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

Fundraising ongoing as WEC gets go ahead to build Extension

Alhamdulillah! Following East Renfrewshire Council's historic approval of our planning permission application to extend the community facility, building warrants have 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 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 insha'Allah. Copies of up-to-date charity accounts are available from WEC (and online)

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; I-syllabus School classes; Mother and Toddler Group; dawah and sports activities.

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.

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.

WEC volunteer Usman Ali appointed Queen's Young Leader

Last June, Her Majesty the Queen appointed Usman Ali as Queen's Young Leader of the United Kingdom and as Scotland's Queen's Young Leader. The ceremony took place at Buckingham Palace.



Usman is the only young Scottish person to have been appointed to be one of the 240 young leaders working across the Commonwealth.

WEC successful again as Quran class children win prizes at Inter Islamic School competition

Big congratulations to the children who took part in the competition. Umair Khan won the first prize in speaking & Romman Shahrukh won the first prize in recitation. Our Nasheed group was made up of: Arooj Bashir, Aiza Tahir, Ayesha Noor, Mariyam Bashir & Faizah Ahmed.



Ramadan and Eid Highlights 2018

- Don't forget our late night (tahajjud) prayers during the last 10 nights of Ramadan
- 2nd jumah for school children every Friday at 3:00pm
- Our first ever annual Ramadan Harvest Community Feast & annual Eid Festival Saturday 23rd June 2018
- ER Diversity Day Thursday 6th September 2018
- Annual WEC Summer school will run from 23-27 July 2018. Pre-register at: admin@woodfarmeducationcentre.org.uk

Bringing East-Renfrewshire Back to Basics: New major CCF funded WEC Project

MashAllah our new WEC Green Guardians climate change project successfully launched on 12th May 2018. You will continue to see our Green Guardians team around the Centre over the next two years inshaa'Allah. Thank you to all 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 project. Following on from our previous Newsletter we are pleased to announce the following community activities over the coming year – inshaa'Allah!



- Annual Ramadan Harvest feasts.
- Our highly popular Summer Club will be returning along with an Easter club.
- Our weekly Sewing Club will continue after Ramadan, come along to learn new skills, socialise & revive your old but loved items with Zsara. Contact Zsara@greenguardians.co.uk
- Keep an eye out for our new Repair Café.
- Swap Shops will be returning at the Centre to allow you to swap unwanted items.
- Maintaining our community growing space outside.
- Learn how to grow your own organic vegetables & compost within your own & garden with Brian, who will come to your home.
- Keep a look out for our exciting new Food Fair & Food Sharing hub.
- Monthly cookery classes to learn how to use your leftover & short-dated foods.
- We will be welcoming back our Nature Appreciation Walks.
- Regular ongoing community organised cycle rides with free bike hire.
- Become a Community Cyclist & we will train you for free, with the help of Fatima.
- Encouragement of car sharing or alternative modes of travel to the Centre as part of our green travel scheme.

Calling all School and University Leavers...

You're fast approaching the end of school, whether you will be going off to University, entering into an apprenticeship, going into work or taking time out for travelling to explore the wonders of this beautiful world; we can offer you some great experiences & skills through our well-structured Volunteer program. Become a leading **Sustainability Champion** through this exciting new program, earn a reference, **Saltire Awards** recognition, and **stand out from the crowd on your UCAS application**. Join us in creating a better environment.

Volunteer with us!

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

 Facebook: [/GreenGuardiansSuperHeroes](https://www.facebook.com/GreenGuardiansSuperHeroes)
 Twitter: [@GreenGuardians1](https://twitter.com/GreenGuardians1)

WEC CCF Project outcomes (2018-20):

Community:

- ☞ Engage 20 people in the first year and 30 people in the second year to actively grow and use their own produce at home, through home garden visits with personal tailored plans.
- ☞ Inspire 60 secondary school pupils to champion sustainability within their environment and future careers, through a semi-formal volunteer program providing climate change education along with practical skills to enhance employability and University applications.

CO2e:

- ☞ Create CO2e reduction of 844.74 lifetime tonnes through advancing and sustaining the cycle community and reduce car travel; via the training of 8 key community Centre volunteers as Cycle Trainers/Ride Leaders.
- ☞ Create CO2e reduction of 15.59 lifetime tonnes, associated with textiles and textile waste, in the WEC community by targeting 200 community users through weekly Sewing Clubs/Repair Cafés over the two-year period.
- ☞ Cut CO2e by 45 lifetime tonnes in the WEC community by targeting 50 community users, through a focus on home composting and redistribution of short dated foods, through personalised tailored home garden visits.
- ☞ Cut CO2e by 36.8 lifetime tonnes in the community by targeting 145 community users, through a focus on food waste reduction, via monthly cookery and carbon food choices workshops over 24 months.



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: Fatima.rahman@greenguardians.co.uk



WEC Activities & Achievements

What's on for ladies?

- WEC Ladies Quran Tajweed Classes: Tuesdays, 10am-11:00am (Urdu) & 7pm-8.30pm (English)
- Female Yoga classes: Wednesday – Thursday mornings, 9:30-10:45am
- WEC Mini Marvels (Mother & Toddler Group): Thursdays, 11am-12.30pm

WEC's monthly family dinners continue with Iman Zain ul-Aebdin

The last two family dinners have focussed on fundamental issues applicable to the wider community, including caring & selflessness in Islam & our annual Ramadan family dinner. Usually on the first Saturday every month. Keep a look out on the WEC Facebook page for updates on the next monthly dinner.

Annual WEC Summer school

Our oversubscribed WEC Summer School 2017, with 50+ children, was a great success. The children thoroughly enjoyed learning about the important Muslim figures in Islamic history as well as partaking in a range of arts & crafts and activities, including cycling & partaking in the creation of a coming book - as part of our CCF funded activities.

We would like to thank our very own Green Guardians team at the Centre & our dedicated WEC volunteers for all their hard work.

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.

Sewing Café on Mondays

Join us at our Sewing Cafe at 9.30am on Mondays, where you can learn how to sew or have some very talented members of our Sewing Club help you with any clothing conundrums that you might have. Contact zsara@greenguardians.co.uk for any queries.



Another successful CCF funded project

As our 'Healthy Living & Sustaining East Renfrewshire 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.

Our Achievements (2017-18):

- **38.778 tonnes of CO2e** saved through all strands of the project
- **1,257** people engaged in our climate change awareness activities
- **367** people upskilled through the project
- **285 activity hours** during the project
- **64 volunteer** hours given
- **168** workshops delivered
- **488** people who pledged to make small changes to make a big difference
- **120** members took part in activity clubs
- **117.42kg** of textiles have been diverted from landfill
- **286.764kg** of other waste have been diverted from landfill
- **56,889.09** miles reduced through activities from the project



Activities Timetable (as of April '18) 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
<i>Morning/Daytime</i>						
<p>Repair Café & Sewing Club Free sessions organised by Zsara & volunteers Contact: 07400005483 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 Fatima & volunteers, with free bike hire Contact: 07493485639 for bookings & times</p>	<p>WEC Ladies & Young Girls Yoga Classes (Weds & Thurs 9:30:00-10.45am) Qualified & experienced instructor £4/drop-in Session Tel: 07787987661</p>	<p>WEC Ladies & Young Girls Yoga Classes (Weds & Thurs 9:30:00-10.45am) Qualified & experienced instructor £4/drop-in Session Tel: 07787987661</p> <p>WEC Mini Marvels (Mother & toddler) 11:00- 12:30pm Tel: 07702796349 £2/session</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 & Councillor 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 year old <i>9boys and girls</i> 6:30-9:00pm 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>9boys and girls</i> 6:30-9:00pm Register for Y1 & Y2 by emailing: 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 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 for receiving updates by emailing your contact details to: admin@woodfarmeducationcentre.org.uk (Volunteers always welcome!)

Daily Short Reminders (in English): by WEC Imam: Shaykh 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 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