



Meeting Agenda

Location: National Zakat Foundation, 41 Fieldgate Street, Whitechapel, E1 1JU

Date: Tuesday 8 May 2018

Time: 6pm – 8pm

Attendees: Alan Green, Leon Silver, Jan McHarry, Sufia Alam, Nathaniel Roos, Christine Hall, Ingrid Cuickshank, Sigrid Werner, Tasha Critchlow and Ram Chandra Saha.

Apologies: Lis Gutteridge, Daniel Range, Anam Hoque and Sonya Sier.

I. Welcome – Alan Green, Chair

II. A.G.M Voting - Alan Green, Chair

Any person can stand to be in the steering committee (there are five available places including the Chair). The only people who can vote are those who have attended at least two meetings within the last two years.

Nominations for Chair:

Alan Green - six votes

Nominations for steering committee:

Leon Silver - one vote

Jan McHarry - one vote

Sufia Alam - one vote

III. Hate crime analysis and regular report – MET Police

- Racist incidents - over the last twelve weeks, we have the fourth highest number, but quite a few reduced incidents. This is an improvement on position, we have historically had
- We have the second largest reduction in racist hate crime.
- Faith - For 12 weeks, we have the 17th highest in the MET which is a positive.

➤ **Action for Ingrid: To speak to counter parts in Newham to compare crime rates**

➤ **Action for Ram: To email Ingrid regarding the Sikh hate crime video (with the link)**

➤ **Action for Ingrid: To find out what is happening to the fact that Ramadan is approached (find numbers)**

Contact details are below:

Faith Officer: PC Shay Miah – shihab.miah@met.pnn.police.uk

Hate Crime Office: PC Lee Hawkins - lee.hawkins@met.police.uk

IV. Response to social integration strategy - Iqbal Raakin, Tower Hamlets Council

- There needs to be more strength of leadership (hasn't been defined what they mean by leadership)
- Providing more things about ESAU classes
- Education for young people - they've highlighted forms
- Boosting English language - key barrier to social integration
- We will highlight: in TH we believe English language is important and support isn't enough
- Place in communities -
- Increasing economic opportunities (Especially BME women) - culture of barriers. Cultural barriers
- Rights and freedom (particularly relating to THIFF)
- Social integration is a two-way street - you have to focus on the host community. We value the contributions from different backgrounds
- Measuring success - having indicators to measure how we are doing
- Not to use the word integration - the focus needs to be more on community integration

V. General and committed information share

- Festival of Communities in Stepney Green Park, Saturday 12 May - THIFF will have a stand
- Summer Fair at the Cemetery Park - Saturday 30 June
- Sunday 29th July - Festival for Human Excellence (Logan Hall, Central London) -get details from Alan, 11am-7pm
- New chair at London Buddhist Centre, Surya Gupta who took over in March) at London Buddhist Centre to join us for October meeting - Jan McHarry to confirm

VI. AOB

Faith calendars have been redesigned with correct Jewish dates. Alan is talking to libraries and Idea

EqualiTeach (no place for hate project) - addressing the issues of islamophobia (worked with primary and secondary schools) - they have made films of their work. Sufia will give Alan more details.

Next meeting: Tuesday 10 July 2018, 6pm – 8pm, venue TBC