



## A Committed Effort

Starting as an informal family gatherings for festivals of Eid and Iftaar in 1998, families from Kerala (India) in UK formed MMCWA (Malayalee Muslim Cultural and Welfare Association UK) in 2004 as a UK registered Charity (registration number 1110774) with an aim to provide social, religious and cultural support to their community, giving special attention to the needs of youngsters who needed guidance and support to understand their religious and cultural roots at the same time integrating well into the social structure of Great Britain.

MMCWA is working towards a better social life for the Malayalee Muslim Community in UK by constantly trying to organise events, which will meet aspirations of the community. MMCWA regularly organise cultural events for the community where families can get together, enjoy company of each other, and see their children participating in various cultural events.



## **HELP IN NEED**

With the main aim as above, MMCWA also undertakes various charitable activities helping people to cope with unexpected disasters. Following are some instances where MMCWA raised funds to support people across the World sending money through various charities to help in relief works:

- In 2007 for Bangladesh cyclone relief through Muslim Aid,
- In 2010 for Pakistan flood relief through Islamic Relief and for Haiti earthquake relief through DEC
- In 2011 for Somalia emergency relief through Islamic Relief
- In 2014 for Gaza relief works through Penny Appeal and Ebola relief through DEC.
- In 2008, 2011, 2014 and 2018 money raised and provided support to families of the deceased within the community in need of financial support.
- In May 2015 raised fund for DEC's Nepal relief activities
- Since 2004, for every Ramadan MMCWA members donate to special regular fund and forward to Leprosy Hospital in Koratti, Kerala, India to use in patient care (Approx. £ 1,000/yearly).
- In 2017 – Raised £ 1,500 to help a poor family in Kasargode to build a proper home to live
- In 2018 – Raised £ 10,530 to support Kerala Government in its relief efforts after the disastrous flood causing unimaginable destruction and losses.



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## **BUILDING FUND**

One of the objectives of MMCWA was to establish a centre for its activities in UK. With this in mind MMCWA approached community members both requesting their financial help in achieving this to which many members contributed generously by donating. With the available fund of £ 290,000 and sourcing reminder through bank loan and personal loan from members, MMCWA bought a D1 community purpose building in Northolt, London on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2018. With a view to repay loan as soon as possible, MMCWA is approaching well-wishers for further financial assistance, also planning to let out property during week days to run children's day nursery leaving weekends to conduct its own community events and classes. Having its own centre will help MMCWA to carry out many activities:

- Organise regular family gatherings with various cultural events for children to show their talent.
- Conduct regular family classes to impart education to youngsters and adults alike on various aspects of life
- Organise special language classes for children, in Arabic and other Indian languages with library facilities
- Establish counselling centre aiming to give advice and support to young people and others in need
- Organise social gatherings for religious festivals where families can get together
- Provide every help needed to the family of a deceased by completing necessary legal formalities and making funeral arrangements, Janaza prayers etc.

As soon as the loans are repaid, MMCWA can use the property in the best way possible to maximise Community benefits. For any one off donations or setting up any standing order please use Account Number 20392086 – sort code 60-83-01 – Account name: MMCWA with



Unity Trust Bank.

## **MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

To manage affairs of the Association a Management Committee was set up which currently have 20 members. Committee meets every six weeks to discuss affairs of the association and make necessary decision to efficiently run the association. All members work and travel voluntarily without taking any money to cover expenses/time.

Four Trustees are appointed who are responsible to ensure association is not deviating from intended objectives and its assets are safeguarded. Other office bearers are Chairman, Director, Secretary, Joint Secretary, Treasurer & Assistant Treasurer who are elected by the Management Committee.

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## Forum Cements Cultural Ethos

BY ASIAN LITE NEWS

**M**alayalee Muslim Cultural and Welfare Association UK hosts an for the family audience

MMCWA (Malayalee Muslim Cultural and Welfare Association UK, a UK registered Charity) organised Family Cultural Evening at prestigious Whitechapel Assembly Hall in London.

Children performed various Malayali Maggila art forms including Kollakkal, Duff Muttu, Oppana, Amb Dance, etc. About 25 children were on stage to sing the Nashed Song "Bistillillah." Singers from the community, Dr. Fikah, Samad, Kishore and Shanmugam contributed to the night with their beautiful singing talent.

Traditional Malayali food was served for dinner. Various other programs including cooking competition for ladies and baking

competition for teenage girls were held as part of the event. Once the forum designing still opened at about 9pm, the night reminded of a traditional Malayali Muslim wedding. Everyone left having experienced an enjoyable evening. As in the past Whitechapel Assembly Hall was chosen as venue for the event due to comfort, spaciousness and parking facilities. UK Kerala Muslim families from various parts of UK attended the event.

Author of six Malayalam Novels, K. M. Jaseela, was introduced to the audience. Addressing the gathering Mrs. Jaseela reminded them to be grateful and thankful to Great Britain, a country which gave them much required freedom and comfort. Speaker and religious scholar from the community, Abdul Razhman Noorani also spoke at the event.

MMCWA Management Committee members and their families have been

working hard together with others from the community over the past few months to ensure that this year's event is bigger and better than past events, holding weekly practice sessions to train children for children's programs. From the numerous positive comments received from attendees after the event, it looks like their hard work paid off. You may find more information about MMCWA on their website [www.mmcwa.com](http://www.mmcwa.com)

## Malayalee Muslims Cement Community Ties

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Members from several prominent Islamic organisations attended the 8<sup>th</sup> annual general meeting of the Malayalee Muslim Cultural & Welfare Association UK....reports Asian Lite News



from different organisations.

**A Muslim forum unite various Islamic organisations spread across the country to work together for the welfare of the community. The 8<sup>th</sup> annual general body meeting of Malayalee Muslim Cultural & Welfare Association UK at Whitechapel, London, become historic because of the participation of 600 plus audience and prominent Islamic scholars and leaders**

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