

## **Iron Aid Foundation Trustees Statement February 2019– January 2020**

Iron Aid Foundation have enjoyed a very busy and fruitful year.

### **Fundraising**

We invited the community to donate to the charity during Ramadhan – we do this to cover the costs of running the night prayers.

In June 2019 we held a fundraising dinner and raised pledges of £25,000 to be paid when we start work on the halls project (see below).

### **Worship**

We continue to provide daily schedules for congregational prayer services for the Muslim community in the surrounding area, including the main Friday prayers, which has become more and more popular. We are urgently looking and moving the development project forward as fast as possible to ensure we do not turn away our community during the Jummah prayers.

We are now in the 11<sup>th</sup> year of organising the night prayers or Taraweeh's during the month of Ramadan. For the last 4 years we have been organising the Eid prayers at outdoor venues (Rickmansworth Aquadrome and Pinner Park). This year we changed the venue to Merchant Taylor's school. Again, the volunteers played a large part in ensuring that the event was efficiently and effectively run and allowed everyone thoroughly enjoy the day.

### **Wider engagement with the Non-Muslim community**

We continue our ongoing commitment to community cohesion and engagement with the wider non-Muslim community with dialogue and support for the local synagogue.

For our Eid events we extended invitations to senior members of Harrow (The Mayor attended) and Hillingdon Council, the Headmaster of the local school near Pinner Park, St Johns United Reform Church elders and the Met Police.

### **Premises**

Iron Aid Foundation is committed to this development project and we continue working with St John's United Reform Church to ensure the development allows all to enjoy the upgraded facilities. We have demonstrated that mutual respect of beliefs can lead to great things.

It is important to emphasise that from the start this keystone interfaith community project has had involvement and input from key members of the community that Iron Aid Foundation serves. Through a series of town hall meetings and the digital communication channels at our disposal we have kept our community engaged and enthused about this project. The improved facilities will incorporate upgrades of the kitchen, toilets, and disabled facilities.

### **Covid-19**

We are seeing the effects of the Corona virus now emerging in Europe and expect that this will influence our activities going forward the extent of which is yet to be determined.

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