# INTRODUCING LAJNA IMA'ILLAH THE AHMADIYYA MUSLIM WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION UK



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#### INTRODUCTION

THE AHMADIYYA MUSLIM WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION, ALSO KNOWN AS LAJNA IMA'ILLAH (MAID SERVANTS OF ALLAH), IS THE WOMEN'S AUXILIARY ORGANISATION OF THE AHMADIYYA MUSLIM COMMUNITY.

IT WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1922 BY THE SECOND SUCCESSOR TO THE PROMISED MESSIAH (PEACE BE ON HIM) HIS HOLINESS HAZRAT MIRZA BASHIRUDDIN MAHMUD AHMAD (MAY ALLAH BE PLEASED WITH HIM). IT IS AN EMPOWERED WOMEN'S ORGANISATION WHOSE MAIN GOAL IS TO PROMOTE RELIGIOUS AND SECULAR EDUCATION AMONGST WOMEN AND TO SUPPORT THOSE LACKING IN THESE AREAS AND HELP THEM IN THE SPIRIT OF SISTERHOOD.



"ASIDE FROM GAINING PERSONAL AND SPIRITUAL KNOWLEDGE, HENCEFORTH THE SUCCESSFUL PROGRESS OF THE COMMUNITY IS ALSO DEPENDENT ON EFFORTS BY WOMEN."

HIS HOLINESS HAZRAT MIRZA BASHIRUDDIN MAHMUD AHMAD (MAY ALLAH BE PLEASED WITH HIM) FOUNDER OF THE AHMADIYYA MUSLIM WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

#### **OUR FLAG**

THE CRESCENT IS A SIGN OF A NEW ERA IN THE SPIRITUAL DARKNESS OF MODERN AGES AND THE SIX-Pointed Star Denotes Six articles of the Islamic Faith, Namely, Belief in one god, his angels, his books, his prophets, the day of resurrection and divine decree. The white minaret represents the full filled prophecy arout the promised messiah (peace

BE UPON HIMD. THE SUN RISING FROM THE WEST DENOTES THE SUCCESS OF ISLAM AHMADIYYAT IN THE WESTERN WORLD AS PROPHESIED BY THE HOLY PROPHET MUHAMMAD (PEACE AND BLESSINGS OF ALLAH BE UPON HIM).

THE OASIS SYMBOLISES MOTHERHOOD AND THE THREE DATE TREES REPRESENT THREE BLESSED WOMEN, HAJIRA, MARY AND AMINA (MAY ALLAH BE PLEASED WITH THEM), WHO GAVE BIRTH IN THE DESERT TO THREE PROPHETS OF GOD; PROPHET ISHMAEL, PROPHET JESUS (PEACE BE UPON THEM BOTH) AND THE HOLY PROPHET MUHAMMAD (PEACE AND

BLESSINGS OF ALLAH BE UPON HIM).



### A BRIEF HISTORY

1922



THE AHMADIYYA MUSLIM WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION
IS THE FIRST AUXILIARY FOUNDED IN THE
AHMADIYYA MUSLIM COMMUNITY

THE AHMADIYYA MUSLIM WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION BEGAN WITH 14 MEMBERS IN QADIAN, INDIA

1939



HIS HOLINESS HAZRAT MIRZA BASHIRUDDIN
MAHMUD AHMAD (MAY ALLAH BE PLEASED WITH HIM)
HOISTED THE FLAG FOR THE AHMADIYYA MUSLIM
WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION FOR THE FIRST TIME

1926



THE FAZL MOSQUE IS THE FIRST EVER MOSQUE TO BE BUILT IN LONDON AND WAS FUNDED BY CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE AHMADIYYA MUSLIM WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

# 1957



THE AHMADIYYA MUSLIM WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION
IS OFFICIALLY ESTABLISHED IN THE UK WITH
34 MEMBERS ON RECORD, ALTHOUGH ITS
PRINCIPLES HAD BEEN FOLLOWED FOR DECADES
PREVIOUSLY BY AHMADI MUSLIM WOMEN

2020



THE AHMADIYYA MUSLIM WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION IS REGISTERED AS A CHARITY WITH MORE THAN 11,000 MEMBERS IN THE UK

# 2019



THE AHMADIYYA MUSLIM WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION ESTABLISHES IT'S NEW UK HEADQUARTERS, IWAN E NUSRAT JAHAN IN FARNHAM, ENGLAND

2022





CELEBRATING 100 YEARS, THE AHMADIYYA MUSLIM WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION SUPPORTS THE Construction of a maternity Hospital in Sierra Leone

### **OUR WORK**

#### ALL OUR WORK STEMS FROM SPIRITUAL EDUCATION AND MORAL TRAINING









"THE AHMADIYYA MUSLIM WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION UK ALSO INCLUDES AHMADI MUSLIM WOMEN OF AFRICAN ORIGIN LIVING IN THE UK. TOGETHER WITH OUR OWN PROGRAMMES AND ACTIVITIES WHICH ARE ORGANISED THROUGH THE PAN AFRICAN AHMADIYYA MUSLIM ASSOCIATION UK (PAAMA) AND INCLUDE REACHING OUT TO AFRICANS OUTSIDE OUR FOLD, CHARITY WORK AND PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT EVENTS, WE ALSO WORK IN THE SPIRIT OF SISTERHOOD WITH THE AHMADIYYA MUSLIM WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION UK FOR THE ALL-ROUND COMMON GOOD OF EVERY MEMBER. THIS COLLABORATION BRINGS RENEWED SPIRIT, MUTUAL RESPECT AND ENERGY WHICH CONTINUES TO IMPACT POSITIVELY ON SPIRITUAL AND SECULAR PROGRESS, DEVELOPMENT AND INTEGRATION. WE LIVE AND DEMONSTRATE OUR SLOGAN OF 'LOVE FOR ALL HATRED FOR NONE' IRRESPECTIVE OF ANY DIFFERENCE; SUPPORTING, HELPING AND SHARING GOOD PRACTICES ACROSS DIFFERENT RACES AND CULTURES."

MRS FAOSAT SANNI, PRESIDENT, PAAMA WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

"THE SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS & DISABILITY (SEND) COMMITTEE IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE WORK OF THE AHMADIYYA MUSLIM WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION IN THE UK. ITS MAIN PURPOSE IS TO RAISE AWARENESS AND PROVIDE TRAINING TO ENSURE THE INCLUSION AND SUPPORT OF CHILDREN AND ADULTS AFFECTED BY SEND. THE SEND NETWORK OF SUPPORT HAS BEEN A REAL BLESSING FOR ME AND MY FAMILY. IT HAS MADE ME REALISE I AM NOT ALONE. REGULAR EVENTS AND WORKSHOPS ARE HELD AT NATIONAL, REGIONAL AND LOCAL LEVELS, PROVIDING MOTHERS LIKE MYSELF WITH INVALUABLE AND MUCH NEEDED GUIDANCE AND SUPPORT. HEARING THE EXPERIENCES OF OTHERS GIVES ME COURAGE AND OPTIMISM. I HAVE LEARNT SO MUCH THROUGH THE WORK OF SEND WHICH I COULD NEVER HAVE LEARNT ON MY OWN. I WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING QUOTE I SAW ON ONE OF THEIR POSTERS 'IT'S NOT A DISABILITY, IT'S A DIFFERENT ABILITY'"

AMTUL QUDDOOS KHAN, MEMBER OF THE AHMADIYYA MUSLIM WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION UK SEND COMMITTEE









"THE AHMADIYYA MUSLIM WOMENS ASSOCIATION UK HAS BEEN A GREAT SOURCE OF PEACE IN MY LIFE. I COME FROM A NON-MUSLIM BACKGROUND AND ACCEPTING AHMADIYYAT HAS ELEVATED MY SPIRITUAL LIFE. I HAVE BEEN NURTURED AT EVERY STEP OF MY JOURNEY AND HAVE ALSO LEARNT TO READ THE HOLY QURAN IN ARABIC. THERE IS A SEPARATE DEPARTMENT THAT LOOKS AFTER NEW AHMADI SISTERS, DEVELOPING THEIR RELIGIOUS KNOWLEDGE AND HELPING THEM TO INTEGRATE CULTURALLY AND SOCIALLY. I HAVE ALSO BEEN SUPPORTED BY WONDERFUL AHMADI LADIES WHO LIVE IN MY LOCALITY. I AM INSPIRED BY THE WORK OF THE AHMADI WOMEN IN THE UK WHO TRULY EXEMPLIFY 'LOVE FOR ALL, HATRED FOR NONE'."

MARIYAH. A NEW AHMADI SISTER

"ISLAM TEACHES US THAT THE PURSUIT OF KNOWLEDGE IS A RESPONSIBILITY UPON EVERY MUSLIM, MAN AND WOMAN. THE AHMADIYYA MUSLIM WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION HAS A DEDICATED STUDENTS AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT WHICH PROVIDES EDUCATIONAL, PASTORAL AND CAREER-ORIENTED SUPPORT TO GIRLS FROM GCSE TO PHD LEVEL. THROUGH A SERIES OF WORKSHOPS, SEMINARS AND CAREER FAIRS, STUDENTS ARE GUIDED IN EVERY ASPECT OF THEIR EDUCATIONAL JOURNEY. THE AHMADIYYA MUSLIM WOMEN'S STUDENTS ASSOCIATION (AMSWA) HAVE STUDENT SOCIETIES IN OVER 25 UNIVERSITIES ACROSS THE UK WHERE GIRLS CAN ORGANISE THEIR OWN ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS, SHARING SKILLS AND EXPERIENCES. AMWSA HAS BEEN AN INVALUABLE SUPPORT THROUGHOUT MY STUDENT LIFE, ESPECIALLY WHEN DECIDING TO PURSUE A CAREER IN MEDICINE. I FEEL SO BLESSED TO HAVE THE SUPPORT OF THIS SISTERHOOD WHICH ALSO SERVES AS A CONSTANT REMINDER TO ME OF MY DUTIES TO SERVE MY FAITH AND TO SERVE HUMANITY" SIDRA GINY, MEDICAL STUDENT AND SERVING PRESIDENT OF AMSWA

### **SERVING HUMANITY**

"THE HUMANITARIAN WORK CONDUCTED BY THE AHMADIYYA MUSLIM COMMUNITY IS RENDERED ENTIRELY
SELFLESSLY AND WITHOUT ANY DESIRE FOR WORLDLY REWARD. THIS IS NOT ONLY BECAUSE IT IS A
BASIC MORAL OBLIGATION TO HELP OTHERS BUT ALSO DUE TO THE FACT THAT SERVING HUMANITY IS AN
ESSENTIAL PART OF OUR FAITH AS MUSLIMS."

HIS HOLINESS HAZRAT MIRZA MASROOR AHMAD (MAY ALLAH BE HIS HELPER)

£14.000 +

RAISED FOR WOMEN'S AID

£21,000 +

RAISED FOR Grenfell Victims £32.000+

RAISED TO Support foodbanks

£17,800+

RAISED FOR Leukaemia care uk £55,000+

RAISED FOR Orphan fund 633+

LOCAL CHARITIES SUPPORTED

#### **OUR RESPONSE TO COVID-19**

"WE'VE RECEIVED SO MANY LETTERS, EMAILS AND SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS FROM NHS AND CARE HOME STAFF

APPRECIATING OUR DONATIONS AND APPRECIATING THE HARD WORK THAT THOSE LADIES WHO SOCIETY

MAY PERCEIVE AS TRADITIONALLY SURMISSIVE HAVE DONE FOR THEM "

DR. FARIHA KHAN. SERVING NATIONAL PRESIDENT AHMADIYYA MUSLIM WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION UK

3880

HOUSEHOLDS HELPED WITH SHOPPING 1400

PRESCRIPTION DELIVERIES

6100

MEALS COOKED &
DISTRIBUTED TO THE
VULNERABLE

87,935

SCRUBS, MASKS & GOWNS MADE FOR FRONTLINE WORKERS

### **BUILDING BRIDGES AND UNITING COMMUNITIES**

THE AHMADIYYA MUSLIM WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION UK HOSTS AN ANNUAL NATIONAL WOMEN'S PEACE SYMPOSIUM. THIS FLAGSHIP EVENT IS ATTENDED BY LADIES FROM ACROSS THE UK INCLUDING PARLIAMENTARIANS, DIPLOMATS, FAITH AND CIVIC LEADERS AS WELL AS REPRESENTATIVES FROM CHARITIES AND FAITH COMMUNITIES. IT PROMOTES A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF ISLAM AND OTHER FAITHS AND SEEKS TO INSPIRE A CONCERTED EFFORT FOR LASTING PEACE.



"I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS.

I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR SHOWING LOYALTY
WITHOUT CONDITION TO YOUR COUNTRY."

SIOBHAN MCDONAGH MP

"YOUR DEDICATION TO YOUR FAITH AND YOUR COUNTRY IS AN INSPIRATION FOR US ALL. AHMADIYYA MUSLIM WOMEN DEMONSTRATE TO ME THEIR IMPORTANCE TO BUILDING STRONG COMMUNITIES.

THANK YOU!"

BARONESS WILLIAMS OF TRAFFORD. LORDS MINISTER





"SUCH AN IMPRESSIVE GROUP OF WOMEN-WITH SUCH A VISIBLE COMMITMENT TO WORKING TOGETHER, ENHANCING SOCIAL AND COMMUNITY UNDERSTANDING AND FIGHTING FOR TOLERANCE AND JUSTICE..."

ALISON GORDON, OBE, CO-FOUNDER AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, SISTERS FOR CHANGE

"I HAVE COME TO KNOW THAT AS A COMMUNITY, YOU ARE ACCOMPLISHED AND HAVE DONE A GREAT DEAL OF WORK FOR YOUR FELLOW CITIZENS ... I REALLY DO BELIEVE THAT IT IS INCUMBENT ON MUSLIM AND NON-MUSLIM WOMEN TO END THIS IDEA THAT WEARING THE HIJAB IS AN OPPRESSIVE TOOL. WE ARE EDUCATED WOMEN; WE HAVE TO SPEAK UP AND CHALLENGE THESE SOCIETAL BELIEFS."

THE LATE MRS. PATSY ROBERTSON, VICE CHAIR OF THE COMMONWEALTH ASSOCIATION



## **OUR PRINCIPLES**



TO UPHOLD THE SPIRIT OF UNITY UNDER THE UNIQUE SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE OF KHILAFAT (SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP)

TO BE FULLY AWARE OF THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE SOUND UPBRINGING OF OUR CHILDREN

TO IMPROVE AND ENHANCE KNOWLEDGE, WHILST FOCUSSING ON ACHIEVING HIGH MORALS AND SPIRITUALITY





TO CONSIDER ALL WOMEN AS OUR SISTERS, REGARDLESS
OF SOCIAL STANDING

TO SERVE THE CAUSE OF ISLAM AND HELP THOSE IN NEED

TO MAINTAIN A FOCUS ON PRAYERS IN ALL ASPECTS OF OUR WORK



# THE AHMADIYYA MUSLIM COMMUNITY

#### **OUR FOUNDER**



THE AHMADIYYA MUSLIM COMMUNITY WAS FOUNDED IN 1889 BY HIS HOLINESS HAZRAT MIRZA GHULAM AHMAD (PEACE BE UPON HIM) (1835-1908) OF QADIAN, INDIA. HE CLAIMED TO BE THE EXPECTED REFORMER OF THE LATTER DAYS AND THE AWAITED LATTER DAY MESSIAH AND MAHDI OF THE WORLD'S RELIGIONS. HIS MISSION WAS TO REVIVE THE PEACEFUL TEACHINGS OF ISLAM AND ENGENDER IN PEOPLE'S HEARTS THE LOVE OF GOD AND THE DILTY TO SERVE MANKIND

#### **OUR LEADERSHIP**

THE COMMUNITY IS LED BY A SYSTEM OF KHILAFAT (SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP). HIS HOLINESS HAZRAT MIRZA MASROOR AHMAD (MAY ALLAH BE HIS HELPER) IS THE COMMUNITY'S FIFTH KHALIFA AND IS BASED IN TILFORD, SURREY. HE LEADS HIS GLOBAL COMMUNITY AND INSPIRES IT TO SERVE HUMANITY WITH THE SPIRIT OF KINDNESS AND HUMILITY THAT IS INTEGRAL TO ISLAM. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TEACHINGS OF ISLAM, HE UPHOLDS THE HONOUR OF ALL PROPHETS OF GOD AND HIGHLIGHTS THE ROLE OF RELIGION IN THE PROMOTION OF PEACE.



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