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Woodfarm Education Centre

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

WEC's extension works continue

Alhamdulillah with the support & duaas of the community, WEC extension works started in January 2019. Copies of the extension plans & construction contract are available at WEC Office.

We appreciate your continuing support to fulfil the community's growing religious, educational & social needs. You can contribute to this sadaqah jariya (continuous charity) by **sponsoring a musalla** (prayer space) for £250 each. **Fundraising target** is £75,000.

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. This will also allow the Centre to expand its prayer space; iSyllabus school classes; Mini Marvels (Mother & Toddler Group); dawah & sports activities in sha Allah.

The Trust has designed a beautiful & 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 & eco-friendly design in sha Allah.



COVID-19 Update

We hope that all of our community members are keeping safe within their homes during this difficult time. If any of our WEC neighbours or users require any assistance with food shopping or collecting medicines, our volunteers are ready to help. Please let us know by contacting us on **07759099444** or email admin@woodfarmeducation.org.uk

Due to ongoing restrictions & limited space, owing to ongoing extension works, the Centre can currently only accommodate up to 25 users. Our weekly Jummah congregations have resumed, with 4 Jamaats for brothers only. Given the limited availability, users are requested to register for a place for Jummah Salah via Eventbrite (see website or FB page). Due to the ongoing pandemic, we continue to ask those aged 65+ & those with serious health conditions to pray at home.

New WEC YouTube channel

Our YouTube channel, *Woodfarm Education Centre*, has been launched to allow us to continue safely serving the community during this unique time a& unfortunate pandemic. Please [subscribe](#) for spiritual advice & to hear weekly Jummah khutbahs. Also follow our [Facebook](#) page for online classes & activities.



Donate Today

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.



Green Guardians Climate Challenge: new CCF funded project

MashAllah our WEC Green Guardians climate change project began in April 2020. We have in place a new **Green Guardians** team for this new project & we are currently working from home due to the current pandemic & government restrictions.

Once it's safe to do so, we will return to the Centre & you will surely see our Green Guardians team around the Centre, so feel free to interact with them. In the meantime, you keep a lookout for ongoing & upcoming events through our Facebook page. We have also created a new Instagram account & are available on Twitter.

2020-22 Project Activities *after* Lockdown

Once it is safe enough our existing activities will resume, which will be accompanied with some new activities:

- Quarterly Community Saturday's
- Community growing space
- Community Fridge
- Community Tool Library
- Cookery workshops
- Recipe cards are available on our Green Guardians Facebook page
- Green Champions volunteer programme
- Carbon Ready Classroom training for schools
- Climate Cinema movie nights
- Annual Summer & Easter clubs
- Annual harvest feast/Food Fair
- Swap Shop
- Weekly sewing club & combined Repair Café
- Weekly cycle club, cycle training & cycle rides
- Nature appreciation walks
- Free day trips via public transport
- Free bike hire

Green Guardians YouTube Channel

The Green Guardians team also has a new YouTube channel, **Green Guardians**, as they are unable to deliver their weekly community climate change activities due to the threat of the pandemic. [Subscribe](#) for online tutorials & activities you can do from home.



CCF project Volunteers awarded the Climate Hero Awards

The 'Bringing East-Renfrewshire Back to Basics' project delivered a variety of events to help the community increase understanding of climate change & move towards low carbon living. The Climate Hero Awards recognised the achievements of volunteers at Climate Challenge Fund Gathering 2019. We are delighted that two of Our Green Guardians team volunteers were among the selected 20 Climate Heroes from across Scotland. Sajda Raza won the CCF Food Heroes award and Rashida Omar won the CCF Community Impact Heroes award.

Sajda Raza

Sajda works full-time and has family commitments, but after taking part in Green Guardians project activities, found time to work as a volunteer. She was instrumental in helping to start a collection of unsold food from a local Greggs shop.

"Being involved in volunteering has allowed me to be able to talk about climate change and social responsibility from an actively engaged point of view rather than as a spectator." - Sajda

Rashida Omar

Rashida has not only made positive changes to her own life as a result of volunteering at Green Guardians workshops, but inspired others to do the same. She has undertaken cycle training to lead rides and inspired others to attend workshops and awareness sessions

"My outlook towards the world has changed... So, I can say proudly to my next generation that I tried." - Rashida



Fozia Razaq

Fozia has a busy home life, but also finds the time to setup the Swap Shop & run sewing workshops. She first participated in the Sewing Club as a crafts enthusiast & has gained knowledge about the environmental impact of textiles. She produces amazing upcycled garments & also inspires others to take part in events & workshops.

Sign up to our **WhatsApp groups** for growing, sewing, cooking & cycling by emailing info@greenguardians.co.uk Please indicate which group(s) you wish to be added to.

WEC Activities & Achievements

What's on for women?

- WEC Ladies Quran Tajweed Classes: Tuesdays 10-11am (Urdu) & 7-8pm (English)
- Female Yoga classes: Wednesday – Thursday mornings, 9:30-10:45am
- WEC Mini Marvels (Mother & Toddler Group): Thursdays, 11-12:30pm
- Sewing Café: Mondays at 9:30am. Contact emma@greenguardians.co.uk

Please note: Activities will resume after the current pandemic is safely over.

Discrete marriage intro service

We continue to provide a free marriage service to introduce potential spouses. We only facilitate introductions for people. To register your interest please email: marriageintro@woodfarmeducationcentre.org.uk

Monthly family dinners with Iman Zain ul-Aebdin

The last two family dinners have focused on fundamental issues applicable to the wider community, including ethics of Dealings and a Meet the Imam special. Usually on the first Saturday of every second month. Keep a look out on the WEC Facebook page for updates on the next family dinner.

iSyllabus for Schools

Alhamdulillah we have been running iSyllabus for Schools for the past 5 years and last year ran all 5 years. This year, we ran the course for children aged 10+

Annual Summer School

Our oversubscribed Summer School which ran from 29 July – 2 August 2019 was a great success. The children thoroughly enjoyed learning about the seerah of our blessed Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him), as well as partaking in a range of arts & crafts & sports activities, including cycle training workshops, cycle rides & growing - as part of our CCF funded project.

Things to remember when travelling to WEC

Please remember to car share where possible, to allow more people to access the Centre and reduce any disturbance to our neighbours. You will also 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.

Another successful CCF funded project

As our 'Bringing East-Renfrewshire Back to Basics' project came to a close in March, we are pleased to share with you the successes of our project. We could not have achieved these amazing outcomes without the help of each of our volunteers & every community member who joined in with our workshops & activities.

- **259** lifetime tonnes of CO₂e saved through all strands of the project
- **865** people engaged in climate change awareness activities
- **223** people actively involved in the project
- **107** workshops delivered through the project
- **32** climate conversations run with the community
- **9** events held during the project
- **30** training courses delivered during the project
- **278** volunteer hours given to the project
- **30** volunteers on the project
- **6** local high schools involved in the project
- **35.3cm²** of growing space revived at the Centre
- **73** households started growing or composting at home
- **75kgs** of home grown food produced by growers
- **1,140kgs** of unsold food from Gregg's distributed to the community
- **32.1 tonnes** of textiles and other waste diverted from landfill
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- **54 tonnes** of food waste diverted from landfill
- **13.4 tonnes** of car emission saved from sustainable travel
- **217.5** miles increased through walking and cycling



Activities Timetable (as of Feb'20) 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.

Note: Activities will resume after the Coronavirus pandemic, & when it is safe enough to do so.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<i>Morning/Daytime</i>						
<p>Repair Café & Sewing Club Free sessions 09:30am-12:30pm Organised by Green Guardians & volunteers Contact: 07913720963 for times</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>Cycle Training Free cycle training & organised rides by Green Guardians & volunteers, with free bike hire Contact: 07913720963 for bookings & times</p>		<p>WEC Mini Marvels (Mother & toddler) 11:00- 12:30pm Tel: 07702796349 £2/session</p>	<p>Jumah Salat (Talk in English) Winter (4 jamats): 12.30pm, 12.50pm, 1.10pm and 1.30pm Summer: 2:00pm (<i>brothers and sisters</i>)</p> <p>Jumah Salat for School children Winter: 12:30pm -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>Do not 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 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>WEC iSyllabus School iSyllabus for Schools 11-15 years (<i>boys & girls</i>) 6:30-9:00pm £150 per year per student Register for Y1 & Y2 by emailing: admin@woodfarmeducationcentre.org.uk Limited places!</p>	<p>WEC iSyllabus School iSyllabus for Schools 11-15 year old (<i>boys and girls</i>) 6:30-9:00pm 2020-21 classes running via Zoom Register for Y1 & Y2 by emailing WEC iSyllabus for School coordinator at: admin@woodfarmeducationcentre.org.uk Limited places!</p> <p>Interfaith Seminars See WEC FB/website for dates (Free Event)</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 Young Believers 5:00-6:45pm 7-12 years (<i>boys & girls</i>) £80 per year per child Register by emailing: admin@woodfarmeducationcentre.org.uk Limited places!</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>
<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>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>						

This timetable is subject to change - please check our website/Facebook page regularly for updates.

You can also **join the WEC mailing list** to receive updates by emailing your contact details to: admin@woodfarmeducationcentre.org.uk **Volunteers always welcome!**
Contact WEC admin via email for details of current on-line classes (including for WEC Children's Quran and Islamic Studies and iSyllabus for Schools)

Daily Short Reminders (in English): by WEC Imam Zain Ul-Abedin 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 Through 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