



LIGHT OF HIRA

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Annual Activities Report – Sha‘bān 1445-46AH – March '24-Feb. '25

About Us

Light of Hira (established in 2009) is a registered charity which aims to provide guidance and support to New Muslims and Non-Muslims interested in Islām, to help them in their spiritual quest and to promote a greater understanding and awareness of the teachings of Islām. All the work that is carried out by the organisation is done by volunteers who have dedicated many hours of their free time to fulfil the objectives of Light of Hira. The Patron & Mentor of this organisation is Shaykhul-Ḥadīth, Ḥaḍrat Mawlānā Muhammad Saleem Dhorat *dāmat barakātuhum* (may his blessings endure). This luminary of our time is the founder of the world renown Islamic Da‘wah Academy, which runs under his supervision. Alḥamdulillāh, our new centre is on 2 Berners Street in Leicester, in close proximity of the Islamic Da‘wah Academy.

Aims & Objectives

We offer help, support & guidance to new Muslims. We have an enquiry service for anyone with questions regarding Islām and mentoring those interested in accepting the faith. We aim to promote Islām’s concept of mercy, tolerance & compassion for all.



Opening of New Premises

Alḥamdulillāh, one year ago, we were honoured with the presence of our beloved Shaykh, Ḥaḍrat Muhammad Saleem Dhorat *dāmat barakātuhum* to have inaugurated our new premises with his blessed and most precious du‘ās on 15th Sha‘bān 1445 / March 2024. We are grateful to our beloved and honourable Shaykh *dāmat barakātuhum* for his invaluable guidance, precious and sincere support of our religious activities.

We are also grateful to all the brothers and sisters who have supported morally, financially and spiritually with their du‘ās. May Allāh ﷻ reward all the volunteers, donors, and well-wishers in both worlds. Āmīn.

Dedicated service

It can be said it is relatively easy to invite someone to accept Islām and for that individual to proclaim the shahādah. However the hardest part of the

journey is the after-care required after a Muslim brother or Muslim sister has accepted Islām. New Muslims have to adapt to their new way of life, adopt Islamic practices, mould their previous lifestyles and interact with their social circles. At Light of Hira, we try out utmost efforts to support the new Muslims under our umbrella, walking along with them in their Islamic learning journey and offer guidance in coping with various challenges after their acceptance of Islām.

Islamic Information Area

Our new centre has now a dedicated space for non-Muslims to visit and learn various aspects of the Islamic faith. People interested in Islām are welcomed to visit us and ask questions about the Islamic faith. Visitors can come into our premises during the opening hours for individual appointments to be arranged at mutually convenient times.



Islamic Guidance

We have provided Islamic guidance in terms of da'wah either in person, via email or phone calls and/or message conversations. In the last year, we received **97 visitors**, including da'wah related individual appointments. We answered **27 email queries** and **444 da'wah / support conversations via phone calls and/or messages**.

Shahādah

Alḥamdulillāh **8** Brothers accepted Islām and **8** Sisters accepted Islām. As mentioned earlier, we strive to ensure these blessed new Muslims are able to stand on their own feet in terms of basic knowledge and practice after they embraced Islām with us.

Increased Classes at the New Centre

Moving permanently to our new premises allowed us to increase our services manifold. In our former premises at 86 Berners Street in Leicester, we used to run evening classes 3 days for brothers and twice a week for sisters. Alḥamdulillāh we are now able to operate daily classes in the evenings, from Monday to Friday for both brothers and sisters. We now have separate facilities for both genders, and we strive to provide one-to-one teaching facilities, catering for the individual needs and progress of each student. We also provide daytime classes on Tuesdays and Wednesday for brothers & for sisters. Saturday classes are available for those students who are not free during the weekdays.

Islamic Classes Provision for New Muslims

As of to-date, from Sha'bān to Sha'bān, we have **19 New Muslim sisters** enrolled in our classes and **21 New Muslim brothers** enrolled.

Enrolled Sisters' Report:

• Salāh

There are 11 sisters who have completed learning their Ṣalāh; and there are another 8 who are still learning how to pray.

• Sūrahs & Du'ās

After the sisters have learned how to pray, they commence to learn basic daily du'ās and the last 15 Sūrahs of the Qur'ān. We have 11 sisters in this category.

• General Islamic Knowledge

The learning syllabus (including Fiqh) comprises of two books. In the first book of learning, 16 sisters are enrolled, and in the second book 3 sisters are studying it.

• Arabic Reading

In the 'Aḥsanul Qawā'idh' Qa'idah - there are 6 sisters at the beginners' level; in the intermediate level there are 4 sisters. In Juz 'Amma there are 8 sisters in this level. Subsequently, one sister has commenced her recitation of the Qur'ān from the First Juz.



Enrolled Brothers' Report:

We had 30 Brothers in total enrolled in the new Muslim classes during this period, 21 have continued their classes on a regular basis.

• Salāh

There are 13 brothers who have completed learning their Ṣalāh; whilst 11 brothers are still learning how to pray.

• Sūrahs & Du'ās

We have 14 brothers engaged in learning the last Sūrahs & basic du'ās.

• General Islamic Knowledge

The learning syllabus (including Fiqh) comprises of two books. In the first book of learning, 21 brothers are undertaking this course.

• Arabic Reading

In the 'Aḥsanul Qawā'idh' Qa'idah - there are 11 brothers at the beginners' level; in the intermediate level there are 9 brothers. In Juz 'Amma there is 1 brother at this level.



Annual Summary of Classes

There was a total of 763 scheduled classes for Sisters, out of which approximately two thirds were attended by the students. This translates in **509 hours offered of free teaching for New Muslim Sisters** this year. Similarly, there was a total of 680 scheduled classes for Brothers, out of which approximately two thirds were attended by the students. This translates in **454 hours offered of free teaching for New Muslim Brothers** this year. The classes last for an average of 40 minutes, with the students being taught on a one-to-one basis.

Ansār Project

This project consists of supporting new Muslims in terms of social care i.e. aid with shopping, accompanying them to hospital appointments, help coping with personal disabilities, inviting for 'Īd occasions at various Muslim family homes, etc. We have two brothers who have been benefitting regularly from this project in various ways. We have 7 volunteers who devote their precious time and care to various New Muslims.

Faith Material

We have written this year a booklet titled “**The Beautiful Religion of Islām – An Overview**”. This PDF booklet is available to those people interested to learn more about the religion of Islām.

Shahādah Certificate

Our certificate's distinguishing feature is that it specifies the New Muslim is accepting Islām out of his/her personal choice and conviction, without coercion. It also stipulates that for the purpose of burial, the body of the deceased, his/her body is to be handled by the Islamic authorities of Ahlus-Sunnah wal-Jamā'ah. This formal request is particularly important to ensure that the New Muslim is buried according to the required Islamic rites, as in many cases, the deceased had not informed their family or loved ones of their new faith choice due to personal reasons. Our shahādah certificate has proven very beneficial and is officially used now by a number of Islamic organisations, including Masājīd. If any organisation or Masjid is interested to obtain our shahādah certificate template, please email us (info@lightofhira.org) or visit our website www.lightofhira.org.

Your Support

After thanking Allāh ﷻ for His help and mercy, we extend our gratitude to our Mentor *dāmat barakātuhum*, all those brothers and sisters who have continuously supported Light of Hira, whether physically, morally or financially. Please continue supporting us in the following manners:

- 1) Make du'ā for the success of Light of Hira & all its activities.
- 2) Refer those people to us who may benefit from our various services.
- 3) Donate lillāh online or through bank transfer for the running costs of our institute. We also have £99,000 of outstanding Qarz loans' debt (as of October 2025). Alternatively, fill in a standing order form. Let your donations become a means of Ṣadaqah Jāriyah (continuous ṣadaqah).

May Allāh ﷻ bless us with sincerity & accept all the efforts for His Dīn. Āmīn.

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