

## **Appendix 1**

### **WMYC Objectives**

The registered objects of the Watford Muslim Youth Centre (WMYC) Charity are:

“To further or benefit the residents of Watford and the Neighbourhood without distinction of sex, race, religious background, ethnicity or language, by associating together the said residents and the local authorities, voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation leisure time occupation with the objective of improving the conditions of life for the residents.

In furtherance of these objects but not otherwise the trustees shall have power: to establish or secure the establishment of a community centre and to maintain or manage or co-operate with any statutory authority in the maintenance and management of such a centre for activities promoted by the charity in furtherance of the above objects.”

WMYC hopes to form the ideal place to address community problems and provide solutions for the entire community. The prospect of a community centre offers a much needed resource to bring all communities together in order to create a vibrant environment to facilitate the development of the youth. A further breakdown of our objectives is encapsulated in the following:

- promote social, culture, leisure activities for young male and females for the Watford and surrounding areas;
- support the growth of young people’s abilities and potential in order to encourage them to participate in coping and dealing with those traditions and forces that damage and oppress their community, and in working towards a more just and peaceful community;
- offer programmes of social and personal development to young people to enable the building of good character;
- provide a voice for and on behalf of the local area to ensure that local services identified as required are provided to meet local needs;
- offer mentoring of young people to help them realise their value and meaning within society to prepare them for better engagement within the community;
- help young people understand citizenship and their positive contribution to society;
- enhance the spiritual values of young people to enable them to feel at peace within themselves and their community;

- support vulnerable young females within the community to assist them in dealing with sensitive issues whilst maintaining their position and dignity within the community;
- enhance the education of the inhabitants of Watford and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare by the provision of a community centre to improve the conditions of life of those inhabitants. Particularly those who have need of such facilities by reason of the youth, age, infirmity or disablement, poverty of social and economic circumstances;
- promote harmonious community relations in Watford; and
- promote a place where ALL residents in the area from the entire community can meet and learn from one another and share experiences and understanding.

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