

Introduction

The Wycombe Islamic Society (WISE) was established in 1991 to provide clear and accurate information about Islam to the Muslim community and to help build bridges with the wider community.

WISE offers a variety of services for Muslims including prayer facilities, tuition classes, counselling services, a bookshop, and a website. There are also social functions including a youth club and camping trips.

WISE understands that people of all backgrounds share common values. It is for this reason WISE are committed to promoting Islam as a balanced and open religion where all people can live together peacefully and respect one another.

The Society caters for people of all backgrounds and the English language is used at almost all WISE functions. It also accommodates the different cultures that coexist in our local community so everyone is welcome.

Refi Shafi
Chairman, WISE

WISE and the Community

WISE is committed to develop a better understanding between the various communities and cultures in High Wycombe. We are involved in many projects to help the wider community as well as Muslims. Moreover, the flagship, 'Building Bridges' project has caught the eye of the local media and statutory agencies as a groundbreaking initiative to develop a better understanding of the peaceable nature of Islam.

Short Courses

WISE welcomes people of other beliefs to attend their courses. These are run at our centre throughout the year and include a comprehensive five week course as well as shorter seminars. These aim to give a better understanding of some of the main teachings of Islam.

To book a place at our next available course send your contact details by post, email or phone Zahid Jawed (07895 024293).

Courses for Organisations

WISE offers tailor made courses such as 'Islam at Work' to local organisations which help employers to better understand the needs of their Muslim employees or community. These can be held at the WISE Centre or on your premises.

School Visits

WISE can also send representatives to schools to deliver assemblies or talk to classes about Islam as part of their religious studies curriculum.

With our **new Wycombe Islamic Centre** due to open in October 2008, we plan to offer class visits for local schools.

Contact Zahid Jawed (07895 024293) to book visits.

Bookshop and Resources

Resources on Islam, including books, leaflets, CDs, DVDS, prayer mats, clothing, etc can be supplied from our Islamic bookstore in High Wycombe.

Exhibitions



WISE can set up exhibitions at local events on various aspects of Islam for schools, councils and other statutory bodies. These can be on topics ranging from the pillars of Islam to the contribution of Muslims to science and medicine. WISE can also provide books, posters and artefacts as well as people who are there to answer questions.

What is Islam?

Islam is the religion of the Prophets including Noah, Abraham, Moses, Jesus and Muhammed, may peace be upon them. Muslims believe they all preached the same basic message of monotheism, to believe in the Oneness of God and stay away from false worship. The duties of a Muslim include prayer, fasting and giving charity, actions which bring us closer to God and attain his love.

Muslims believe in revelation which was given to the Prophets and recorded by man. The final revelation to mankind is the pure speech of God as revealed to Prophet Muhammed and recorded in the Quran.

Muslims enjoy their life without the need for alcohol, drugs, gambling and promiscuity. Muslims are devoted to their family, friends, neighbours and community.

The Islamic way brings much needed peace and happiness to our lives and teaches us about the true purpose of our existence.

Contact WISE

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Next course scheduled to start:
Thurs 9 Oct 2008 7pm

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