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Woodfarm Education Centre

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

WEC extension works started!

Alhamdulillah! With the support & duas 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 £600,000 .

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.



Owners of the WEC Grounds

We would also like to give the community the excellent news that, by the grace of Allah, we now own the WEC building & its grounds, following the recent East Renfrewshire Council Cabinet's approval of the Board's proposal. We would like to extend our thanks to the elected members and officers of East Renfrewshire Council as well as our MP and MSP for their continued support.



Donate Today



WEC is seeking your urgent donations for its Building Extension Appeal

£250 can sponsor one of 1,000 available Musallahs

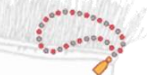


Following planning permission from East Renfrewshire Council, WEC needs your urgent support to:

- 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.



Ramadan & Eid Highlights 2019

- WEC Khatam-e-Quran programme (for the whole family) on 28th Ramadan
- WEC Eid Jamaats: 7:30am, 9.45am & 10.45am. Talks start 30minutes before. Families welcome. Sadaqat-ul-Fitr: £4 per person
- 2nd jumah for school children every Friday at 3:00pm
- Our first ever annual Ramadan Harvest Community Feast will be on Saturday 14 September 2019
- ER Diversity Day Thursday 5 September 2019
- Annual WEC Summer school will run from 22-26 July 2019. Theme: Seerah of our blessed Prophet (Peace be upon on Him). Pre-register at: admin@woodfarmeducationcentre.org.uk

Bringing East- Renfrewshire Back to Basics



Sewing Club



Cycling Club



Growing



Cookery Workshop



Swap Shop

MashAllah our WEC Green Guardians climate change project successfully launched on 12th May 2018. We have had a successful first year & are running into our second year of funding. You will continue to see our Green Guardians team around the Centre so feel free to interact with them. Thank you to all who attended our end of year celebration & keep a lookout for ongoing & upcoming events through our Facebook page.

CCF Project 1-Year celebration event

On Saturday 16th March 2019 we held our CCF project Celebration at Woodfarm Education Centre. We had an afternoon of family activities including upcycling workshops, Climate Cinema, planting & more.

We want to thank our community members for attending & making this event a great success. We also want to thank our volunteers & Green Champions who helped organise & manage the event. We couldn't have managed this without their help.

Community Days & Cookery Workshops

We have been running a community day & cookery workshop on the first Saturday of every month, the latest one was held on 16th March 2019. These have been well-received within our WEC community. Our community days will be running once every three months, & cookery workshops will continue to run every month.

Spring Holiday Club

We held our annual Easter club this year from 1st-4th April. Children took part in growing vegetables and gardening, cycling training and rides around the park, upcycling fabric and paper marbling for plastic tubs and cans and a cooking workshop in which they made vegetarian sushi.

Recipe Cards

We have created several recipe cards available on our Green Guardians Facebook page. These recipes look to use leftover &/or homegrown foods. You can find them on our Green Guardians Facebook page. Let us know how you get on.

Swap Shop Box

Have you seen the Swap Shop Box at the reception? Drop in any items you would like to donate and pick up anything you like from our Swap Shop.

Our Volunteers

We are enjoying working with our Green Champions who are part of our volunteer programme.

WEC awarded the Sustainable Transport award at CCF awards



The Healthy Living and Sustaining East Renfrewshire project included initiatives to increase levels of sustainable travel with provision of cycle skills training, walking clubs and promotion of available public transport. The project delivered a variety of events to help the community increase understanding of climate change & move towards low carbon living.

The Awards Panel praised this project for the outstanding levels of community consultation and involvement. The Panel also commended the impressive outreach activities to facilitate & inspire a variety of sustainable travel.



Community Fridge

We would like to announce a new member of the Green Guardians team, our Community Fridge! We have been taking donations of unsold food from Greggs in Thornliebank at the end of each night, which would normally be put in the bin. We would love it if you could volunteer to help us collect & sort these food items to help keep this food out of landfill.

In our first week we have taken and distributed 437 separate items of food, weighing just under 39kg. That's around half the body weight of an adult and enough to fill around half of your wheelie bin at home.

Free Bike Hire

We have been running a cycle club for our community members to learn how to ride a bike & go on cycle rides. Our ladies had been really awesome! They have proved that neither age, weather nor pain can stop them from coming out & enjoying the sessions.

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

 Facebook: /GreenGuardiansSuperHeroes

 Twitter: @GreenGuardians1



WEC Activities & Achievements

Monthly Family Dinners with Iman Zain ul-Aebdin

The last two family dinners have focused on fundamental issues applicable to the wider community, including charity in Islam, caring & our annual Ramadan family dinner. 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.

Annual WEC Summer School

Our oversubscribed Summer School which ran from 23-27th July 2018, with over 50 children, 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.

Sewing Café on Mondays

Join us at our Sewing Cafe at 09:30am 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 meray@greenguardians.co.uk for any queries.



WEC's discrete & free Marriage Intro Service

We launched our service in June 2018 to introduce potential spouses. We only facilitate introductions for people. To register your interest please email: marriageintro@woodfarmeducationcentre.org.uk

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.

WEC awarded £2,500 from Thornliebank Together public fund by ER Council



The public living, working, volunteering or attending a school in Thornliebank voted for their favourite projects to be awarded £2,500 out of £25,000 from public money. Woodfarm Education Centre was one of ten winners out of a total of 20 projects.

This money will go towards supporting the CCF funded project in installing a new bike shelter, cycles and secure cycle storage unit for the community centre users in part of building a cycling culture within East Renfrewshire. A range of cycles are already available for free hire to use by any of the centre's users.

ER Diversity Day 2018



On September 6 2018, Woodfarm Education Centre was represented by an Islamic stall at the East Renfrewshire Diversity Day. We saw students from different faiths come together to learn about different religions.

At WEC's Islamic stall, children were able to try a hijab, make their own prayer beads, learn about pillars of Islam & try Arabic Calligraphy.

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

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)

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| <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 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 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>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 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> | | | | | | |

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.

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