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Welcome to the first newsletter from the Peace Giving Foundation. Having been established during the midst of the economic crisis in Feb 2009 our organisation struggled to develop. However, since late 2009 our organisation has carefully planned and imbedded a strong infrastructure that will enable it to achieve its set objectives. An experienced Management Committee, links/partnerships with public and private sector organisations and a large pool of volunteers has now given us the ability to move on.

We are currently undergoing a fundraising campaign that is in line with our community development plans. It has only been recently that we have applied for funding for projects that support our target groups. The projects we are working on and towards are highlighted on Page 2.

We are extremely thankful to all the staff, volunteers, associated partners and local community for their help in keeping PGF alive through the economic downturn. We would like to give a special thank you to Awards for All who are funding our first project that is targeted to disadvantaged women from BME communities. This project has now allowed our organisation to pursue its objectives.

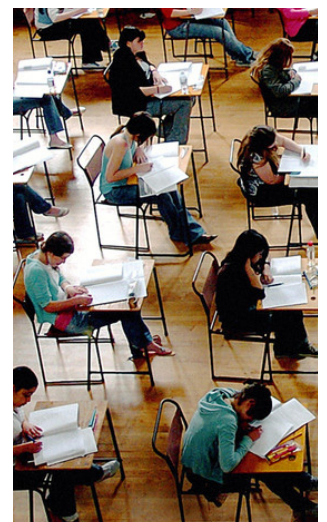
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PGF – Main Objectives

Our main aims and objectives are to support disadvantaged and 'hard to reach' communities, particularly those from Black and Minority Ethnic communities of London, in order for them to lead a safer, healthier and better quality of life in the UK. This will be achieved through;

- Education & Training
- Health & Social Care
- Recreation & Sports Activities
- Tackling Racism & Extremism
- Skills Development

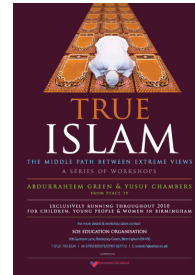


WHAT WE ARE CURRENTLY DOING

BREAKING THROUGH

Funded by Awards for All, we will be delivering a project called 'Breaking Through' from June – Nov 2010. Below is the project brief.

The 'Breaking Through' project is targeted towards 100 socially excluded and 'hard to reach' women from 'newly arrived' communities residing in the most deprived areas of London, in particular Hackney & Waltham Forest. The project aims to provide 'Soft Skills' (social and personal skills) in order for them to integrate better in society, gain confidence, become more independent and employable, communicate effectively and understand UK culture, particularly workplace culture. These skills will ultimately enable them to develop active relationships with people resulting in better social integration, community cohesion and increased chances of becoming employed.



TRUE ISLAM

True Islam is a project that we have developed and will be delivering through our associated organisation Green & Chambers Consulting for a charity based in Birmingham.

Project Brief

True Islam is an innovative project targeted towards 720 children, young people and women residing in the programme's targeted areas. The project combats the negative ideology of 'violent extremism' by explaining the 'true' meaning and teachings of Islam. It also equips beneficiaries with personal skills and traits that will help them integrate better in British society and break down the social exclusion barriers that are being faced. The project will have a positive effect on British society as it will contribute towards creating community cohesion, resulting in more vibrant communities. It will also give the opportunity for beneficiaries to explain the 'true' word of Islam to their own communities and others, hence achieving project sustainability. In fact, it will allow them to become positive 'role models' in society and help achieve the prevention of violent extremism and the negative stigma attached to Islam in today's media.

We are now in the process of developing True Islam as a brand through Peace Giving Foundation in order to deliver this project or a development of it around the UK and world wide. We are working closely with the Government in order to achieve this objective.

Empowering Muslim Youth

We are currently waiting for a decision from the Faiths in Action programme for our project Empowering Muslim Youth. A project brief is set below.

The 'Empowering Muslim Youth' project is targeted at 70 socially excluded and 'hard to reach' Muslim Young People from 'newly arrived' communities residing in the poorest areas of London, particularly Hackney & Waltham Forest. The project is a mentoring and training scheme that equips these particular young people with the skills and knowledge that will help them to integrate better in society, gain confidence, become more independent, develop effective communication and understand the different faiths and cultures that exist in the UK. These skills will ultimately enable them to develop trusting and active relationships with people of different faiths and beliefs.



We have managed to get to the 'second stage application' of the Reaching Communities Programme for our project Skills Seekers. Below is the project brief.

This project is targeted to disadvantaged Young People (aged 16-24 yrs) from hard-to-reach communities, in particular, BME and new emerging communities residing in the most deprived areas of London. Many of these young people feel isolated and socially excluded, and are also marginalised from education and employment through social and economic disadvantages. Due to the recent economic crisis it has been stated in numerous reports that the recession has caused a 'Lost Generation' i.e. these young people are unable to find employment and are in desperate times as they are entering adulthood with no opportunities.

Our project aims to encourage and mentor these particular young people to take up Education, Training, Volunteer Placements, Apprenticeships or (Self)/Employment. It also equips them with appropriate skills and knowledge that would give them a greater chance of pursuing their personal development. The project will provide them with the following (a) new opportunities to consider for their personal development, (b) confidence and independence (c) ability to socially integrate better in society (d) skills to make them more employable and (e) performing better in education or training. The project's overall objective is to provide beneficiaries with a better chance to lead a 'quality' life in the UK.

WHAT OUR PARTNERS ARE UP TO

As our organisation was struggling through the recent economic crisis we had huge support from Green & Chambers Consulting. This support included advice, mentoring and organisation development training. We are very grateful for their support, particularly during one of the worst

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financial times Britain has faced. We have now developed a very firm relationship with them and identified that they have a wealth of community development experience. Therefore, we have now selected Green & Chambers as one of our partner organisations. We are developing further partnerships and links with other organisations in the public and private sector for the organisational growth and development of services around the UK. PGF understands that in order for organisations to grow there is a need for capacity building and building bridges with appropriate organisations. Below is a brief on the type of projects they are currently working on.

True Islam

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Enterprising New Migrant Communities

The project encourages disadvantaged/socially excluded individuals (adults) from the new emerging communities in Plymouth to consider 'Enterprise' as a new window of opportunity to becoming employed. It also provides/develops social and personal skills (confidence, independence and communication) to these individuals in order for them to integrate better in UK society. The project also provides information of relevant support services in the public sector.

Empowering Muslim Women

The 'Empowering Women' project is targeted towards socially excluded and 'hard to reach' newly arrived Muslim women residing in Plymouth. The project aims to provide 'Soft Skills' (social and personal skills) in order for these particular women to integrate better in society, gain confidence, become more independent, communicate effectively and understand the different faiths and cultures that exist in the UK. These skills will ultimately enable them to develop trusting and active relationships with people of different faiths and beliefs.

If you or your local community need our help do not hesitate to contact us. We are growing organisation that has a widely experienced circle of professionals who will listen to your needs and try to provide the service you require in your area.

We also encourage other 'sister' organisations to contact us to see how we can 'join up' services and work in collaboration.

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