

The Muslim Jewish Forum of Greater Manchester
Company Registration Number 5480738

The Directors of The Muslim Jewish Forum of Greater Manchester present their annual report together with the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Our purpose

The objects for which the Forum is established are to develop the cultural and social ties between the Muslim and Jewish Communities of Greater Manchester; to educate members of the Muslim and Jewish Communities in relation to their shared values and common Abrahamic tradition, heritage, history and culture; maximising their potential and improving their health and well-being as residents of Greater Manchester; and to promote better understanding within the wider community of the interests and values that are common to the Muslim and Jewish Communities.

During the year, the Forum has held a number of events to further these objects:

7 June 2024 — Five members of the Executive visited Oslo, where amongst other places they visited the Jewish Museum and the largest mosque in Norway, the Central Jamaat-e Ahl-e Sunnat Mosque.

23 June 2024 — Robert Kanter delivered a Zoom presentation on *"The Salman Rushdie / Satanic Verses affair and Muslim Jewish relations."*

28 July 2024 — Annual picnic in St Mary's Park Prestwich, which was attended by 25 people.

3 November 2024 — Visit to Holocaust Centre North in Huddersfield. 14 people from Manchester, Sheffield, and London took part in this visit.

24 November 2024 — "Loose Lawyers" panel event at Salford Civic Centre in Swinton attended by 32 people. The topic was *"Which Jewish or Islamic religious laws would England benefit from incorporating in her laws?"*

9 March 2025 — Annual iftar held at Salford Civic Centre in Swinton and attended by 53 people.

The Forum also supported other organisations' events. Some of these are listed below:

10 August 2024 — Forum Co-Chair Cllr Heather Fletcher spoke at the Azeemia Foundation's 22nd Adam Day commemoration event.

14 September 2024 — Forum Co-Chair Cllr Heather Fletcher spoke at an interfaith event in Manchester: *"The Relevance of Faith in an Increasingly Secular Society."*

Financial accounts

The financial accounts, which comprise an Income and Expenditure Account and a Balance Sheet, are set out on the following pages. Due to the small size of the company's turnover and assets, the accounts are not required to be audited.

During the year, the Forum had total receipts of £495.00 and total expenditures of £1,090.75 resulting in an overall deficit of £595.75 as detailed in the Income and Expenditure account. The overall financial position is considered satisfactory due to the Forum's reserves and the relatively small amounts involved..

Charitable status

The Forum is registered as a charity with HM Revenue & Customs with effect from 9 May 2014. Accordingly, donors to the Forum who are taxpayers are requested to complete a gift aid declaration which can be downloaded from the "Join us" section of our website. Donors to the Forum who are

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higher rate taxpayers should be able to claim higher rate tax relief through self-assessment for their donations.

Directors - The following persons served as directors during the year. Except as otherwise indicated, all served throughout the year.

Cllr Rabnawaz Akbar
Mohammed Amin MBE
Tahara Amin
David Berkley KC
Cllr Heather Fletcher
Graham Gordon
Jackie Harrison
Anne Isaac – appointed 10 October 2024
David Lewis JP
June Rosen
Qaisra Shahraz MBE
Cllr Naeem Ul-Hassan JP

Employees - The company had no employees.

Policy for payment of suppliers

The company's policy is to pay all suppliers promptly in accordance with their contractual terms.

Charitable and Political Contributions

The company is itself charitable. No donations to other organisations were made during the current year.

The company made no political contributions during the period.

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 21 October 2025 at 19:30 via Zoom. The meeting registration link has been circulated separately to members.

By order of the Executive Committee

Tahara Amin

Tahara Amin - Company Secretary

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Income and Expenditure Account					
	Year ended 31 March 2025 £	Year ended 31 March 2025 £		Year ended 31 March 2024 £	Year ended 31 March 2024 £
Membership Subscriptions		314.37			323.00
Other donations received		90.63			315.00
Gift Aid tax refund					226.34
Holocaust Centre North visit 3/11/2024 / cancelled visit 22/10/2023					
Coach deposit					(50.00)
Visitor contributions	90.00				
HCN costs	(160.00)	(70.00)			
Loose Lawyers event 26 November 2023					
Cost of refreshments		-10.82			(85.81)
Supporting other organisations					
Jewish Representative Council brochure advertisement		(50.00)			
Kosher meal 14 Jan 2024					
Meals of official guest / guests					(28.00)
Iftar 9 March 2025 / 17 March 2024					
Catering costs		(832.36)			(750.00)
Operating costs					
Companies House annual return	(34.00)			(13.00)	
Travel to venues to speak about the Forum					
Payment processing charges	(3.57)	(37.57)		(10.54)	(23.54)
Surplus / (deficit) for year		(595.75)			(73.01)

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Balance sheet		31 March 2025			31 March 2024
Assets					
Cash at bank		6,569.36			5,998.06
Prepaid 20th Anniversary Dinner costs		257.95			
		<u>6,827.31</u>			<u>5,998.06</u>
Liabilities					
Salford City Council for iftar catering					(750.00)
Receipts for 20th Anniversary Dinner		(2,175.00)			
		<u>(2,175.00)</u>			<u>(750.00)</u>
Net assets		<u>4,652.31</u>			<u>5,248.06</u>
Reserves					
Unrestricted reserves of the Muslim Jewish Forum					
Balance brought forward		5,248.06			5,321.07
Surplus / (deficit) for the year		(595.75)			(73.01)
Carried forward		<u>4,652.31</u>			<u>5,248.06</u>
For the year ended 31 March 2025, the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006. The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006. The directors acknowledge their responsibility for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and for the preparation of the accounts. These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.					
Approved by the members of the company on 21 October 2025.					
David Barrie Lewis	<i>David Lewis</i>				
Mohammed Amin	<i>Mohammed Amin</i>				
Note: accounting for 20th Anniversary Dinner					
The dinner was held on 27 April 2025 which is after the Forum's year end. Accordingly in accordance with accounting standards, all receipts on or before 31 March 2025 for sales of tickets and brochure advertisements have been accounted for as creditors, and all payments of costs accounted for as prepaid expenses. The full result of the dinner, which was a small surplus of £541.58, will be included in next year's accounts.					