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WOODFARM EDUCATION CENTRE

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

Congratulations To The Muslim Community: New Muslim Cemetery Space In East Renfrewshire!

Following the recent historic success of WEC Trustees and the ER Muslim community in securing the WEC building and its grounds from ER Council (for £170k), the WEC Trustees' proposal to Leader of ER Council for creating much needed Muslim Cemetery space in East Renfrewshire has been approved by the Council at its meeting on 27 March 2013.

The Council unanimously approved development of a new Muslim Section within Cathcart Cemetery, where the current Muslim section is full, and the Council will now make an investment of £169,000 over the next twelve months, to clear and remediate a currently overgrown area and establish it as an area of around 1,800 lairs suitable to carry out

burials for the Muslim community.

Cllr Jim Fletcher said: "WEC Trustees, Mr Mohammed Rashid & Professor Amir Hussain approached me late last year, on behalf of the WEC Board of Trustees and the ER muslim community, and made a proposal for a new Section to be created and prepared within Cathcart Cemetry for burial use by the Muslim community. I am pleased to say that ER Council will invest £169k to address the major problem with this site, removal of tree roots and settling of the ground. The works will commence on 19 April 2013. I would like to congratulate the Muslim community". Mr. Mohammed Rashid, WEC Trustee Chair, said, "WEC Trustees and the Muslim community are very grateful

to ER Council, particularly Council Leader Jim Fletcher, our local MSP Ken Macintosh and MP Jim Murphy, for their support which made this success possible." WEC Trustee and Secretary, Professor Amir Hussain added, "This is a historic achievement for the Muslim community who have not been able to bury their loved ones closer to their homes in East Renfrewshire, ever since the Cathcart Cemetery became full. The Council will now invest £169k over the next 12 months to create and prepare a new Muslim Section within Cathcart Cemetery, which will be ready for burials next year inshaAllah."



Above: WEC Trustees, Mr Mohammed Rashid (right) and Mr Rafique Chaudry (left) being congratulated by Cllr Jim Fletcher, Leader of ER Council, at Cathcart Cemetery Muslim Section, East Renfrewshire

WEC – GOING STRONG, Helping the Whole Community Grow Stronger



Another successful East Renfrewshire Diversity Day 2012 held. WEC were proud co – organisers of the event hosted in Nov



WEC's Ladies organised a Ladies only "Black and White" charity fundraiser on 16th February 2013 – over £5000 raised on the night, mashaAllah!



World-renowned Scholar (and ex-Christian Minister) Sheikh Yusuf Estes, visited WEC on Wed, 20 March 2013, and inspired families and children with his unique interactive Quranic Storytelling

- NEW:** Weekly WEC Ladies Keep Fit Class, Mon, 8-9PM
- NEW:** Weekend WEC Young Believers, Sun, 11AM-1PM
- NEW:** Free Quran Tajweed classes, Fri, 7.30-8.30PM
- NEW:** WEC Seminar: "Hate Crime & 3rd Party Reporting" Sun, 26 May, 2-5PM
- Daily WEC Children's Quran & Islamic studies class, 5-6pm
- NEW:** Weekly SQA Tuition classes, Sat, 10am-12pm & Mon 5-7pm, from £5/hour (small group tuition)
- NEW:** Weekly WEC Mens Badminton, Tues, 9.30-10:30pm
- NEW:** 2013 WEC Summer School, 1-5 July 2013

Don't Miss

Imam Habib
Ur Rehman's
Fortnightly Ahl-ul-
Bait Lectures on
Sun, from Maghrib-
Isha (next, 19 May)

From Fajar to Isha daily jamats. See back page for times



Shahid Akmal delivered the first WEC Learning and Teaching Seminar on 14th December 2012, on: Brain Friendly learning for students, teachers and parents



WEC organised Cancer Awareness Event on Sat, 23 March 2013, in support of Macmillan Cancer-Speakers included: Dr Rizwanullah, Shaykh Abdulaziz, Ken Macintosh MSP MSP

WEC hosted 2 leading professors from Islamic University of Madinah on 14th January 2013 who gave a talk on the Major and Minor signs of the Day of Judgement



WEC celebrated Eid Ul Fitr and Eid ul Audha on 28th October 2012. The Guest Speaker was Ken Macintosh MSP who warmly congratulated the Trustees & the Muslim community on WEC's acquisition from East Renfrewshire Council

accreditation in the form of Saltire Awards and for a WEC Award. WEC Youth Panels is opened up to both boys and girls and, is led by Usman Ali and Zarah Inaya respectively. For joining WEC Youth Panels, or for more information, please email admin@woodfarmeducationcentre.org.uk

WEC and Maccabi Youth Leaders at an interfaith Diversity Day Planning Meeting organized and hosted by WEC.



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.

Youngsters from the WEC Quran and Islamic Studies classes taking part in the Annual Quran and Nasheed competition, held at Al – Meezan House on 24th February 2013



WEC Volunteers Sought

WEC is looking for people to become a WEC Volunteer and take up the many volunteering opportunities that are available for all - old & young, men & women. Please contact WEC Manager (Volunteer), Shaukat Ali on 07807673119 to find out more information.

Another volunteering programme available is WEC Youth Panels (for boys and girls aged 12-25) which is now starting up with targeted recruitment and advertisements in local businesses. All secondary Head Teachers in the area have also been written to, to alert them to the volunteering opportunities their young people can benefit from. All members of WEC Youth Panels will be accredited by automatic submission for national

NEW: 2013 WEC Summer School dates confirmed: 1-5 July 2013, register via WEC website/Facebook page
NEW: Monthly WEC Community Family Dinner Evenings coming soon –check website/Facebook for details

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



Meet your Muslim Neighbours Interfaith Events – REDESIGNED

WEC has been hosting monthly first of their kind "Meet your Muslim Neighbours" events for over a year now mashaAllah. WEC and New to Islam (NTI) have now joined forces to redesign the event, by organizing bi-monthly inter-faith Seminars.

On Sunday 17th March 2013, coinciding with Islam Awareness Week, WEC and NTI jointly presented the first event entitled "Journeying to justice: An inter-faith perspective." This first of its kind interfaith Seminar focussed on learning and celebrating the spirit of journeying or migration, termed 'Hijrah' in Arabic from the word Hijrah itself is from the root: Haa-Jaa-Rah, which means to abandon, to leave for another place, to migrate. This concept is particularly important to all Abrahamic faiths: for the Muslim faith (where it refers to both Major Hijrah, the emigration from Makka to Madina, and also to the first Hijrah to Abyssinia/Ethiopia), the Jewish faith (Exodus) and the Christians (Exodus and missionary work). The true spirit of Hijrah in all faiths however is that WE can make hijrah in our own lives, from sin to salvation, from bad deeds, oppression to forgiveness and goodness. The universal message of Hijrah for people of all faiths, and no faiths, is that we can abandon ANYTHING negative in our lives and move on to something better. The event included speakers from the different faiths, including Diana Wolfson, Past President Glasgow Jewish Representative Council, Dr Chris Vermeulen, Orchardhill Church Parish Minister, and Imam Habib-ur-Rahman. It was supported by East Renfrewshire (ER) Faith Forum. Next Seminar is on "Hate Crime and Third Party Reporting", and will be held on Sun, 26 May, 2-5PM, in partnership with Scottish Police Muslim Association (SPMA).

Regular East Renfrewshire Faith Forum meetings hosted at WEC:

ER Faith Forum organizes monthly meetings, alternately hosted by WEC & Orchardhill Church—contact WEC's ER Faith Forum Representative, Dr Guftar Shaikh.

CONTACT WEC BY:

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Special Thanks To All Our Wec Volunteers, Sponsors And Supporters

Please Continue To Support Your Local Community Centre And Donate Generously To The Urgent Wec (Post-Purchase) Appeal

9 Easy Ways to help YOUR Community Centre:

- 1) Complete a Pledge Card
- 2) Fill out a Direct Debit / standing order form (also available on-line)
- 3) Donate in the Donation Boxes or on-line (via PayPal)
- 4) Donate towards a Mussallaha for prayers (200 remaining out of total 400 Musallahs, at £250 each)
- 5) Donate for refurbishment of Car Park (£10k), Heating System (£30k) or Roof repairs (£10k)
- 6) Volunteer your time by helping in activities
- 7) Provide feedback by completing the on-line WEC Open Community Consultation form
- 8) Hire the WEC facility (Halls, Rooms, kitchen)
- 9) Most importantly, remember us in your Du'as

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)

"An enjoyable event. I felt very welcome in the Islamic community and the speakers were good",

Kerrie Gallacher (attending the first ever WEC Ethical & Islamic Finance Seminar – with Positive Money & UK IFC)

Activities Timetable (As of May'13)

Please check WEC website (www.WoodfarmEducationCentre.org.uk) regularly for updates

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

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.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<p>SQA English Tutoring/Revision Classes (Primary to SQA Higher: English) Qualified & Experienced Teachers: From £5 per hour (Mon, 5-7PM) Contact: 07964-666313</p>	<p>Mothers & Toddlers (with crèche facility) 11AM-1PM Tel: 07890539445 £2 per Session</p> <p>Quran Tajweed (Pronunciation) 11AM-12noon (Sisters) Qualified & Experienced Teacher Tel: 07890539445 (£2.50 per Session or £10 for 4 week block)</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.</p> <p>Please see WEC Facebook page, Website or contact: 07807673119 for further information.</p>	<p>Juma Salat (Talk in English) Winter: 1pm Summer: 2pm (brothers and sisters)</p> <p>Jumah Salat for School children Winter: 12.25 -12.40pm Summer: 3pm-3.20pm</p>	<p>Urdu Tafseer-Quran (Sisters)10-11am Qualified and Experienced Teacher Tel: 07842-814653</p> <p>SQA Maths & Science Tutoring/ Revision Classes (Primary to SQA Higher: Maths and Science) Qualified & Experienced Teachers: From £5 per hour (Sat, 10-12PM) Contact: 07964-666313</p>	<p>WEC Young Believers (Boys & Girls: 5-11 years) Sun, 11AM-12.30PM. Course covers: Drama, Seerah, Islamic History & Art, Tajweed & Fiqh (in a fun environment) Tel: 07807673119 (£15 per month)</p>	<p>Individual, Family and Relationship Counselling (with Amina – MWRC) By Appointment Only Tel: 0141 585 8026 (any time)</p> <p>Quran and Islamic Studies Dars (Urdu) Drop-in for men After Isha Contact: 07842-814653</p>
<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</p>						
<p style="text-align: center;">Evening Classes</p>						
<p>Children's Quran & Islamic Studies Boys & Girls (5-10): Qualified & Experienced (male and female) Scholars/Teachers 4 Days/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: 07854-506323 (£20 per month)</p>	<p>Table tennis Club By Booking only Tel: 07807673119 £8 per hour £15 per hour including badminton booking</p> <p>WEC Men's Badminton Club By Booking only Tel: 07807673119 £10 per hour, works out at £2.50 per person for doubles. Time: Maghrib-Isha</p>	<p>Interfaith Seminars 7PM-9PM, Third Sunday Bi-Monthly, See: WEC FB/website for dates (Free Event)</p> <p>WEC Youth Sports Club (Boys only, 12+) 7PM-9PM (Sports, meeting new friends & Islamic reminders) Tel: 07807-673119</p>	<p>Young Muslims (Girls only, 7-18) 6:30 - 8:30 pm (Islamic reminders and sports) Contact: Sr. Ammah Tel:07895366183</p> <p>Local MP/MSP & Councillor Surgeries 2nd Fri of each month Parliamentary Office Tel:0141 621 2080</p> <p>SQA Urdu Language (Basic to SQA Standard Higher & Adv) 5 - 6.30 pm Qualified & Experienced Teachers Tel: 07854-506323 (£10 per month)</p> <p>Quran Tajweed Separate classes for Men and Young Girls, 7.30-8.30PM. FREE</p>	<p>Islamic Course (Brothers and Sisters) Every Fortnight Sunday, From Maghrib till Isha (Covering: Lectures on Quran, Hadith & Contemporary Issues - Current topic: Ahl-ul-Bait - Family of Last Prophet) By: Shaykh Habib ur Rahman</p>	<p>Quran Tajweed (Talk in English) Winter: 1pm Summer: 2pm (brothers and sisters)</p> <p>Jumah Salat for School children Winter: 12.25 -12.40pm Summer: 3pm-3.20pm</p>	<p>WEC Young Believers (Boys & Girls: 5-11 years) Sun, 11AM-12.30PM. Course covers: Drama, Seerah, Islamic History & Art, Tajweed & Fiqh (in a fun environment) Tel: 07807673119 (£15 per month)</p>
<p>Daily Five Jamats - Daily Five Jamats: Download times from website / or times available at Centre</p>						