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Woodfarm Education Centre Newsletter

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

Finally: WEC is OURS!

After over two years of hard work, commitment and determination by the WEC Trustees and Volunteers and with the support of the wider community, WEC is finally OURS, alhamdulillah!.

To announce the news, Ken Macintosh MSP visited WEC at Jummah on Friday 21st September 2012 and congratulated the entire Muslim Community of East Renfrewshire for achieving this great success. He thanked the Trustees and volunteers for their determination in keeping with the project and seeing it through despite it sometimes being tough to do so and wished WEC success in the future.

Mr Mohammed Rashid, WEC Trustee Chair also thanked his fellow trustees and volunteers for their part in making WEC a success. He added his gratitude to the wider Muslim and non-Muslim community in ER including Jim Murphy MP, Ken Macintosh MSP and ER Council Leader, Councillor Jim Fletcher for their continued support.

WEC hosts its first ever Careers Convention

On Saturday, 29 September 2012 youngsters and parents from local East Renfrewshire Schools and from all over Glasgow attended inspiring presentations by representatives from Skills Development Scotland, Strathclyde Police, Fire and the NHS, followed by Advice & Information Stalls manned by Professionals from a range of popular careers.

Many thanks go out to all the Professional volunteers who spared their valuable time.

Eid Kids Mela raises over £2500 !

A very successful and enjoyable "Kids Eid Mela" was organised by the WEC Little Ones n Mums on 8th Sep 2012. Over £2,500 was raised for the Centre's Building Acquisition Appeal.

Commenting on the day, WEC Trustee & General Secretary Prof Amir Hussain said, "I would like to thank the whole WEC Mother & Toddler team and ALL the fabulous volunteers who helped out on the day. Last but not least, a big thank you to the local businesses who sponsored/donated food generously for the event.

Wing Chun underway

WEC "Wing-Chun" Martial Arts Classes have now started- following the very successful Wing-Chun Demo that was held on 9th September and attended by both brothers and sisters.

Weekly Wing-Chun classes run every Sunday from 11AM-12.30PM, though there are limited places. Discounts for families (first adult fee £20 per month, with second/adult or child £15 per month)

To sign up, please see http://wecwingchun.eventbrite.co.uk/ to reserve your place now.

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.

WEC Volunteers Sought

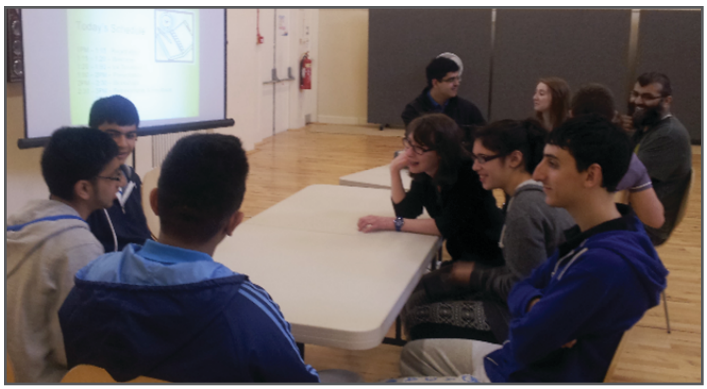
WEC is looking for people to become a WEC Volunteer and take up the many volunteering opportunities that are available for all - old and young, men and women.

Please contact WEC Manager, Shaukat Ali on 07807673119 to find out more information.

Another volunteering programme available is Young Ones for WEC 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 (Muslim and Non–Muslim) can benefit from. All members of Young Ones for WEC will be accredited by automatic submission for national accreditation in the form of Saltire Awards and for a WEC Award. Young Ones for WEC is opened up to both boys and girls and, is led by Usman Ali and Manaim Shah respectively.

For joining Young Ones for WEC or for more information email admin@woodfarmeducationcentre.org.uk

ER (multi-faith) DIVERSITY DAY 2012 is on Sunday 25th Nov 2012 at the Macabbi Centre, Giffnock – All Children and Young people are invited to take part. Visit WEC or its website to get more information.



WEC youngsters at the Youth Leaders meeting hosted at WEC on 9 Sep 2012 (to plan for the multi-faith ER Diversity Day)

Young Believers Class

Don't miss out on the weekend Young Believers Classes at WEC

see back for details

"EID 2012"

WEC Family Eid Dinner Party

Sun, 28 October 2012

From Maghrib (4.50PM) till Isha (7PM)
£20 donation per family (payable at door)

Book your place(s) by texting: 07807673119

or email: admin@woodfarmeducationcentre.org.uk

WEC seeks YOUR feedback – the Open Community Consultation continues…

WEC's Open Community Consultation was launched in Ramadhan 2012, and is continuing. Proposals are sought from the local Muslim and wider community on how the facility could be further utilized for serving their diverse needs. We are looking for ideas and proposals aimed at advancing the Trust's aims & objectives, and in particular, proposals for promoting religious and racial harmony. Please email/ contact WEC for a form.

Hiring WEC Facilities

WEC is a large detached building, located on 2 acre land with extensive (free) car parking facilities. 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 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. You can also find us on Facebook as well as by email: admin@woodfarmeducationcentre.org.uk

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Young and Old Walk For WEC 2012

Many thanks and very well done to all who braved the Scottish winds earlier today to conquer Ben A'an in the Trossachs mashaAllah! It was a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon with children as young as 5 (well done Yunus Amin and Yunus Shaikh!) who climbed with their Mums and Dads to reach the Summit - where brothers also gave the 'Azan' and read Zuhur Salat in congregation. Many thanks to Brothers Shaukat Ali and Umran Amin for leading the groups. For those who could not make it today, don't worry...this is the first of many WEC families fun expeditions, including for charity fund raising - watch this space for the next one inshaAllah!

NEW WEC Sports Clubs Started

A new sports club for young boys has taken off on Thursdays.
There is a variety of sports activities (including football, cricket, basketball, badminton and table tennis), fitness programme (strength & stamina) as well as other fun activities, followed by a short Islamic reminder.

The cost per Session is £2 with separate groups running for boys aged 12 – 15 and those aged 16 plus – every Thurs, 6.30PM-8PM
WEC is also accepting bookings for Badminton and Table Tennis Clubs. See Timetable on back page for pricing and contact details.

Feedback from the wider community

After being a speaker at the Islamic Banking and Ethical Finance event, Speaker and JGS Trust Secretary, Alistair McConnechie said: "***Let me say it was a pleasure to be there. I've dropped a letter in the post to you. For my part I don't have any suggestions of how it could be improved. Thanks for hosting the event and I hope there will be more events in the future.***"

Deputy ER Council Leader, Councillor Tony Buchanan visited WEC and attended an event. Afterwards he reflected: ***"Very worthwhile and informative presentations, a message for the future. Consider developing for wider audiences"***

Imam Habib Ur Rehman

Imam Habib Ur Rehman continues his weekly talks on a wide range of topics after Isha Salat on Sundays.

SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL OUR WEC VOLUNTEERS, SPONSORS AND SUPPORTERS

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

9 Ways to help YOUR Community Centre

1) Complete a Pledge Card (available from the Centre and on-line)
2) Fill out a Direct Debit / standing order form (also available on-line)
3) Donate in the Donation Boxes
4) Donate towards a Mussallaha for prayers (260 Musallahs left, at £250 each)
5) Donate for refurbished of Car Park (£10k), Heating System (£30k) or Roof repairs (£10k)
6) GET INVOLVED: Volunteer your time in helping in activities
7) Provide feedback by completing the WEC Open Community Consultation (2012) form
8) Hire the WEC facility (Halls, Rooms, kitchen)
9) Most importantly, remember us in your Du'as

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Activities Timetable (As of Nov'12)

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

SQA Maths & English Tutoring/ Revision Classes
(Primary to SQA Higher)
Qualified & Experienced Teachers
From £5 per hour
Contact: 07886-919084

Tuesday

Mothers & Toddlers
(with crèche facility)
10:30AM-12PM
Tel: 07890539445
£2 per Session

Quran Tajweed
(Pronounciation)
11AM-12noon (Sisters)
Qualified & Experienced Teacher
Tel: 07890539445
(£2.50 per Session or £10 for 4 week block)

Wednesday

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. Please contact: 07807673119 for further information.

Thursday

Friday

Juma Salat
(Talk in English)
Winter: 1pm
Summer: 2pm
(brothers and sisters)

Jumah Salat for School children
Winter: 12.25 -12.40pm
Summer: 3pm-3.20pm

Saturday

Urdu Tafseer-Quran
(Sisters)10-11am
Qualified and Experienced Teacher
Tel: 07842-814653

Young Believers
(Boys & Girls, 5-10 yrs)

Course Covers: Drama, Seerah, Islamic History & Art, Tajweed & Fiqh (in a fun environment)
Tel: 07807673119
(£15 per month)

Sunday

"Wing-Chun" Martial Arts
Every Sunday 11AM-12.30PM
Tel: 07807-673119
£20 per month (£15 for second adult/child)

Young Believers
(Boys only 11-18)
Course Covers: Arabic,Seerah, Tajweed, Fiqh & Sports
Tel: 07807673119
(£15 per month)

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

Evening Classes

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)

Badminton Club
By Booking only
Tel: 07807673119
£10 per hour, works out at £2.50 per person for doubles

Table tennis Club
By Booking only
Tel: 07807673119
£8 per hour
£15 per hour including badminton booking

Tafseer-Quran
English (Sisters)
6.30pm - 7.30pm
Qualified & Experienced Teacher

Basketball Club
By booking only, Tel: 07807673119, £15 /hr

Quran Tajweed
For Men After Isha
Qualified Teacher
Tel: 07842-814653

Open Community Evenings
(Meet your Muslim Neighbours for Tea at WEC)
7PM-8PM
Second Thursday of Each month (jointly with NewToIslam)
Contact: 07807673119
(Free)

WEC Youth Sports Club
(Boys only, 12+)
6.30PM-8PM
(Sports, meeting new friends & Islamic reminders)
Tel: 07807-673119

Young Muslims
(Girls only, 7-18)
6:30 - 8:30 pm
(Islamic reminders and sports)
Contact: Sr. Amnah
Tel:07895366183

Local MP/MSP & Councillor Surgeries
2nd Fri of each month
Parliamentary Office
Tel:0141 621 2080

SQA Urdu Language
(Basic to SQA Standard Higher & Adv)
5 - 6.30 pm Qualified & Experienced Teachers
Tel: 07761600677
(£10 per month)

Islamic Course

(Brothers and Sisters)
Every Sunday
After Isha Prayers
(Covering: Lectures on Quran, Hadith & Contemporary Issues)
By: Molana Habib ur Rahman
(Qualified Teacher and experienced Scholar)
Tel: 07807-673119

Individual, Family and Relationship Counselling
(with Amina – MWRC)
By Appointment Only
Tel: 0141 585 8026
(any time)

Drop-in
Quran and Islamic Studies Dars (Urdu)
for men After Isha
Contact: 07842-814653

Daily Five Jamats - Daily Five Jamats: Download times from website / or times available at Centre