

## MCA Success

MCA have secured **£1 MILLION** of funding for artefacts and projects during these past ten years.

- Stepping Stones - Qurans & Prayer mats donation
- Annual Diaries Project
- Quran CD Project
- Eid packs - MYH, IHRC, etc...
- Darus Salam/IIPH Books Donation - The largest books donation to HMPPS

## The Journey thus far...

To date we have had:

- 5 elections, 9 national conferences
- 85 meetings; executive and full team
- Pan-London Building Bridges Day
- Presentations in many Mosques and Muslim organisations, UK
- RA meetings; sharing findings with Regional Chaplains
- Job shadowing, mentoring, coaching, sign posting for new chaplains, etc...

## Volunteers

You can help by\*:

- Becoming chaplaincy volunteers
- Taking part in teaching sessions
- Mentoring prisoners during imprisonment and after release
- Donating Islamic artefacts / money towards any of our projects

Remember a prisoner comes from your community and s/he will be released back in your Community.

**There is a Muslim Chaplain in most prisons!**

For further details please contact us via website, email or by posting a letter

### Muslim Chaplains' Association

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## Muslims in Prisons

The prison population in England and Wales has increased significantly over the last two decades this has affected all communities including the Muslim community. Census 2011 reports only 4.8 % Muslims residing in England and Wales however, 15 % are reported to be behind bars according to the government's latest figures.

## Muslim Chaplains

Muslim Chaplains (both male and female) have been leading worship and providing pastoral care in prisons on a voluntary basis for a very long time. However, since the employment of full and part-time Muslim Chaplains they have been meeting regularly, to share good practises and enhance the care provided to prisoners.

## Muslim Chaplains' Association

During the year 2002 a few concerned Muslim Chaplains came together, to discuss how they could support the fast growing number of Muslim prisoner population and reduce the high number of re-offending rates. This heralded the birth of 'Muslim Chaplains' Association' (MCA). With the grace of our Creator, support of chaplaincy headquarters staff, HMPPS management board and wider community organisations, years later MCA has a strong network of supporters and well wishers, within HMPPS and the wider community.

## MCA Regional Assistants

Muslim Chaplains have created networks of support, appointed key Muslim chaplains as 'Regional Assistants' (RA's) who share useful information and good practices in their respective regions for the benefit of HMPPS and the wider community. RA's regularly call chaplains in their region and request feedback which is then summarised and fed into MCA's executive meetings which form a basis of training, support and development.

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## Who are its members?

Muslim Chaplain's of all schools of thought that are employed by the prison service are entitled to be members of this association regardless of, cultural differences or nationality. Over 150 Muslim chaplains are currently members of the MCA.

## MCA Aims

- To support Muslim Chaplains
- To work towards the resettlement of prisoners and prevention of re-offending behaviours
- To engage with the Muslim and wider Communities

## MCA Objectives

- To organise a network of pastoral support for Muslim Chaplains & staff
- To prepare, produce and recommend teaching materials and accredited courses
- To provide mentoring and job shadowing services for Muslim Chaplains
- To engage the communities for the resettlement of prisoners and help to reduce re/offending
- To raise funds in order to pursue the activities of the Muslim Chaplains' Association

## MCA's Vision

“ With our professional links in the Ministry of Justice as Muslim Chaplains and resources within the Muslim community as Imams of Mosques, preachers, lecturers, etc. We are committed to build in-roads in between HMPPS agencies and the wider communities. Our vision is to raise awareness in all communities of how to effectively contribute towards the rehabilitation and resettlement vision of HMPPS and MoJ ”

## MCA Key Priorities

MCA held a strategic planning meeting at the end of 2018. 50 chaplains took part and some 28 unique suggestions were made from a wide range of themes. Following this exercise the executive committee chose the following Key Priorities that they will work towards over the next 3 years in office insha Allah (God willing)

### Resettlement work in the Community

Crime in the Muslim community is at a far higher proportion than it should be and Muslims are disproportionately represented in Prisons. This is something that most of the wider community is unaware of hence, there is very little being done to tackle this.' MCA are planning to create an awareness within communities and encourage local and national organisations to work towards reducing this figure.

### Pastoral Care & Development of Muslim Chaplains

Providing pastoral support for our colleagues is a key aim of the organisation we also endeavour to support and sign post fellow colleagues in progressing their skills and converting ambitions into realities.

### Increased provision for Muslim Women in Custody

Female prisons have a large number of women suffering emotional issues. Our members believe that through our 'Partnership Scheme' this is an area where we, the community need to stand hand in hand in their support. It is high time we made a difference by helping the most vulnerable .

### National Partnerships Scheme

Linkup with National organisations and charities to support the Aims of MCA

