



بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

In the name of God, the Gracious, the Merciful

Tabligh Syllabus 2023–2024



Lajna Ima'illah UK



"No Ahmadi woman should be under the misconception that Tabligh is just for men. Rather, consider it your mission to spread Islam's teachings by living up to its values and beliefs and preaching its message far and wide. It is up to you, as members of Lajna, to show the world what Islam is and what it truly represents"

HAZRAT MIRZA MASROOR AHMAD (MAY ALLAH BE HIS HELPER), 24TH SEPTEMBER 2023, LAJNA UK IJTEMA



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MESSAGE FROM SADR LAJNA UK



بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

My dear Sisters,

السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكُمْ وَرَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ وَبَرَكَاتُهُ

Alhamdulillah, we are so fortunate to be members of the Jamaat of the Promised Messiah (as) who has been sent to guide the world and bring us closer to the True Creator. Hence it is our duty to inform our neighbours, friends at schools, colleges, universities, teachers, lecturers, work colleagues and any other acquaintances about Islam and remove any misconceptions they may have. This requires heartfelt supplications, an unwavering resolve and dedication from each one of us and Tabligh to become a part of our lives if we are to be successful in this task.

Huzoor e Anwar emphasised the importance of this task for Lajna at our last National Ijtema 2023 and Huzoor's words are quoted at the beginning of this syllabus. Huzoor e Anwar also said:

"In order to be successful in tabligh, you must seek to increase your religious knowledge. Always remember that today, knowledge and prayers are our only weapons of choice in the cause of spreading Islam. In front of all Ahmadi women is the example of Hazrat Aisha (ra) who, in terms of religious knowledge, attained a rank far beyond the men of her time, or indeed, any other era... Women have the potential to scale the greatest intellectual heights, and so you must never underestimate yourselves. Rather, seek to fulfil your rich potential, as it will provide you with the capability to raise your children in a way that they grow to be beneficial to society. It will also enable you to defend your faith and beliefs."

Huzoor e Anwar also said:

"So now it lies in the hands of the Ahmadi women to strive to emulate the example of Hazrat Aisha (ra) and guide the world."

I pray that Allah may enable all of us to inculcate Tabligh into our everyday lives and grant us success in our efforts, that we increase our religious knowledge and also through our actions and high moral conduct we can attract others towards Ahmadiyyat, the true Islam. May we all be able to fulfil the high expectations that Huzoor e Anwar has of each member of Lajna Imaillah UK. Ameen.

Wasalam

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2/11/23



INTRODUCTION TO THE SYLLABUS FROM SECRETARY TABLIGH UK

بسم الله الرحمن الرحيم

My Dear Sisters,

Assalamo Alaikum wa rahmatullahi wabarakatohou

It gives me great pleasure to introduce the new Tabligh Syllabus for the Lajna Year 2023-2024. I hope that you will find the information in this Syllabus to be helpful in planning and implementing your Tabligh activities and events, Insha'Allah.

One of our main priorities this year is to empower Nasirat and Student Lajna to undertake Tabligh: to enhance their knowledge about their faith, to instil them with confidence and to provide them with opportunities to engage in Tabligh initiatives. You will find lots of information and guidance in the Tabligh Syllabus on means and methods to do this, Insha'Allah.

The Tabligh Department has also published a Tabligh Handbook to supplement the Annual Syllabus. This is available on the Lajna website and, alongside the Syllabus, should be shared with all members.

We must also continue to impress upon Nasirat and Student Lajna the importance of silent Tabligh. In a virtual meeting with Waqf-e-Nau from Finland on 18 December 2021, Huzur-e-Anwar (may Allah be his Helper) reminded us about the importance of good morals, speech and conduct in drawing others towards the beautiful teachings of Islam:

"If you treat others with kindness, respect and manifest good morals, they will come closer to you and will also become interested in Islam and will ask questions and talk to you about it. This way it will also open up avenues of Tabligh. Even at a young age some children are able to convey Islam's teachings through their good conduct and speech..."

May Allah the Almighty enable us all to fulfil our responsibilities in the most exemplary manner, may He bless and accept our humble Tabligh efforts, ease our tasks and enlighten the hearts of others with the true message of Islam Ahmadiyyat. Ameen.

With heartfelt prayers,

Wassalaam

Farzana Yousuf

Serving as Secretary Tabligh, Lajna Imaillah UK



SPIRITUAL ASPECT OF TABLIGH



The spiritual aspect of Tabligh is the most important aspect of calling people towards Allah. Without it all our efforts are in vain.

Prayers of the Holy Qur'an

رَبَّنَا آتِنَا مِنْ لَدُنْكَ رَحْمَةً وَ هَيِّئْ لَنَا مِنْ أَمْرِنَا رَشَدًا

Our Lord, bestow on us mercy from Thyself, and provide for us right guidance in our affair.' [18:11]

رَبِّ اشْرَحْ لِي صَدْرِي وَ يَسِّرْ لِي أَمْرِي وَ احْلُلْ عُقْدَةً مِّنْ لِّسَانِي يَفْقَهُوا قَوْلِي

'My Lord, open out for me my breast, and ease for me my task, and loose the knot of my tongue, that they may understand my speech.' [20:26-29]



SPIRITUAL ASPECT OF TABLIGH



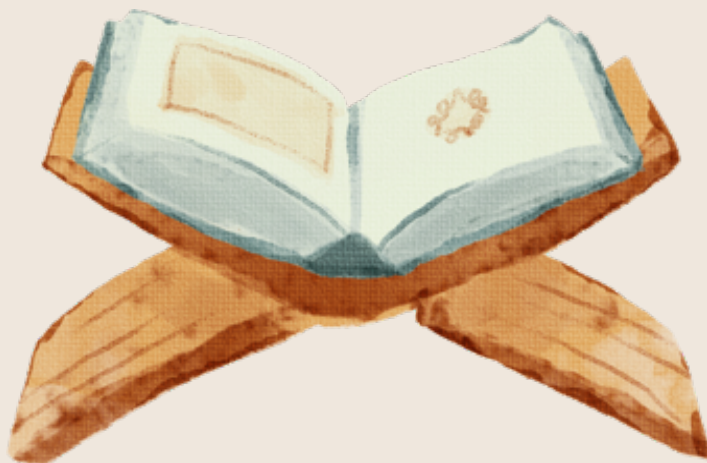
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“Call unto the way of thy Lord with wisdom and goodly exhortation, and argue with them in a way that is best. Surely, thy Lord knows best who has strayed from His way; and He knows those who are rightly guided.” [16:126]

فَإِنْ أَعْرَضُوا فَمَا أَرْسَلْنَاكَ عَلَيْهِمْ حَفِيفًا إِنْ عَلَيْكَ إِلَّا الْبَلَاغُ ط

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PRAYERS OF THE HOLY PROPHET (SAW) FOR SUCCESS IN PREACHING :

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْأَلُكَ حُبَّكَ وَحُبَّ مَنْ يُحِبُّكَ وَالْعَمَلَ الَّذِي يُبَلِّغُنِي حُبَّكَ ، اللَّهُمَّ اجْعَلْ حُبَّكَ أَحَبَّ إِلَيَّ مِنْ
نَفْسِي وَأَهْلِي وَمِنْ الْمَاءِ الْبَارِدِ

“O Allah! I supplicate You to grant me Your love, and the love of those who love You and the action which may lead me to win Your love. And make my love for You dearer to me than myself, my family and cold (refreshing) water”. (Tirmidhi Kitab-ud-Da’waat).

رَبِّ أَرِنِي كَيْفَ تُحْيِي الْمَوْتَى - رَبِّ اغْفِرْ وَارْحَمْ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ

“O my Lord, show me how You give life to the dead. O my Lord, Grant me Your forgiveness and mercy” (Tazkirah pg. 532).

إِنِّي مَغْلُوبٌ فَأَنْتَصِرْ

“O my Lord, I am overcome (by the enemy), so come to my help (Tazkirah p. 419).

PRAYERS OF THE PROMISED MESSIAH (AS) FOR REFORMATION OF MUSLIMS:

رَبِّ أَصْلِحْ أُمَّةَ مُحَمَّدٍ -

“O my Lord, reform the followers of Muhammad (saw) (Tazkirah p. 57).

SPIRITUAL ASPECT OF TABLIGH



THE HOLY PROPHET

(MAY THE PEACE AND BLESSINGS OF ALLAH BE UPON HIM)

"I swear by Him who holds my life in His hands, that you MUST enjoin on people to do good and forbid them from doing wrong: otherwise, it is quite likely that some punishment from Allah may be inflicted upon you. Then, too late, you will offer supplication, but they will not be accepted."

[Tirmidhi-‘Selected sayings of the Holy Prophet of Islam’, p. 31-32]

"Make religion easy for others to follow, do not make it difficult. Similarly, present religion in a pleasing manner; do not make it repulsive to others."

[Muslim –‘Selected sayings of the Holy Prophet of Islam’, p.34]

"By Allah! If Allah helps you to guide a single person to the truth, it is better for you than (the most precious) red camels."

[Muslim –‘Selected sayings of the Holy Prophet of Islam’, p.33]



THE PROMISED MESSIAH (PEACE BE ON HIM)

"If it was in my power, I would knock on the door of every house just like a beggar, in order to spread the true word of God so that the people may be saved from disbelief and atheistic tendencies, which is prevalent all over the world. If God were to teach me English, then I would go around and propagate His Message even if it means that I may have to sacrifice my life in the progress!"

[MalfoozatVol 3 p. 291]

"God Almighty desires to draw all those who live in various habitations of the world, be it Europe or Asia, and who have virtuous nature, to the Unity of God and unite His servants under one Faith. This indeed is the purpose of God for which I have been sent to the world. You, too, therefore should pursue this end, but with kindness, moral probity and fervent prayers."

[The Will, pp 8 –9]

THE TEN CONDITIONS OF BAI'AT



I

The initiate shall solemnly promise that he/she shall abstain from shirk [associating any partner with God] right up to the day of his/her death.

II

That he/she shall keep away from falsehood, fornication/adultery, trespasses of the eye, debauchery, dissipation, cruelty, dishonesty, mischief and rebellion; and that he/she will not permit himself/herself to be carried away by passions, however strong they might be.

III

That he/she shall regularly offer the five daily Prayers in accordance with the commandments of God and the Holy Prophet Muhammad (sa) and shall try his/her best to be regular in offering the tahajjud and invoking durud on the Holy Prophet Muhammad sa. That he/she shall make it his/her daily routine to ask forgiveness for his/her sins, to remember the bounties of God and to praise and glorify Him.

IV

That under the impulse of any passions, he/she shall cause no harm whatsoever to the creatures of God in general and Muslims in particular, neither by his/her tongue, hands, nor any other means.

V

That he/she shall remain faithful to God in all circumstances of life, in sorrow and in happiness, in adversity and in prosperity, in felicity and in trial; and that he/she shall in all conditions remain resigned to the decree of God and keep himself/ herself ready to face all kinds of indignities and sufferings in His way and shall never turn away from Him at the onslaught of any misfortune; on the contrary, he/she shall march forward.

THE TEN CONDITIONS OF BAI'AT



VI

That he/she shall refrain from following un-Islamic customs and lustful inclinations and shall completely submit himself/herself to the authority of the Holy Qur'an; and that he/she shall make the Word of God and the sayings of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (saw) his/her guiding principles in every walk of his/her life.

VII

That he/she shall entirely give up pride and vanity and shall pass all his/her life in humbleness, cheerfulness, forbearance and meekness.

VIII

That he/she shall hold faith, the honour of faith and the cause of Islam dearer than his/her life, wealth, honour, children, and all loved ones.

IX

That he/she shall keep himself/herself occupied in the service of God's creatures for His sake only and shall endeavour towards the beneficence of mankind to the best of his/her God-given abilities and powers.

X

That he/she shall enter into a bond of brotherhood with this humble servant of God, pledging obedience to me in everything good for the sake of God, and remain faithful to it until the day of his/her death. That he/she shall exert such a high devotion in the observance of this bond as is not to be found in any other worldly relationship and connection that demand devoted dutifulness.

(ISHTIHARTAKMIL-E-TABLIGH, JANUARY 12 1889)

BAI'AT TARGETS FOR LAJNA IMA'ILLAH 2023-2024



“THERE SHOULD BE NO COMPULSION IN RELIGION” [2:257]

**“IT IS THE TRUTH FROM YOUR LORD; WHEREFORE LET HIM WHO WILL
BELIEVE AND LET HIM WHO WILL DISBELIEVE” [18:30]**

“No one has the right to force another person to accept Islam. Whoever's heart is to be inclined towards Islam will then be turned towards Islam by Allah the Almighty Himself.”

[Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad (may Allah be his Helper), 18 December 2021, virtual meeting with members of Waqf-e-Nau from Finland.]

Ba'aits are only achieved with prayers and the blessings of Allah the Almighty. Our humble role is to make every possible effort to convey the true message of Islam and Ahmadiyyat to others.

Each Lajna member should strive to achieve at least one Bai'at during this Lajna year.



DECLARATION OF INTENTION

By: _____

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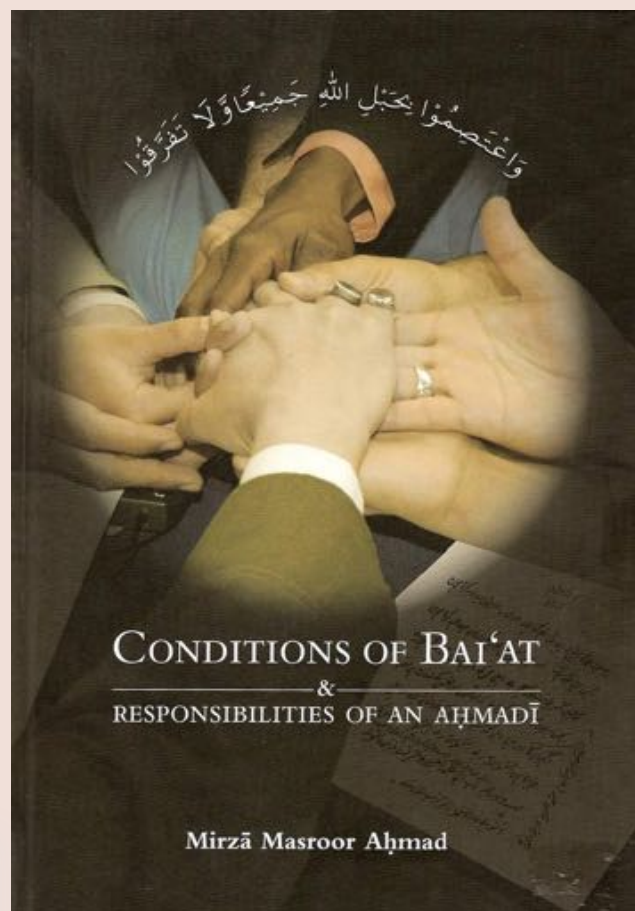
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THE TEN CONDITIONS OF BAI'AT

Further Resources

"As Ahmadi Muslim women, you must recognise your duties to spread the message of Islam amongst other ladies so that future generations of society can be rightly guided. Given the pivotal influence of women on their progeny, the long-term effect of preaching to women will have a more profound and longer-term impact on society"

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<https://www.alislam.org/library/books/Conditions-of-Baiat-Responsibilities-of-Ahmadi.pdf>

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF A TABLIGH SECRETARY



When you are doing outreach (Tabligh) work, initially speak to your contacts more generally and show them your **good character** so that they become your friends. The Holy Quran has given the metaphor that you should **attach birds to yourselves** and make them fond of you and train them in such a way that they become fond of you and run towards you. So similarly, with such people you should **create a sincere mutual bond** and when that is achieved, they will listen to you. Then when they find out that you are an Ahmadi Muslim then they will realise [the truth] themselves. Some will leave you but others will continue to remain in contact with you and will be **positively affected** by you. You **cannot forcefully deliver the message to anyone** and neither can you force anyone to become an Ahmadi Muslim. Therefore, whoever is to come to us should do so with **sincerity and loyalty** and for this we have to continuously make an effort.

So, first establish a **personal bond** with your Tabligh contacts. Then gradually, they will come to realise that you act upon your religious teachings and they will realise you are a true Muslim – that you observe the prayers, recite the Holy Quran, believe in the Seal of the Prophets of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) and you also believe in the Imam of the age. **Successful preaching requires consistent effort.**”

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF A TABLIGH SECRETARY



Tabligh, or Da'wat ilAllah, means to call towards Allah. Thus, the primary role of Tabligh is to spread the true message of Islam and bring new members into the fold of Islam. It is essential to realise that the task at hand is more spiritual than mechanical: hence it is imperative to focus on prayers throughout the process.

As a Tabligh Secretary, you are tasked with facilitating your Majlis along the noble path of Tabligh: you are there to guide, support and encourage your Majlis to engage in Tabligh activities, build new contacts, learn more about their faith and those of others.

You should organise a monthly plan of events, activities and workshops, engaging all members of your Majlis, young and old.



STEPS TO SUCCESS



The first step in Tabligh is to **employ righteous conduct** in all aspects of our lives; whether it is at school, university or place of work, we must endeavour to spread the peaceful, loving message of Islam by example.

Secondly, every Lajna member should become the **voice of true Islam**, ensuring that no opportunity of spreading the true teachings of Islam is wasted.

TABLIGH YEAR PLAN 2023–2024

DATES	ACTIVITIES	WORKSHOPS
NOVEMBER 2023	<p>12-19 November is National Interfaith Week in the UK. As such, we would like you to hold an interfaith event with members from other faith communities. Please refer to the Tabligh syllabus and new Tabligh Handbook for guidance on planning your event.</p> <p><i>Involve Nasirat and Student Lajna:</i> Ask Nasirat/Student Lajna to design the Flyer/Invite for your Tabligh event and to invite frineds/teachers from their school.</p>	<p>November 16 marks the UN International Day of Tolerance. In your workshop this month, please discuss the teachings of Islam and the guidance given by Huzur Aqdas (aba) relating to tolerance.</p> <p>Resources: https://www.alislam.org/articles/religious-tolerance-freedom-islam/ https://www.reviewofreligions.org/wp-content/uploads/pdf/RR200604.pdf#page=21</p> <p>During your Workshop this month, please also feed back to your Majlis following the National Refresher Course.</p>
DECEMBER 2023	<p>Share Jamaat Seasons Greetings Cards with your Tabligh Contacts and assist your Khidmat-e_Khalq department in silent Tabligh efforts.</p> <p><i>Involve Nasirat and Student Lajna:</i> Ask Nasirat/Student Lajna to give Seasons Greetings cards to their friends/teachers at school. Nasirat may wish to design their own cards too. Nasirat and Student Lajna should also be included in the Khidmat-e-Khalq silent Tabligh efforts this month.</p>	<p>This month we would like you to plan a discussion/presentation on Hazrat A'ishah (ra). Include details about her life, her virtues and her marriage to the Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him). Engage Nasirat and Student Lajna in research/helping to plan the workshop.</p> <p>Refer to the following Friday Sermon of Huzur Aqdas (aba) for guidance: https://www.reviewofreligions.org/43918/friday-sermon-summary-13th-october-2023-guidance-on-palestine-israel-accounts-from-the-life-of-the-holy-prophet-sa/</p>
JANUARY 2024	<p>This month we would like you to focus on Tabligh initiatives with local schools in your area. Share presentations, offer to deliver talks/assemblies, invite schools for Mosque tours or gift schools with materials they can use in lessons on Islam, eg copies of the Holy Quran or prayer mats.</p> <p><i>Involve Nasirat and Student Lajna</i> by asking them to reach out to their RS/RE teachers. They can also help in delivering the presentations.</p> <p>Resources: Use the materials from the new school's website set up by the Tabligh Department: www.understanding-islam.co.uk</p>	<p>24 January in the UN International Day of Education. Plan a workshop to discuss the importance of education in Islam. You could hold a discussion or prepare a short presentation to share with members.</p> <p>Resources: https://voiceofislam.co.uk/the-importance-of-education/ https://www.reviewofreligions.org/24840/islam-on-education/</p>

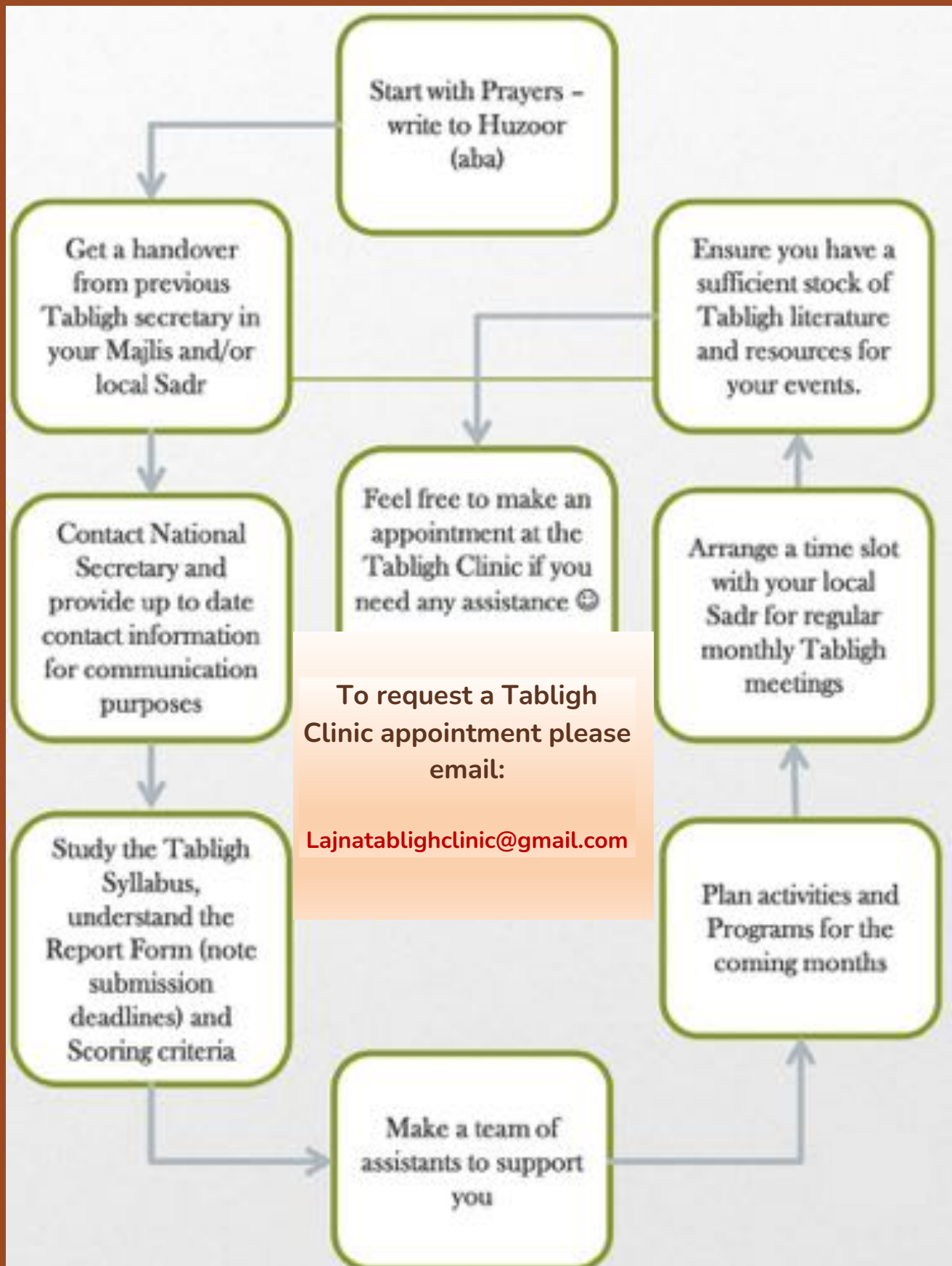
TABLIGH YEAR PLAN 2023–2024

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FEBRUARY 2024	<p>1 February marks World Hijab Day. You may wish to plan a Tabligh event/initiative to promote Islam's teachings about modesty. Alternatively, please share the Lajna leaflet on 'The Islamic Veil' with your Tabligh contacts.</p>	<p>Plan a workshop on Modesty in Islam and how the Hijab is a means of empowering Muslim women.</p> <p>Resources: https://rationalreligion.co.uk/why-wear-the-hijab-3-reasons-to-start-now/</p> <p><i>Involve Nasirat and Student Lajna:</i> Ask those Nasirat who have started wearing Hijab and Student Lajna to share their experiences and journey.</p>
MARCH 2024	<p>Arrange a Coffee Morning for International Women's Day (8 March) and discuss the rights, role and status of women in Islam.</p> <p><i>Involve Nasirat:</i> World Book Day is on 7 March 2024. Ask Nasirat to take a Children's story published by the Jamaat to school and share with their teachers.</p>	<p>In your workshop this month, discuss some of the common allegations levelled against Islam, in particular Muslim women, and how to respond to them. Refer to the following address by Huzur Aqdas (aba) for guidance:</p> <p>https://www.reviewofreligions.org/43578/responding-to-common-allegations-against-islam/</p>
APRIL 2024	<p>Invite Tabligh contacts to share Iftar with you and look out for the Big Iftar events being held in your local Mosque where you can also invite your Tabligh contacts.</p> <p><i>Involve Nasirat and Student Lajna:</i> Ask Nasirat to share the presentations about Ramadhan and Eid (from www.understanding-Islam.co.uk) with their schools. Alternatively, Nasirat can design Eid Cards for their friends/teachers. Nasirat and Student Lajna can also invite their friends/teachers to Big Iftar events.</p>	<p>5 April marks the UN International Day of Conscience. This can be utilised as a good opportunity to discuss the teachings of Islam relating to the freedom of conscience. As such, in this month's workshop, we would like you to study the following book: https://www.alislam.org/book/islam-freedom-conscience/</p> <p><i>Involve Nasirat and Student Lajna</i> by asking them to research what Freedom of Conscience is and what the teachings of Islam are in this regard.</p>
MAY 2024	<p>This month we would like you to focus on silent Tabligh. Look for opportunities to help neighbours, contribute to food banks, visit Residential homes, donate to charity, engage in environmental initiatives etc. Convey the teachings of Islam through your acts of kindness.</p> <p><i>Involve Nasirat and Student Lajna:</i> Ask Nasirat and Student Lajna to keep a 'Silent Tabligh Efforts Diary' this month, noting all the acts of silent Tabligh they engage in.</p>	<p>This month we would like you to plan a workshop on the importance of silent Tabligh. Please refer to page 26 of the Tabligh Syllabus for guidance.</p>

TABLIGH YEAR PLAN 2023–2024

DATES	ACTIVITIES	WORKSHOPS
JUNE 2024	<p>Invite guests to the National Lajna Peace Symposium which will Insha’Allah be held this month.</p> <p>This month we would also like you to encourage Lajna to write a short account of an inspiring Tabligh experience they encountered during this Lajna year. Please submit all entries to the following email by 10 July 2024: sectabligh@lajnauk.org</p> <p><i>Involve Nasirat and Student Lajna:</i> Nasirat and student Lajna should also be encouraged to share a ‘special Tabligh experience’ if they wish. Entries can be sent to the same email address. We will inshallah compile a booklet with a selection of entries received.</p>	<p>Guests coming to our events, especially our National Peace Symposium, often ask questions about the history, the objectives and the work of Lajna Imaillah. In this month’s workshop we would like you to complete the Lajna quiz provided by the National Tabligh Department at the beginning of June, Insha’Allah. Please encourage Student Lajna to partake in the quiz too.</p>
JULY 2024	<p>Invite Guests to Jalsa Salana UK. Ask Nasirat and Student Lajna to also invite their friends/teachers/Tabligh contacts.</p>	<p>Plan a workshop on Social Media and Tabligh – Include details of the various Jamaat social media platforms that can be used for Tabligh purposes and highlight the guidelines that must be adhered to when engaging in Tabligh online. Refer to pages 43-45 of the New Tabligh Handbook for guidance:</p> <p>https://lajna.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/lajna-tabligh-handbook.pdf</p> <p>Invite Student Lajna to help plan and join the workshop.</p>
AUGUST 2024	BREAK	BREAK
SEPTEMBER 2024	<p>September 21 marks the UN International Day of Peace. Utilise this Tabligh opportunity to propagate the peaceful teachings of Islam. You may wish to do this by sharing tweets/posts on Jamaat social media platforms, distributing literature, or holding a simple Tabligh event with your local contacts. Alternatively, if your local area permits, you may wish to hold a library exhibition on the theme of ‘Peace’. Involve Nasirat and Student Lajna in all Tabligh efforts/initiatives.</p>	<p>In his address at the National Peace Symposium UK on 25 March 2017, Huzur Aqdas (aba) said: <i>“We should seek mutual understanding, respect the beliefs of others and try to find common ground.”</i> This month we would like you to explore the similarities between Islam and other faiths – what are the common values and principles that unite us? Prepare a simple PowerPoint presentation to present at your monthly workshop. Involve Nasirat and Student Lajna by asking them to research facts for your presentation. Use the Tabligh Handbook for information and Guidance.</p>

NEW TABLIGH SECRETARY ACTION FLOWCHART



GUIDELINES FOR MONTHLY REPORTS



Here is an outline of the Tabligh Report- Please login using this website

<https://nrcc.lajna.org.uk/login>



The screenshot shows a web-based form titled 'THE NEW TABLIGH REPORT FORM'. It contains a table with columns: Ref #, No., Question, Answer, and Previous Month. The questions are numbered 2108 to 2120. Questions 2108-2119 are multiple-choice or yes/no questions. Question 2120 is an open text field for additional comments. Below the table is a 'Notes' section with a text area. At the bottom right, there are buttons for 'Previous Report', 'Save Draft', and 'Finish & Complete', along with a toggle for 'Completed with input from Local Secretary'.

Ref #	No.	Question	Answer	Previous Month
2108	1	Number of Berath(s) achieved this month. Berath Form must have been completed by the Nare Ahmadi and the hard copy sent to the Centre. Please email a copy too at reportstablighuk@gmail.com *		
2109	2	Tabligh Workshop: Please select Yes or No *		
2111	3	1-1 Discussions with Tabligh Contacts: Please select Yes or No *		
2113	4	Coffee Morning/Forum/Interfaith Discussions: A virtual or face to face coffee morning, Tabligh Forum or other formal interfaith discussion between Lajna members and a group of Tabligh contacts *		
2115	5	Articles written and circulated: Please select Yes or No *		
2117	6	Other Tabligh Activities: Please select all that apply *		
2119	7	Literature shared with Tabligh Contacts: Please select Yes or No *		
2120	8	ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: In this section please feel free to elaborate on any of the above Tabligh activities or to tell us about any additional Tabligh work you undertook this month. *		

Notes

Completed with input from Local Secretary ☐

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THE NEW TABLIGH REPORT FORM

Please ensure you send a copy of your presentations and articles to reportstabligh@lajna.org

Scoring criteria

Below is the scoring criteria and marks are awarded as follows;

Workshops	10 Marks
1-1 Sitzings	10 Marks
Coffee Morning/IF Events	30 Marks
Articles	15 Marks
Other Tabligh Activities	30 Marks
Literature	5 Marks

Marks will be sent out before the end of the month. If you have any scoring related queries, please respond within one week of receiving your score email.

PRACTICAL GUIDELINES FOR TABLIGH SECRETARIES



Each Tabligh Secretary should have a Team that consists of up to four Team members.



All Team members must be actively engaged in Tabligh.



The Tabligh Secretary should keep a record of Tabligh contacts, if permission has been granted (GDPR).



The Tabligh Secretary should follow up with contacts regularly and the database should be checked and updated each month.



The Tabligh Team should hold a meeting at the beginning of each month and use this meeting to plan activities for that month.



The Tabligh Secretary should work with her Tabligh Team to plan and arrange a particular activity each month.



The Tabligh Secretary should try to include Nasirat and SEND lajna in Tabligh activities and initiatives wherever possible.

PRACTICAL GUIDELINES FOR TABLIGH SECRETARIES



It is good practice to keep minutes and action points of each Tabligh meeting and circulate these to each Team member following the meeting.



Red Book Meetings should be held after each Tabligh event.



The Tabligh Team should hold a Tabligh workshop each month. All Lajna in the Majlis should be invited to attend. Suggested topics for workshops can be found in the Tabligh Syllabus.



The Tabligh Secretary should ensure Tabligh reports are submitted to the local Sadr on time each month.



The Tabligh Secretary should ensure that a Tabligh Training Day is held in her Majlis at least every quarter with the aim of imparting practical guidance, knowledge and support in Tabligh matters to all members.



The Tabligh Secretary should assign achievable Tabligh Targets to each member every month and follow up with members to ensure effective and efficient completion of all Targets.



Tabligh Secretaries should write to Huzoor (aba) on a regular basis seeking prayer and guidance in all Tabligh efforts.



TABLIGH OPPORTUNITIES

USEFUL DATES



DATES	TABLIGH OPPORTUNITIES
OCTOBER 2023	2 OCTOBER INTERNATIONAL DAY OF NON-VIOLENCE
NOVEMBER 2023	14-21 NOVEMBER NATIONAL INTERFAITH WEEK 16 NOVEMBER UN INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR TOLERANCE
DECEMBER 2023	10 DECEMBER UN HUMAN RIGHTS DAY
JANUARY 2024	24 JANUARY UN HUMAN RIGHTS DAY
FEBRUARY 2024	1 FEBRUARY WORLD HIJAB DAY 6 FEBRUARY UN INTERNATIONAL DAY OF ZERO TOLERANCE TO FGM 20 FEBRUARY UN WORLD DAY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE
MARCH 2024	1 MARCH ZERO DISCRIMINATION DAY 8 MARCH INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY 20 MARCH INTERNATIONAL DAY OF HAPPINESS 21 MARCH INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE ELIMINATION OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION
MAY 2024	15 MAY INTERNATIONAL DAY OF FAMILIES
JUNE 2024	1 JUNE GLOBAL DAY OF PARENTS
JULY 2024	30 JULY INTERNATIONAL DAY OF FRIENDSHIP
SEPTEMBER 2024	21 SEPTEMBER INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE

TABLIGH CLINICS



THE NATIONAL TABLIGH TEAM REGULARLY CONDUCT TABLIGH CLINICS FOR TABLIGH SECRETARIES. PLEASE FEEL FREE TO BOOK AN APPOINTMENT IF YOU WISH TO DISCUSS YOUR REPORTS OR NEED ASSISTANCE IN PLANNING AN EVENT. YOU CAN BOOK AN APPOINTMENT BY EMAILING US AT **LAJNATABLIGHCLINICS@GMAIL.COM.**

FOR ALL OTHER TABLIGH RELATED QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT THE NATIONAL TABLIGH TEAM ON: **LAJNATABLIGHUK@GMAIL.COM.**



THE IMPORTANCE OF SILENT TABLIGH



“It is the duty of every person who calls himself/herself an Ahmadi and associates himself/herself to the Promised Messiah (as) to keep their practices upright for the whole world watches them. If one does not have sufficient religious knowledge to be a Dai' Ilallahone can still attract others by one's good practices.”

[Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad (aba), Friday Sermon April 9th 2020]

SILENT TABLIGH	ACTIVE TABLIGH
PERSONAL CONDUCT	STALLS
KHIDMAT-E-KHALQ	EXHIBITIONS
SERVING HUMANITY	PEACE SYMPOSIUMS
PERSONAL ACTIONS	COFFEE MORNING
NO LANGUAGE BARRIER	1:1 DISCUSSIONS
BASE FOR ACTIVE TABLIGH	SCHOOL PRESENTATIONS

Lajna should be encouraged to take part in silent Tabligh. Not only does this form a foundation for active Tabligh but it also removes misconceptions and by doing so we are fulfilling our duty as Muslims.

The following are some examples of what can be done in order to carry out silent Tabligh:

- Good personal conduct when dealing with people
- Donations to Food Banks & Homeless Shelters
- Fundraising for Charities
- Volunteering for organisations such as the NHS
- A smile 😊

CHECKLIST FOR TABLIGH EVENT PLANNING



Tabligh Event Planning

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Have I started off with Dua (prayer)?

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Have I taken out some Sadqa?

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Have I written a letter to Huzoor (aba)
requesting prayers for the success of the event?

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Have I reflected on the red book points/guest
feedback from previous events?

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Do I need to work out a budget?

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Have I tried to engage all members of my Majlis
in helping to plan and organise the
event/initiative?

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Have I arranged speakers, venue, invites and
catering in plenty of time?

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Have I consulted the National Tabligh Team if
there is anything I am unsure about/for
guidance?

EFFECTIVE TABLIGH EVENT PLANNING



INTERFAITH EVENTS

Interfaith events are vital in bringing us together with members of other faith groups so that we may build a close community whilst spreading the message of Islam

How should I decide a theme for the event?

Consider current issues of interest to the wider population in relation to Islam, e.g., Women's rights, Freedom of Speech or the Existence of God. You can also focus on UN Days and present the Islamic teachings on the various topics. E.g., for International Womens Day, you can organise an event on the theme of Faith and the rights of Women.

How can the event be promoted?

Ask the faith communities you are inviting to promote the event amongst their members. You can ask your local Lajna to promote the event through word of mouth to their friends/colleagues/Tabligh contacts.

EFFECTIVE TABLIGH EVENT PLANNING



INTERFAITH EVENTS

How should I decide a date for the event?

Consider religious celebrations of the different faith groups of your guests as they may be unable to attend on those days. Refer to the Tabligh syllabus to identify key religious events/dates such as National Interfaith Week, International Day of Peace etc –use these to plan your event.

What should I include on the event invite?

Details about the event (date, time, venue), introduction to the theme of the interfaith, short introduction to the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community and Lajna Ima'illah and the scheduled Programme for the day.

EFFECTIVE FOLLOW UP AFTER AN EVENT



DAILY NEWS

Word • Business • Finance • Lifestyle • Travel • Sport • Weather

Local newspapers are always looking to feature community work. Do utilise any opportunities by reaching out to editors and emailing them a report of your event. Within this report, you should include details about the event, including the purpose of the event, what was covered and who the speakers were. Do get prior permission from those guests who are mentioned in your report!



The  INDEPENDENT

Daily  Mail

THE  TIMES

theguardian

COFFEE MORNINGS

What is the purpose of a Coffee Morning?

Coffee Mornings are a good opportunity to engage with your Tabligh contacts in an interactive yet informal setting.



When might you hold a Coffee Morning?

As part of International Women's Day, International Day of Peace, International Day for Tolerance –Coffee mornings may be held to mark specific days/events, or they can simply be held to bring together your Tabligh contacts and discuss matters of faith.

What is the format of a Coffee Morning?

Although coffee mornings are informal events, it is advised that you start with Dua and a short welcome from the host. Formal speeches are not necessary, although depending on the theme of your event, you may wish to ask guests to say a few words, The purpose is to let your guests interact freely.





"In today's world, much is said about women's rights, and false allegations are routinely raised against Islam. If a Muslim woman directly responds to such allegations by proudly exhibiting her faith and using her intellect and positive experiences to educate those ignorant of Islam's teachings of how it has protected women's rights, it will hold much greater weight than if any man responds on her behalf."

HAZRAT MIRZA MASROOR AHMAD (MAY ALLAH BE HIS HELPER), 24TH SEPTEMBER 2023, LAJNA UK IJTEMA



A GUIDE ON HOW TO CONDUCT A 1:1 DISCUSSION



WHAT IS A 1:1 TABLIGH DISCUSSION?

A 1:1 Tabligh discussion takes place between you and a Tabligh contact/ neighbour/ colleague. During this discussion you would engage with your contact about Islam in order for them to learn more about your faith and answer questions which they have.

THE IMPORTANCE OF 1:1 DISCUSSIONS?

1:1 discussions are a most beneficial means of Tabligh. They allow you to introduce Islam and Ahmadiyyat to your contact in a focused, tailored discussion which takes place in a relaxed and personal environment. It allows you to address specific questions raised by your contact. If circumstances permit, such discussions can take place in the homes of Lajna and this has the added benefit of being a great source of Silent Tabligh.

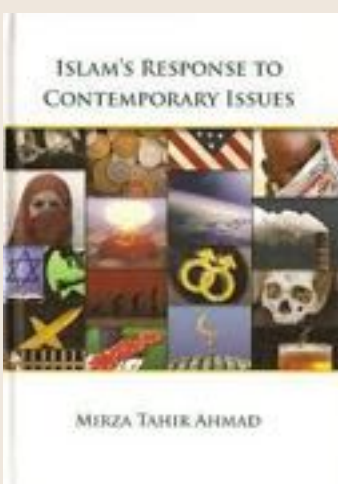
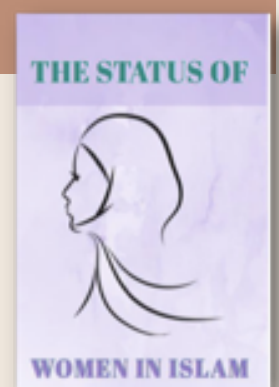
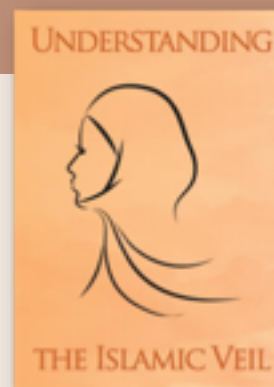
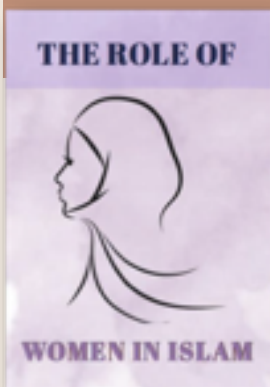
SUGGESTED DISCUSSION TOPICS

- The true Jihad
- Women's rights in Islam
- Women and the Veil
- Rights of others in Islam
- Extremism and Terrorism
- FGM (Female Genital Mutilation)
- Islam and The Promised Messiah (peace be on him)
- Jesus (as) in Islam
- Science vs. Religion
- The Existence of God - Preaching to Atheists
- Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him)
- The true Caliph

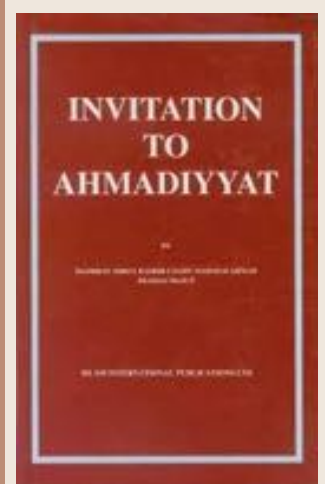
THINGS TO REMEMBER – 1:1 DISCUSSION



- First and foremost, Dua is essential and regularly writing to Huzoor (aba) for your Tabligh activities.
- Find a few topics that you wish to discuss and would be of interest to your contact. Have a read through Tabligh leaflets and books such as ‘Invitation to Ahmadiyyat’ and ‘Islam’s Response to Contemporary Issues’ to prepare yourself for discussion.
- You may want to set a theme for the discussion such as “Women’s Rights in Islam”.
- To discuss the topic(s) in enough detail and answer any questions, ensure you leave plenty of time for the discussion, you will also need to make sure you have enough information on the topic.
- Whilst discussing topics with your contact ensure that your conduct is sociable and extremely hospitable, always be respectful toward their views and religion. The way you should behave should reflect the beauty of our teachings and attract people towards you.



- If you do not know the answer to a question, it is best not to answer at that time, instead let them know you will find out and tell them.
- Give your contact Jama'at leaflets and books to read.
- Invite them back to discuss other topics and keep in touch with them, invite them to Jama'at events.
- For any unanswered questions, you can ask the National Tabligh team and do get back to your contact with the answer.
- Keep a list of topics covered so that you know which have already been discussed..
- Feedback on your discussion with your Majlis so that they may also gain insights from your experience.



HOW TO ORGANISE A LIBRARY EXHIBITION



How do I arrange it?

- Identify libraries local to you:

<https://www.gov.uk/local-library-services>

- Contact your local library and offer to set up an exhibition
- Tell them about yourself, discuss possible themes and take some sample material with you.
- Discuss duration, timings of exhibition
- Discuss whether Lajna are allowed to be present at the stand



How do I set up my exhibition?

- Identify where the exhibition will be set up, is it a prominent location?
- Find out what materials/equipment the Library can provide, eg poster stands, exhibition boards, leaflet stands etc
- Display posters, pull up banners and literature. Have relevant books and leaflets available for visitors to take away with them.
- If the library allows, having Lajna present at the stand is beneficial –if the Library does not allow this, do leave a guest book for questions and feedback. Also leave your contact details.

What if my local library doesn't allow exhibitions promoting one particular faith?

- Suggest topics relevant to different faiths, such as peace, Inspirational women, the importance of charity, environmental protection...exhibitions on such topics will allow you to also portray the teachings of Islam.

Are there particular times when I should be holding exhibitions?

- Libraries may be more willing to allow exhibitions at particular times of year, eg:
- During Interfaith week
- International Day of Peace
- Islam Awareness Week



HOW TO ORGANISE A LIBRARY EXHIBITION



After the exhibition:

- Keep in touch with the Library and leave your contact details with them, offering to arrange future exhibitions should they allow.
- Check Visitors book for comments/suggestions/feedback/questions.
- Have a Red Book Meeting and note any points to improve
- Keep your materials safe and do share ideas/helpful tips with other Majalis in your region!


You may also wish to write a short piece about your exhibition and share it with the local newspaper!

Ilford Recorder


Poems and art at Barkingside library to explain Qu'ran during Islam Awareness Week

11:48 26 May 2016 | Chloe Farand

Islam Awareness Week



Hannah Ahmad, 10, with her artwork



Subbie Hayat age 11 with her artwork

During Islam Awareness Week, which runs this week until Sunday, a Muslim charity arranged a display to explain the teaching of the Qu'ran. The Ahmadiyya Muslim Women's Association, based in Redbridge, organised the event at Fullwell Cross library, High Street, Barkingside. The younger members of the group wrote poems and drew pictures to illustrate the teaching of Islam.

The association also collected £80 and six bags of food for women; they will donate to women's refuge centres for victims of domestic violence in the area.

Samina Siddiqi, vice president of the north Redbridge branch of the association, which has the slogan "Love for All, Hatred for None", said: "We want to spread a message that people should love and care for each other and respect one another."

The Islam Awareness Week is organised by the Islamic Society of Britain to promote better understanding of Islam in Britain.

http://www.ilfordrecorder.co.uk/news/poems_and_art_at_barkingside_library_to_e

HOW TO ORGANISE A LIBRARY EXHIBITION



EVENT PLANNING

*A library exhibition is an excellent means of
Tabligh because:*

- It enables you to interact with the wider public in a safe indoor environment;
- You can share literature with interested visitors;
- You may have the opportunity to display posters/banners and share video clips that are playing on a loop;
- Visitors can ask questions and leave their contact details if they wish to be contacted for future events;
- It raises awareness about Islam and Ahmadiyyat within the local community; and
- It strengthens relationships with the local community and may pave the way to further Tabligh opportunities such as Library talks/lectures.



HOW TO ORGANISE A LIBRARY EXHIBITION

Points to Note:

- Get all your majlis involved –allocate tasks such as making posters, banners, sourcing relevant literature etc.
- If you are allowed by the Library to stand by the exhibition, this is a great opportunity for silent Tabligh –dress smart and modest and ensure you meet and greet members of the public in a polite and courteous manner.
- Do not compel library visitors to come to your stand –let them be drawn to it themselves.
- Answer any questions as fully as you can –if you don't know the answer, take down the visitor's details (with their permission) and do make sure to revert to them .



HOW TO ORGANISE A MOSQUE TOUR



Why do a Mosque tour?

A mosque tour can be a great way to introduce Tabligh contacts to The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community and dispel any misconceptions they may hold about the purpose of Mosques.

Who to invite?

- o Tabligh contacts or Religious organisations
- o Schools

Process of booking?

To book a tour at Baitul Futuh Mosque, please email mosquetours@outlook.com with the following details:

- ✓Date for the visit
- ✓Number of people wanting to visit
- ✓Any dietary and mobility requirements the guests may have



If you do not have a Mosque near you, please get in touch with your local missionary to find out if a tour of the local mission house can be arranged.

Before the Mosque Tour:

Inform your guests of the etiquette of visiting a Mosque. These can be found here <https://www.alislam.org/articles/etiquettes-in-mosque/> on the Alislamwebsite.

Share with your guests the tour schedule, the location of the Mosque and any transport links.

After the Mosque tour: Follow up with guests to thank them and ask them for their review of the tour. Please stay in contact with them and invite them to future tabligh events.



A GUIDE ON HOW TO CONDUCT A TABLIGH STALL

What is a Tabligh Stall?

A Tabligh stall is a stall where various Tabligh leaflets as well as books are displayed in public to spread the message of Islam.



The Importance of Tabligh Stalls

The purpose of a Tabligh Stall is to interact with the public in a positive manner whilst informing them about the true teachings of Islam.



TABLIGH STALL DO'S AND DON'T'S

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Begin the stall with prayers and Sadqa.

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Security is paramount. Ensure you select a safe, public location to hold your stalls.

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Check for permits/licenses/permissions with your local council and informing local retailers in the vicinity of your stall as a matter of courtesy.

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Ensure the stall is appealing to passers by. Use posters, display boards, leaflets and books.

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Have sufficient literature to display and distribute to those who would like it. If you need leaflets, please email the National Tabligh team at lajnatablighuk@gmail.com.

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Make sure you have contact cards to hand. Do not give personal details. You may wish to create an email account in your majlis for Tabligh purposes.

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You should have something available to take down questions/ comments, for example a notepad.

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Don't be forceful, remember our purpose is not to compel but to be courteous and polite. Do not engage with someone who is confrontational.

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Do not try to answer questions you do not know the answer to –make a note of these and offer to send the questioner an answer if they are willing to leave their details and receive this information..

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Do not force people for contact details and always seek permission to contact. However, do follow up if details are given.

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Make a note of how many leaflets are handed out.

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You should take pictures of your stall; however not of Lajna.



GUIDANCE ON ARTICLE WRITING



Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad (aba) has encouraged the members of Lajna Imaillah who have interest or aptitude in writing to author articles highlighting the merits and benefits of Islam's teachings and to refute allegations commonly laid at Islam's door, particularly in relation to women's rights.



“THE BATTLE THAT IS TO BE FOUGHT TODAY IS THAT OF THE PEN; IT IS THE JIHAD OF THE DISTRIBUTION OF LITERATURE AND THE JIHAD OF PROPAGATING THE MESSAGE OF ISLAM. THUS, IT IS INCUMBENT UPON WOMEN TO PARTAKE IN THE PROPAGATION OF FAITH AND TO UTILISE THIS SPIRITUAL TOOL DESIGNATED TO SPREAD THE MESSAGE OF ISLAM. THEY OUGHT TO SEEK RELIGIOUS KNOWLEDGE FROM THE HOLY QURAN, THE SAYINGS OF THE HOLY PROPHET (PEACE AND BLESSINGS BE UPON HIM) AND THE WRITINGS OF THE PROMISED MESSIAH (PEACE BE UPON HIM) IN ORDER TO ACQUAINT THEMSELVES WITH ISLAMIC TEACHINGS, AND TO LEAD BY EXAMPLE. ONLY THEN WILL THEY BE ABLE TO SERVE ISLAM.”



[JALSA SALANA GERMANY LADIES SESSION 2023]

Articles for submission to the Lajna blog

(<https://voiceofbritishmuslimwomen.wordpress.com>) may be emailed to press.media@lajnauk.org



GUIDANCE ON ARTICLE WRITING

A good article is:

Well researched

Well structured, with:

An introduction - engaging the reader, or outlining the main point of the article to follow

A middle - making clear and interesting points about the topic

An end - a concluding paragraph that draws the points together

Well referenced



Where can I submit my article?

Local Majalis Newsletter

Review of Religions

Lajna Imai'llah UK Blog

An-Nusrat

Al-Hakam

Local/National Newspaper



A GUIDE TO WRITING LETTERS TO EDITORS



The letters page is probably one of the most widely read feature in a newspaper and provides a good opportunity to promote one's cause to a wider audience.

Guidelines for writing Letters to Editors:

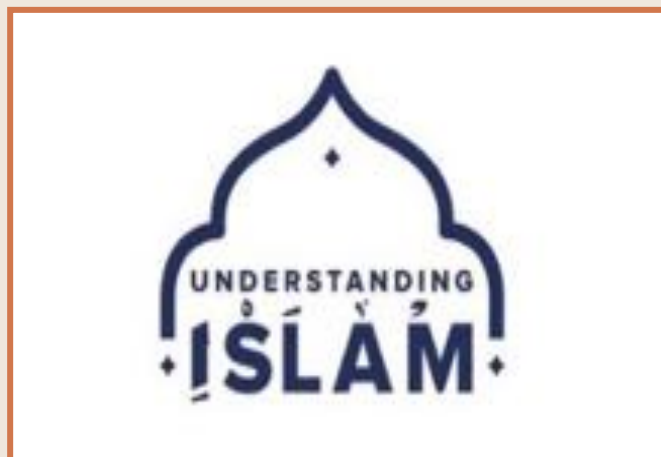
- The letter should be addressed to 'Dear Editor', have an appropriate length; include paragraphs so it's not one unreadable chunk.
- The letter should be in the body of the email, not an attachment and include your name and a full address underneath, plus a contact telephone number. The papers publish only the city, or the town.
- If you are writing to more than one newspaper, do not use identical wording. The Times, for example, insists on exclusive use of any letter.
- Most national dailies don't publish letters of more than 250 words.
- Letters sent to local papers may be read carefully by the local MP who may use them as a gauge for which issues are important to his or her constituents.



Email Addresses for a few Letter Pages:

- letters@independent.co.uk
- guardian.letters@theguardian.com
- letters@thetimes.co.uk
- dtletter@telegraph.co.uk
- letters@standard.co.uk

TABLIGH OPPORTUNITIES WITH LOCAL SCHOOLS



LAJNA IMAILLAH UK NATIONAL SCHOOLS CAMPAIGN

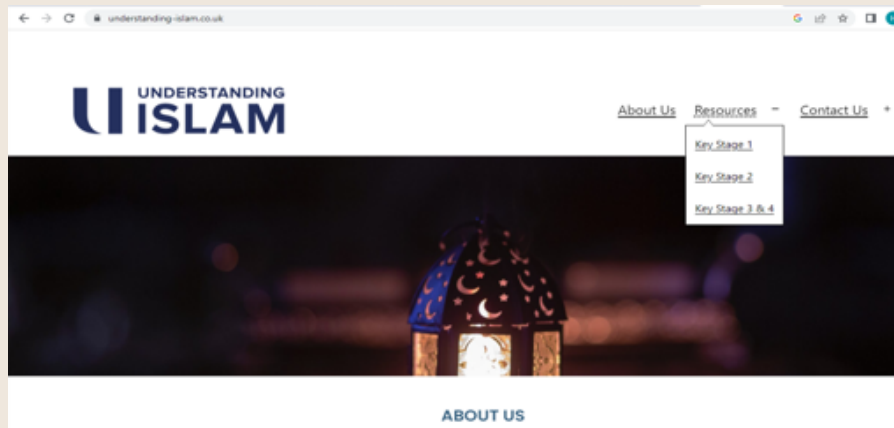
I KNOW THAT THE MAJORITY -90% OF THE SCHOOLTEACHERS-ARE IGNORANT ABOUT THE TRUE TEACHING OF ISLAM; THIS IS WHY SOMETIMES THE WAY THEY SPEAK ABOUT ISLAM DISTURBS THE MINDS OF OUR CHILDREN. SO, YOU SHOULD TRY TO START A CAMPAIGN ON THIS ISSUE.”

[HAZRAT KHALIFATUL MASIH (V) (ABA), 2 JANUARY 2021, VIRTUAL MULAQAT WITH NATIONAL AMLA, LAJNA UK]

In accordance with the instructions of Huzoor(aba) the Tabligh Department have launched a National Campaign to engage with schools across the country and provide guidance and resources for the effective and accurate teaching of Islam for primary and secondary age children.

A new website, understanding-islam.co.uk has been launched and provides a wide variety of materials to facilitate the teaching of Islam in schools.

TABLIGH OPPORTUNITIES WITH LOCAL SCHOOLS



WHAT CAN I FIND ON THE UNDERSTANDING ISLAM WEBSITE?



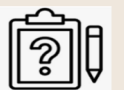
PowerPoint presentations covering key topics and themes



Teachers Notes providing explanatory guidance on each topic



Lesson Plans to help teachers structure the lesson



Activity Worksheets to supplement each topic and reinforce understanding



Interactive Quiz to test learning objectives for each topic

A lesson plan for 'Pilgrimage in Islam - Hajj'. The top section has a title 'Pilgrimage in Islam - Hajj' with an illustration of the Kaaba. Below this, it lists 'Today we will...' with learning objectives and activities. The bottom section is divided into two parts: 'What is a Pilgrimage?' and 'Pilgrimage in different religions'. The first part defines pilgrimage and includes a thought bubble about pilgrims. The second part compares Hinduism (Kumbh Mela) and Judaism (Western Wall) with images and text explaining their significance.

Pilgrimage in Islam - Hajj

Today we will...

Learn...

- Understand what a Pilgrimage is.
- Learn about the Pilgrimage of Hajj in Islam.
- Understand how Hajj is performed and its importance to Muslims.
- Know the Festival that is celebrated at the end of Hajj.

Activities...

- Video
- Quiz
- Worksheets

What is a Pilgrimage?

- A Pilgrimage is a sacred journey undertaken for a spiritual purpose.
- A Pilgrim is a person who goes on a Pilgrimage.

Many of the world's religions attach spiritual significance to places of pilgrimage in different parts of the world.

Do you think Pilgrims differ from other travellers? If so, in what way?

Pilgrimage in different religions

Hinduism

The most famous Hindu pilgrimage is the **Kumbh Mela** which takes place at the **River Ganges** in India.

Judaism

In Judaism, the key focus for pilgrimage is **Jerusalem**, the site of the ancient temple destroyed by Romans in 70CE of which the **Western Wall** remains.

TABLIGH OPPORTUNITIES WITH LOCAL SCHOOLS



Join your local SACRE:

The SACRE is the Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education and every local Authority has one. The local SACRE advises its schools on what is taught in RE through its locally agreed syllabus and how the teaching of this subject can be improved. Through SACRE, local communities and teachers have the opportunity to influence directly what pupils learn in RE. Becoming a member of your local SACRE presents a good opportunity to ensure that schools are conveying the teachings of Islam effectively and accurately. You can find details of your local SACRE through your local authority website, eg, www.harrow.gov.uk, www.hull.gov.uk.

Become a Parent Governor:

School Governing Bodies exist to support the strategic leadership of the school. They consist of staff, parents, Local Authority and community representatives. The Governors usually have 3 main roles: strategic planning, monitoring and Finance. Becoming a school governor will help you to strengthen relationships with teachers at your school and facilitate a better understanding of school processes and strategies, Insha'Allah paving the way for Tabligh opportunities.

Join the School Parent Teacher Association (PTA):

PTA's are Parent Teacher Associations and aim to make the school a better place of learning for children. PTA's are also able to coordinate their own events which can be utilised during certain times of the year including Ramadan and Eid.



TABLIGH OPPORTUNITIES WITH LOCAL SCHOOLS



Volunteer at School events:

Look out for opportunities to help at school fairs and charity events. This will help you to develop good relations and expand your contacts at local schools.



Avail Tabligh Opportunities:

Ramadhan and Eid are a good time to reach out to local schools and offer to present a lesson or assembly on Islam.

- Offer the School a tour of your local Mosque.
- Send Eid Cards to friends and teachers.
- Invite teachers to your local interfaith events, coffee mornings and the National Peace Symposium. There may also be opportunities to invite teachers to Jalsa Salana and the Big Iftar events.



- Engage in silent Tabligh when interacting with teachers and parents at your local school –show support, concern and a willingness to help . Show kindness, express gratitude and address others with a smile😊

HOW TO ORGANISE A SCHOOL TALK



If you have children at the school, speak to your child's teacher and offer to deliver a class talk/assembly.



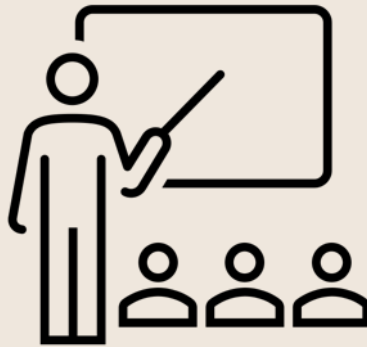
If you don't have children at school, contact the RE Teacher/RS Coordinator at local schools.



Co-ordinate with any Lajna members who are School Governors or members of the PTA at local schools.



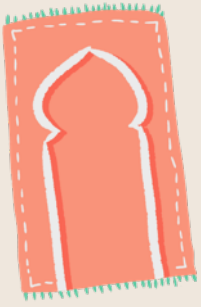
Approach schools at key times, eg during Ramadhan, before Eid or before Hajj



SCHOOL TALK CHECKLIST...

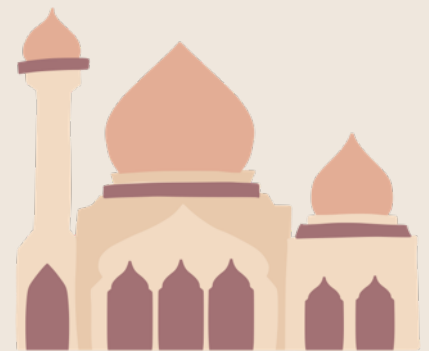
- Find out the **age group** you'll be presenting to
 - adjust your delivery accordingly
- Select topic(s) to present
 - Narrow down presentation **topics** -focus on 1 to 3 major elements
- Discuss your **ideas** with the teacher
 - Find out what they want & how they want it to be done
- Timing: Stick to your allocated **timing**
 - Remember younger children = less attention span
- Find out what **equipment** will be available to use.
 - Check if you can bring props with you and let the teacher know what these will be. If bringing food items such as dates, check for **allergies** and provide suitable alternatives.
- Present the school with your lesson/assembly plan and ensure they are happy with it.

SUGGESTIONS FOR SUPPORTING ITEMS/MATERIALS





- Prayer Mat
- The Holy Qur'an
- Pictures/models of mosques
- Prayer caps/scarves
- Eid cards/ decorations
- Henna/pictures of henna
- Muslim clothing

- Food - dates
- Muslim storybooks to read: e.g. Rabia's Eid (check the Nasirat website and Publications page on the Lajna website for the latest publications for children
- Arabic calligraphy
- Worksheets - colouring, puzzles, etc.



After the Event

- Get feedback from the teacher and note any red book points.
- Leave your contact details
- Write to the school to formally thank them for the opportunity
- Stay connected with the female teachers you met and invite them to relevant local, regional, and national Jamaat events e.g., the National Peace Symposium



"It is certainly true that, according to the commands of Allah the Almighty and the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him), women must play a fundamental role in safeguarding their home and family environment, especially in terms of raising their children. At the same time, Hazrat Musleh Maud (ra) made it clear Ahmadi Muslim ladies are duty-bound to serve their society and to strive for its prosperity, especially by conveying the teachings of Islam."

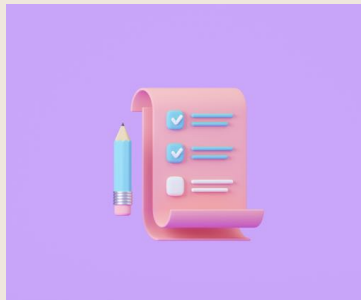
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TABLIGH ACTIVITIES AND INITIATIVES FOR NASIRAT



Tabligh Secretaries should make every effort to involve Nasirat in Tabligh activities. From a young age, it should be impressed upon Nasirat that Tabligh is the responsibility of every Ahmadi Muslim. Helping with planning and joining in local Tabligh events should be encouraged. Nasirat should also be reminded to engage in **Silent Tabligh** through their actions at school, in public, with friends and neighbours.



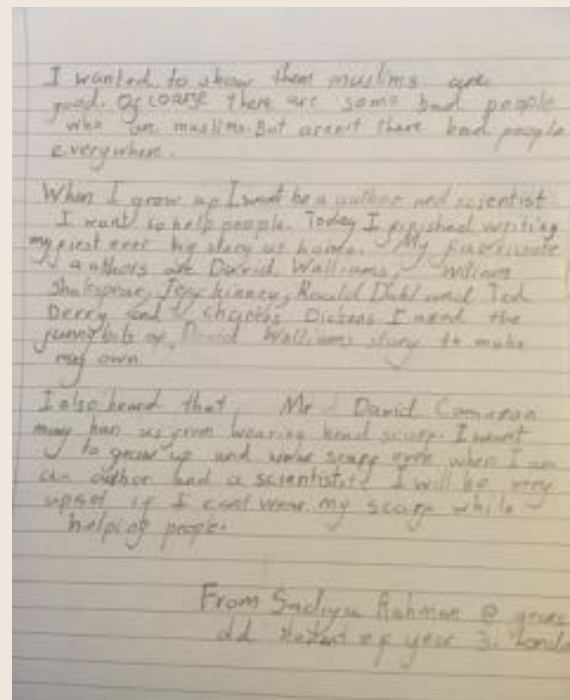
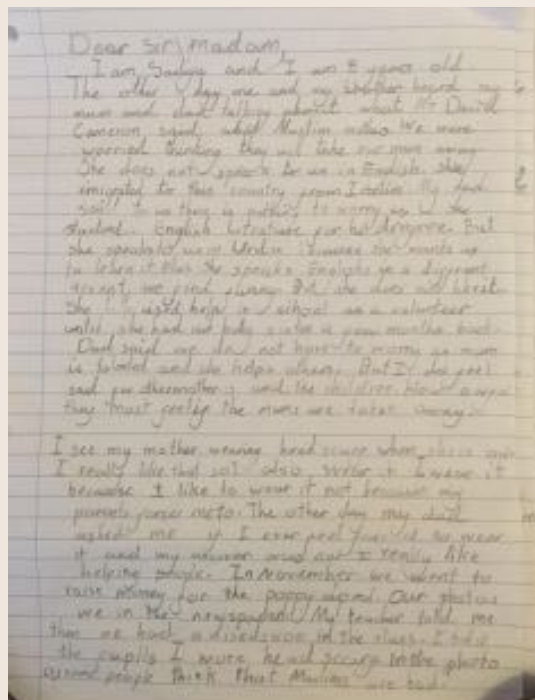
Suggestions to Support Nasirat in Tabligh Efforts

- Invite Nasirat to join and participate in Tabligh Workshops. Have a look at the Year Plan in this Syllabus for ideas on how Nasirat can get involved in each monthly activity and workshop.
- Encourage Nasirat to help with event planning, eg making posters, cupcakes, invites for Tabligh events.
- Share Huzur (aba)'s addresses/virtual meetings with Nasirat to help answer their Tabligh related questions and to enable them to develop an understanding of the importance of Tabligh.
- Encourage Nasirat in Silent Tabligh efforts by displaying good conduct, being helpful, showing kindness and care towards others.

TABLIGH ACTIVITIES AND INITIATIVES FOR NASIRAT



Encourage Nasirat to write short articles or respond to appropriate news stories in local or national newspapers. Below is an example of An article written by Nasirat which was published in a national Newspaper.



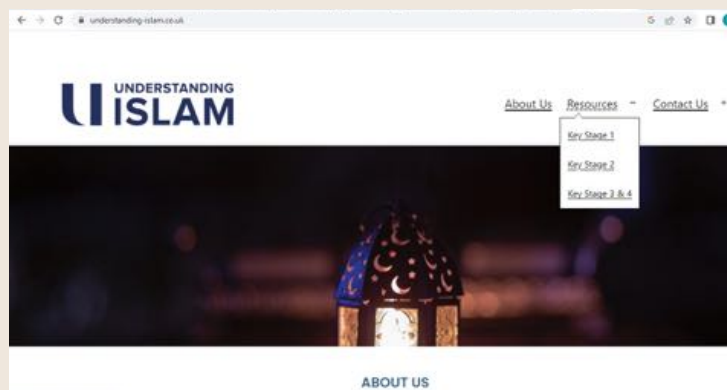
World Book Day: Make bookmarks with quotes for friends/Gift Jamaat Children's Books to friends and/or Teachers at School.



TABLIGH ACTIVITIES AND INITIATIVES FOR NASIRAT



Encourage Nasirat to help deliver Presentations/Assemblies on Islam at School. Have a look through the numerous resources available on the new Understanding Islam website: www.understanding-islam.co.uk



Nasirat can bring friends to Jamaat events and help out with preparations for interfaith gatherings in their local Majlis.



Nasirat can also help arrange Mosque Tours for their School.

TABLIGH GUIDANCE FOR STUDENT LAJNA



*“The first thing is that you should **not have any inferiority complex**. If you believe in Islam, and if you think that your religion is the true religion and this is the last of the religions and it is the final religion and it contains all the good teachings which were revealed to the previous prophets, then there should not be any complex. Secondly, those people who are worldly people, who do not want to listen to you with regards to religious matters, why try to force them to listen to you? **Find some good friends, talk to them in a light way, and when you think that they are ready to listen about God, about religion, about faith, then you can talk to them that what is true teaching of Islam.**”*

*“Never say just outright that ‘Islam is the supreme religion and is better than any other religion.’ Although we can prove the supremacy of Islam on all other religions, but there is **no need to upset other people** by saying this directly. When they want to talk to you about religion, then you can **show them the proofs** (in favour of Islam). Tell them what is religion and your belief with regards to Allah the Almighty and your other beliefs with regards to prophets. **Then slowly, with wisdom and amicable discussion you can talk to them and they will listen to you.** Otherwise, if you are just blunt, then obviously they will say, ‘you are rude and backward.’ So, **don’t try to be blunt, be wise.**”*

[Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad, (may Allah be his Helper) 26/6/21]

TABLIGH GUIDANCE FOR STUDENT LAJNA



“You should **distribute literature** and build relations with your fellow students in your university. Tell them that you are an Ahmadi. If you **display good morals** and are morally better than others, for example, if it is the time for prayer at university and you offer your prayer then the other girls will notice that you are a little different from others and they will want to maintain relations with you. In this way, you will be able to broaden your relations. Also, if it is possible, then you should **organise seminars at the university**. The seminars can sometimes be held on secular topics and at times, on topics related to faith. For example, a seminar could be held on Islam and Extremism or similar other topics. Gradually people will learn about the teachings of Islam through this. It will also open new avenues for Tabligh and widen your relations. So firstly, **increase your religious knowledge, focus on prayers and Seek help from Allah the Almighty so that he may make you a strong and staunch Ahmadi**. Then, along with your supplications in Salat, also **learn the knowledge of the Holy Qur’an; read and ponder over its translation, and also read the literature of the Jama’at**. Also, adopt good morals and widen your relations with other students. You can also do **Tabligh on a 1-1 basis** with whom you have a personal link. You can also **invite them to your Jama’at events** with whom you have a very close bond’

[Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad, (may Allah be his Helper) virtual Mulaqat with Lajna Amila members Belgium- November 2022]

USEFUL LINKS FOR STUDENT LAJNA



<https://lajna.org.uk/umooore-talibaat/>

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TABLIGH ACTIVITIES FOR *SEND* LAJNA



Tabligh is a valuable means of helping SEND Lajna build confidence in meeting and interacting with members of the local community. They may already be part of local community support groups and can invite their contacts and help arrange interfaith programmes where SEND Lajna are given the opportunity to speak about their faith and how it empowers them.

Many SEND Lajna are talented writers and designers. Their creative talents should be utilised to design posters/banners for Tabligh events and they should be given the opportunity to write articles and contribute to local Majalis newsletters.

Larger Tabligh gatherings can sometimes be overwhelming for some SEND Lajna. If this is the case, such sisters should be invited to join smaller 1:1 discussions where they are able to share their knowledge and experiences in a relaxed, comfortable environment. As a Tabligh secretary, your task is to engage all members of your Majlis in Tabligh. Determine the strengths, talents and challenges of SEND Lajna in your Majlis and make every effort to involve SEND Lajna in your events and initiatives where appropriate.



TABLIGH ACTIVITIES FOR *SEND* LAJNA



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- **HELPING TO PLAN COFFEE MORNINGS/INTERFAITH EVENTS (EG, RESEARCH ON TOPICS TO DISCUSS, INVITING GUESTS FROM SUPPORT GROUPS THEY MAY BE MEMBERS OF, DESIGNING POSTERS/INVITES/THANK YOU CARDS)**
- **HELPING DISTRIBUTE LEAFLETS/EID CARDS/EID**
- **GIFTS/HAMPERS/CHARITY DONATIONS**
- **CONTRIBUTING TO SOCIAL MEDIA/VOI PROGRAMMES**
- **RESEARCH FOR TABLIGH WORKSHOPS OR FOR THEMES TO COVER IN COFFEE MORNING DISCUSSIONS, EG, TOLERANCE, MODESTY, EQUALITY AND WOMEN'S RIGHTS.**
- **HELPING WITH EVENTS SUCH AS TABLIGH STALLS/LIBRARY EXHIBITIONS**

TABLIGH RESOURCES FOR *SEND* LAJNA



THE FOLLOWING TABLIGH RESOURCES MAY BE BENEFICIAL FOR LAJNA WITH SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AND/OR DISABILITIES:

- **SEND page on the Lajna website:**
<https://lajna.org.uk/send/>
- **Holy Quran in Braille**



- **Audio Books:**
<https://www.alislam.org/audio-books/>
- **Podcasts:**
 - <https://www.alislam.org/podcast/>
 - <https://soundcloud.com/lajna-uk>



- **Lajna SEND Learning Guide (available through the SEND page on the Lajna website):**
https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/179mLowiLP_FVE7n_g4vKeaYiJ5fdf-k4L

GUIDELINES FOR SOCIAL MEDIA



“MANY AVENUES OF ONLINE TABLIGH HAVE OPENED UP THROUGH WHATSAPP AND OTHER SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS... AT THE END OF THE DAY THE WORLD IS STILL COMMUNICATING THROUGH WHATEVER MEANS AVAILABLE THROUGH THE MEDIA, SO YOU SHOULD ALSO USE THAT SAME MEDIA AND THE SAME MODES OF COMMUNICATION AND MEANS APPLIED BY THE PEOPLE IN THIS WORLD.”

[HAD RAT MIRZA MASROOR AHMAD (ABA) VIRTUAL MULAQAAT WITH OFFICE BEARERS
SWEDEN, AUGUST 2020]



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- Online Tabligh is different from Tabligh in the real world. Due to the anonymity factor courtesy is usually side-lined. Be aware of this.
- One has to be extremely selective about posts of a personal nature as they will reflect on the message of Islam that is being conveyed.
- Adding photos/images will attract people to posts but it comes with a degree of responsibility and the images need to be copyright free.
- In light of general courtesy and GDPR guidelines if a post is sent about Tabligh contacts or their photos are posted, their prior permission should be expressly sought.
- To show deference, usage of photographs of the Promised Messiah (peace be on him) and the Khulafas should be limited and undertaken with the utmost of respect and only for valid reasons.
- Be sure to keep an eye out of for news about social media campaigns by @LajnaUK and add your voice.

GUIDELINES FOR SOCIAL MEDIA



INSTAGRAM

- Instagram is of course an image-based platform, so a picture of some description is needed to post a Tabligh message here. This could be a photograph or a graphic.
- The graphic can be custom-made or if it is lifted from another Jama'at source then permission should be sought in advance. Creating a digital graphic could not be easier. Look into free sites like **Canva.com**
- When using a quote from the Holy Qur'an, hadith, saying or writing of the Promised Messiah (peace be on him) or a quote of Huzoor(aba) to make a graphic, thorough research and utmost care should be taken to get the quote spot-on and full reference should be given. There are a few 'free' photo sites which can be used to make graphics e.g. **Pixabay, Pexels, and Unsplash.**



SAFEGUARDING YOUR PURDAH

- Purdah or hijab is so much more than a cloth to cover our heads and a loose outer garment to cover our body. It is of course a mind-set.
- 'Online purdah' may include opting to keep personal photos private and not post them as well those of other Ahmadi Muslim ladies and girls.
- It includes conducting ourselves with certain decorum and probity in the words and tone we use, avoiding overfamiliarity and maintaining a reserved manner.

ONLINE RESOURCES



USEFUL APPS:

The Ten Conditions of Bai'at

Ask Ahmadiyyat

Mobile Friday Sermons

Khalifa of Islam

Muhammad (SAW) Fact check

Holy Quran

Ask Islam

Review of Religions

Al-Islam

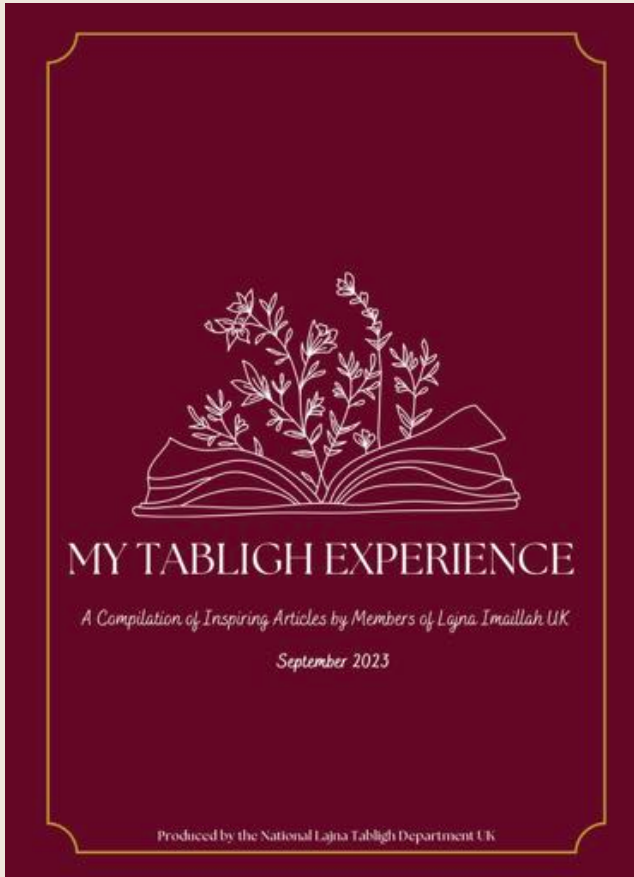
HolyQuran.io.



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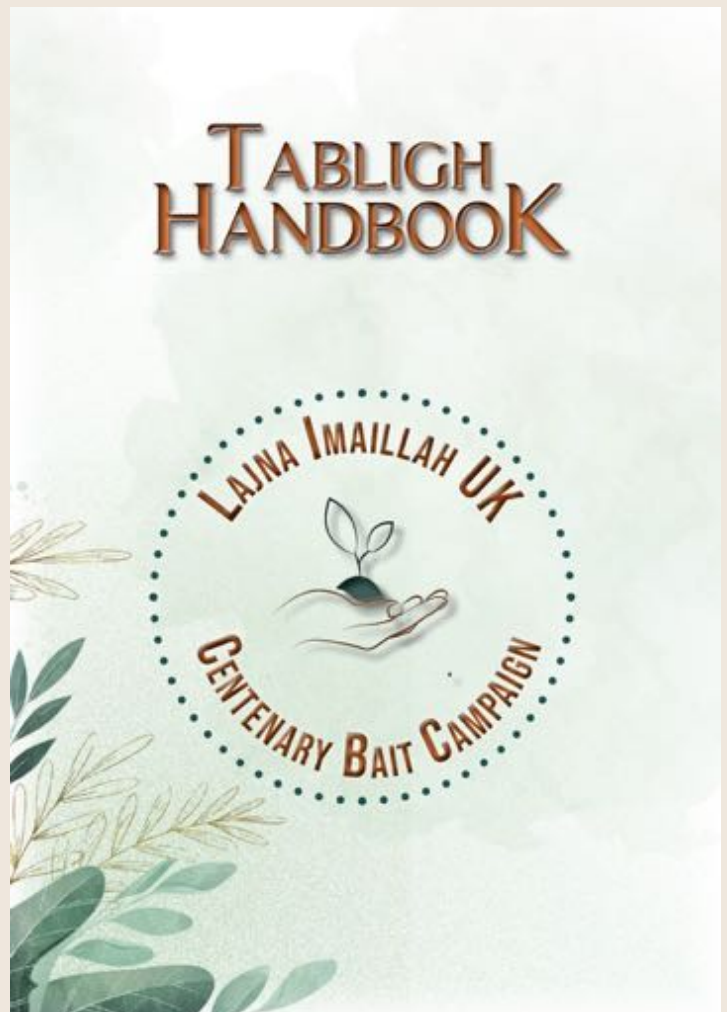


NEW TABLIGH RESOURCES

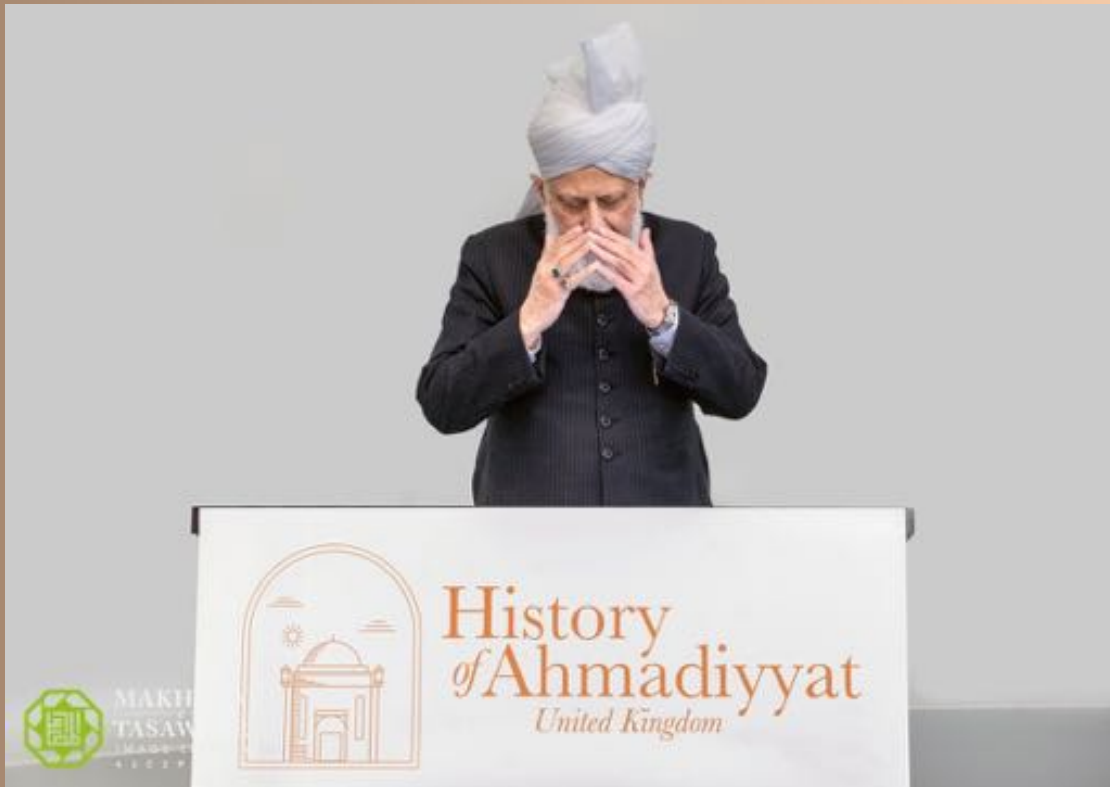


This year the National Tabligh Department published a new booklet which is a compilation of inspiring Tabligh experiences and incidents shared by Lajna from across the UK, Mashallah. The Booklet is available on the Lajna Website.

The New Tabligh Handbook was published as part of the Centenary Bai'at Campaign. It includes a wealth of information on how to engage in Tabligh, with links to addresses delivered by Huzoor (aba), information about world religions, guidance on event planning, answers to FAQs and plenty of space to write your own notes and Tabligh targets.



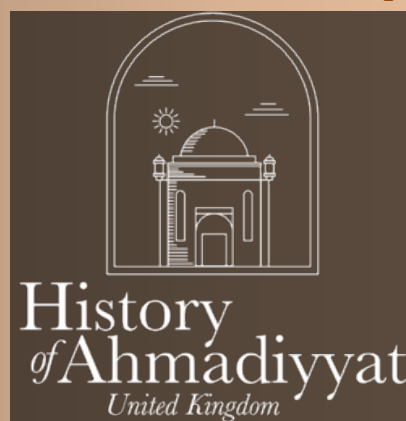
NEW TABLIGH RESOURCES



history.ahmadiyya.uk.

“The UK Jamaat has prepared a new website which is about the history of the Ahmadiyya Jamaat in the UK. Work on researching and collating the history was being done for many years and now a website has been prepared which includes research articles in relation to the efforts of the Promised Messiah^{as} in propagating the message of Islam to the West.”

[Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad (may Allah be his Helper), 4 November 2022]



USEFUL RESOURCES To HELP BUILD COMMUNITY CONTACTS

How to find your local MP:

<https://members.parliament.uk/FindYourMP>



How to find your local Councillor:

<https://www.gov.uk/find-your-local-councillors>



How to find details of your local libraries:

<https://www.gov.uk/local-library-services>

**This website allows you to search for and find information
about charities in the UK:**

<https://www.charitychoice.co.uk/charities/search>



This is a link to the Women's Interfaith Network:

<https://wominet.org.uk>



This is a link to the Women's Federation of World Peace:

<https://www.wfwp.org.uk>

This website enables you to locate local churches in your area:

<https://www.findachurch.co.uk>



**This link from Wikipedia provides details about Jewish
communities in the UK:**

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_Jewish_communities_in_the_United_Kingdom



KEEPING A RECORD OF YOUR TABLIGH CONTACTS



It is vital to keep an accurate and timely record of your Tabligh contacts in order that you may successfully stay in touch with the contact and maintain a close relationship.

Beloved Huzoor (aba) has on many occasions expressed that we must keep a detailed record and conduct follow-ups to build strong links with those who have attended events in the past.



All local Tabligh Secretaries are requested to keep a record of guests that they invite to a particular event, along with any other Tabligh contacts.

In accordance with GDPR requirements please ensure you have your guest's written permission to contact them (this can be added as a column on your sign-in sheets at events).





“As the page turns on the first century of Lajna Imaillah, a blank page now lies before you in the shape of the coming century and your conduct and standard of faith will determine what is ultimately written upon it. May it be that your sacrifices and unwavering loyalty to your faith come to be recorded in the history of Islam, just like those women who accepted Islam in the time of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him). May it be that when the time comes to write the history of this era, the blank page of which I spoke, is decorated with stories of countless Ahmadi women from this era who proved that they were ready for every sacrifice for the sake of their faith and who gloriously fulfilled their responsibilities to their religion.

May it be that history bears witness to the fact that Ahmadi Muslim women were at the vanguard of establishing the Oneness of God in the world. And may we soon come to witness the momentous spiritual victory of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings be upon him) where the people of all nations and races spiritually unite and embrace Islam's true teachings. Surely, only in that lies the salvation of the world.”

**HAZRAT MIRZA MASROOR AHMAD (MAY ALLAH BE HIS HELPER),
24TH SEPTEMBER 2023, LAJNA UK IJTEMA**