which will aim to serve as East Renfrewshire's first Islamic Eco-Community Centre, to accommodate around 1,000 users, with its low carbon footprint and eco-friendly design.

The new/extended facility will be a major addition to the 'green architecture' in Scotland and the UK. The design for the WEC extension facility will blend the characteristics of existing buildings in the neighbourhood, along with a number of sustainable eco-friendly architectural features.

Access to the site will be solely from Robeslee Road, closing off Burns Grove to prevent access from Inglestone Avenue. This is intended to prevent any increase in traffic on this side of the site and avoid disruption to local residents. Alongside the community hall extension, there will be extended car park spaces, which will be made freely available to local school parents for pickup and drop off. This will help reduce congestion during peak traffic hours.

Please continue to play your part in this sadaqa jariya (continuous charity) project for our coming generations, by

supporting the WEC extension fund- raising appeal, and build your house in Jannah in sha Allah!

Another first! WEC volunteer wins prestigious Queen's Young Leader award

MashaAllah! Many congratulations to our local WEC volunteer, and founding WEC Youth Panels and ER Diversity Day coordinator, Usman Ali on becoming a Queen's Young Leader!

Usman will receive this prestigious award from Her Majesty The Queen at a ceremony in Buckingham Palace in June 2017. Usman is the first young person from Scotland to ever receive this honour, Mashaa'Allah. He was also congratulated on this historic achievement through a cross-party motion in the Scottish Parliament as well as the House of Commons. There was also a motion in the House of Commons.

Urgent WEC Building Extension and Musalla (Prayer Space) Appeal

WEC is seeking your urgent donations for its Building Extension Appeal

£250 can sponsor one of 1,000 available Musallahs

Following planning permission from East Renfrewshire Council, WEC needs your urgent support to:

- Extend existing building, including men & ladies prayer areas and washing facilities

- Extend Community Hall & Car Park

- Develop WEC Mother & Toddler Group into full-time Nursery

Any one-off or regular donation, or qarz-e-hasana will provide an invaluable opportunity to earn continuous charity & reward (sadaqah jariyah) for yourself, your family & loved ones who have passed away. Allah will reward you every time someone uses the facilities that you helped build and improve through your generous and timely donations!

How to donate:

Bank transfer to Woodfarm Educational trust
Account no. 00651296 Sort Code 83-20-22
or online via the website (woodfarmeducationcentre.org.uk)
through Paypal or Debit/Credit card.

Welcome our new Green Guardians team on the Healthy Living & Sustaining East Renfrewshire, funded by CCF

MashAllah our new WEC Green Guardians climate change project successfully launched on the 20th May 2017. We have an exciting new team in place whom you will see around the Centre over the coming year. Thank you to all of those who attended the launch & have signed up with us for our planned community activities.

Our upcoming activities:

We would like to encourage you to support us & our new team. Following on from our previous newsletter we are pleased to announce that we have the following activities planned within the community:

- Reviving our community growing space, WEC's vegetable plot & reducing food wastage.
- Learn how to grow your own vegetables with Brian.
- Regular swap shops at the centre to allow you to swap unwanted items for something else.
- Upcycling workshops to revive your old but loved items with Zsara.
- Regular ongoing cycle training sessions, free bike hire & community organised cycle rides.
- Road safety, cycle map reading & route planning sessions.
- Encouragement of car sharing or alternative modes of travel to the Centre as part of our green travel scheme.
- Production of a comic book, short digital stories & a public transport cycle map.

Volunteer with us!

If you're interested in getting involved with the project as keen volunteer then please contact fatima@greenguardians.org.uk



Free Bike Hire:

Remember our bicycles are available for free hire/loan to our local community, upon provision of a refundable deposit - for more information, contact info@greenguardians.org.uk or admin@woodfarmeducationcentre.org.uk

Project outcomes:

CO2e:

- 🚲 Targeting 500 regular community users, through a focus on household waste reduction, by promoting reduction, reuse and recycling (3 R's), to reduce landfill waste and overconsumption.
- 🚲 Cut CO2e through 12 community members who have completed extensive cycle training and adopted cycling as their main mode of transport to/from WEC.

Community:

- 🚲 Behavioural change and upcycling through innovatively themed workshops of 500 WEC community users network, leading to less waste going into landfill.
- 🚲 Four interactive digital stories to aid in educating and engaging the targeted BME community.
- 🚲 Reduce the amount of cars being driven to the Centre through a change in travel behaviour: targeting 30 regular community users per week, to exchange their cars for alternative modes of transport to WEC.
- 🚲 The promotion of social walking clubs and public/bus transport over the 12-month period.
- 🚲 To have at least 5 members of the WEC community actively take a lead role and use WEC's vegetable plot by March 2018.

Our successful small grant funds for WEC community activities

We are pleased to announce in this past year we have successfully been awarded three pots of small grant funding:

- £400 Cycle Employer Friendly Workplace Grant, through Cycling Scotland, which allowed us to invest in lockers for our staff members who cycle to the centre.
- £4,576 Cycle Friendly and Sustainable Communities fund, through Cycling Scotland. We used this to deliver a 10 week cycle training session for adults, a 10 day children's Easter Cycle Camp & invest in more cycle infrastructure. We would like to thank our delivery partners Neilston Development Trust who allowed us to provide excellent training to our community.
- £1,250 CCF development grant used to carry out community consultation events including at Pizza night & surveys to gain your feedback. Thank you to those who attended & took part in the surveys we are processing your thoughts & feedback.

WEC Activities

What's on for the ladies?

- Ladies English Tafsir Classes, Monday Evenings, 7:00pm-8:30pm
- Ladies Tajweed Classes, Tuesday Mornings, 10:00am-1:00pm
- Female Taekwondo Sessions, Wednesday Evenings, 6:30pm-7:30pm
- Urdu Quran Tafsir Classes, Saturday Mornings, 10:00am-1:00pm

WEC's monthly family dinners continue with Shaykh Abdul Aziz

The last two family dinners have focussed on fundamental issues applicable to the wider community, including social responsibilities towards our peers in society. So far 'Social Responsibilities' & 'Towards our Neighbours' have been fabulously covered by the captivating Shakyh Abdul Aziz, with more in this series to come. Keep a look out on the WEC Facebook page for updates on the next monthly dinner.

WEC's Healthcare Initiative

Health is an essential part of both our deen and our lives. As part of our Healthcare Initiative, WEC is working closely with the ER Council, and ER Local Health Care Partnerships, to increase health awareness and delivery of social care services in East Renfrewshire for the whole community.

Watch this space for exciting future discussion groups, family dinner topics and workshops...

Supporting Woodfarm Education Centre:
Allans Furniture Warehouse
Furniture - Beds - Carpets – Flooring



61 Wallace Street, Glasgow, G5 8DJ
01414291874
www.allansfurniture.com

Well done to our children in the Inter-Islamic School Competition 2017

With inspiring guidance from our WEC teachers we are pleased to announce that our children in the Islamic studies class have achieved some exceptional awards in speech, qirat & nasheed based on the roles & responsibilities of a Daa'e.



Ramadan Highlights 2017

- Don't forget our late night (tahajjud) prayers during the last 10 nights of Ramadan
- 2nd jummah for school children every Friday at 3:00pm
- Children's Cycle Camp 10-27th July 2017
- Annual Eid Party Saturday 9th September 2017

This month... Ramadan preparations

Please remember to Car Share where possible, especially in Ramadan, to allow more people access and reduce any disturbance to our neighbours at that time of the night...& you will be contributing to our CCF project's legacy aims, to reduce emissions in travelling to WEC!
You can also bring your bike & secure it at our Cycle shelter, or borrow one FREE from us.

Activities Timetable (as of June '17) please check WEC website (www.WoodfarmEducationCentre.org.uk) regularly for updates.

Parking Notice: Please use the main car park, accessible from Robslee Road (opposite Woodfarm High School)
The small parking area adjacent to the building (accessible from Burns Grove) is ONLY for use by the disabled and the elderly.

Woodfarm Educational Trust manages WEC and is a registered Charity (SC040818)

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
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| <i>Morning/Daytime</i> | | | | | | |
| <p>SQA English Tutoring/Revision Classes (Primary to SQA Higher: English) Qualified & experienced teachers: from £5/hour Contact: 07866565099</p> <p>WEC Ladies & Young Girls Yoga Classes (Mon, Tues, & Thurs 10:00-11.30am) Qualified & experienced instructor £4/drop-in Session Tel: 07787987661</p> | <p>Quran Tajweed (Pronunciation) 10am-11:00am (<i>Sisters</i>) Qualified & experienced teacher Tel: 07807156414 (£2.50/session or £10 for 4 week block)</p> <p>Mini Marvels (Mother & toddler) 10:00- 11:30am Tel: 07702796349 £2/session</p> <p>WEC Ladies & Young Girls Yoga Classes (Mon, Tues, & Thurs 10:00-11.30am) Qualified & experienced instructor £4/drop-in Session Tel: 07787987661</p> | <p>Note: The running of all classes is subject to continuing demand and availability of volunteers, staff & resources. Members of the community are more than welcome to propose new activities/services and/or volunteer to help with ongoing classes where required. See WEC FB Page/website, or email in.</p> <p style="color: red; text-align: center;">Don't worry if you cannot attend any of the exciting WEC talks/classes, you can now listen in LIVE from your home/anywhere, with the new online WEC radio transmission service. Order your receiver now by emailing us at admin@woodfarmeducationcentre.org.uk</p> | <p>WEC Ladies & Young Girls Yoga Classes (Mon, Tues, & Thurs 10:00-11.30am) Qualified & experienced instructor £4/drop-in Session Tel: 07787987661</p> | <p>Jumah Salat (Talk in English) Winter: 1:00pm Summer: 2:00pm (<i>brothers and sisters</i>)</p> <p>Jumah Salat for School children Winter: 12.25pm -12.40pm Summer: 3:00pm-3.20pm</p> <p>Local MP/MSP & Councilor Surgeries 2nd Fri of each month Parliamentary Office Tel:0141 621 2080</p> | <p>WEC Small Group Tuition SQA Maths & Science (Primary to SQA Higher: Maths & Science) Qualified & experienced teachers: from £5/hour Contact: 07866565099</p> <p>Urdu Tafseer-Quran (<i>Sisters</i>)10am-1pm Qualified & experienced teacher Tel: 07842814653</p> <p>WEC Young Believers (<i>Boys & Girls</i>: 5-11 years) 11:00am-12.30pm Course covers: Drama, Seerah, Islamic History & Art, Tajweed & Fiqh (in a fun environment) Tel: 07424788636 (£10/month)</p> | <p>WEC sports & community hall & meeting rooms (with multimedia & projector facilities) available for hire. Including for social & private functions, & sports which includes: table tennis, badminton, basketball & 5-a-side).</p> <p>Email admin@woodfarmeducationcentre.org.uk or call 07807673119</p> |
| <i>Evening</i> | | | | | | |
| <p>Tafseer-Quran English (<i>Sisters</i>) 7:00-8:30pm Qualified & Experienced Teacher Tel: 07904646310 (£5 donation per month)</p> | <p>Table tennis Club By Booking only Tel: 07807673119 £5/hour or £10/hour including badminton booking</p> <p>WEC Men's Badminton Club By Booking only Tel: 07807673119 £8/hour (works out at £2/person for doubles) Time: Maghrib-Isha</p> <p>Children's Quran & Islamic Studies Boys & Girls (5-10): Qualified & Experienced (male and female) Scholars/Teachers 4Days/week: Boys and Girls (5-10) and Boys (11+): Mon-Thurs, 5PM-6PM (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). Tel: 07807156414 (£20/month)</p> | <p>WEC Taekwondo Scotland Classes <i>Females only classes</i> every Wed, 6:15-7:15pm. £3.50/session, or £5 for two family members & monthly discounts! Taught by highly qualified female instructor</p> <p>WEC iSyllabus School 11-15 year old, (<i>boys and girls</i>) 6:30 – 9:00pm iSyllabus for schools course. Register for Y1&Y2 by e-mailing: admin@woodfarmeducationcentre.org.uk Limited places!</p> | <p>Interfaith Seminars See WEC FB/website for dates (Free Event)</p> | <p>Young Muslims (Girls only, 7-18) 6:30-8:30pm (Islamic reminders & sports) Contact: Sr. Amnah Tel:07895366183</p> <p>SQA Urdu Language (Basic to SQA Standard Higher & Adv) 5:00-6:00pm (£10/month) Qualified & experienced teachers Tel: 07807156414</p> <p>WEC Aspiring Youth Club (WAYC) (<i>Boys only aged 12+</i>) 7:00-9:00pm (Sports, meeting new friends & Islamic reminders) Tel: 07928003607</p> | <p>WEC Family Dinner Evenings (monthly) 6:00-8:00pm 3rd/4th Saturday of each month, led by professional Islamic Scholars, covering a range of contemporary community issues. Check the WEC website & Facebook page for topics & updates.</p> | <p>Individual, Family and Relationship Counselling (with Amina – MWRC) By Appointment Only Tel: 0141 585 8026</p> |

This timetable is subject to change - please check the website regularly for updates.

You can also join the WEC mailing list for receiving any updates by emailing your contact details to: admin@woodfarmeducationcentre.org.uk

Daily Short Reminders (in English): by WEC Imam: Shaykh Zain Ul-Abidin Amir, Monday-Friday, after Maghrib Jamat in Summer, and after Isha in Winter. Topics: Mon-Wed: Manners in Islam, Thursday: Virtues of Salah on Prophet, and Friday: Journey Thorough the Quran (Lectures on tafsir of the Quran). FREE Drop-in sessions. Also listen live from home with your receivers!

Daily Five Jamats - Download times from website and available at Centre