



EAST LONDON MOSQUE &
LONDON MUSLIM CENTRE



Together we can make our community, our country
and the world a better place for all.

*Our mission is
to serve, educate
and inspire.*





The East London Mosque & London Muslim Centre – one of the busiest, most vibrant Islamic centres. At the heart of London, in the UK's largest Muslim community, it has achieved unprecedented success.

Driven by the high ideals of Islam that urge Muslims to make a positive difference wherever they live, it is home to a variety of exciting projects, and widely recognised for its innovative contributions to community life; from core religious services to diverse educational projects, from imaginative employment initiatives to dynamic community engagement – contributing to society on the basis of the values of our faith.

The history of the East London Mosque dates back to 1910 when a number of distinguished Muslims decided to establish London's first mosque. Today the purpose-built mosque is adjoined by the London Muslim Centre and by the Maryam Centre, modern community facilities offering not only prayer space, but also multipurpose halls, schools, adult education, a library, retail and commercial space, a visitor gallery, social action programmes, and much more. Our latest initiative, MyELM, is a response to a post-Covid world where benefactors can maintain a connection to the mosque and continue to develop a relationship of spirituality and ongoing support.

History

“A Mosque in London worthy of the tradition of Islam and worthy of the capital of the British empire.”

Rt Hon. Syed Ameer Ali

1910 First meeting organised at Ritz Hotel to establish a Mosque and Islamic Centre in London, creating the London Mosque Fund. Jumu'ah (Friday) Prayers begin at hired halls.

1935 As more and more Muslim sailors settled in East London, Friday prayers and 'Eid Prayers moved to this area.

1938 The London Mosque Fund purchases a house for use as a Mosque and hostel for Muslim sailors living in East London.

1940 Three houses purchased on Commercial Road, in London's East End, for a Mosque and Islamic Cultural Centre.

1941 Official opening of the East London Mosque on Commercial Road on Friday 1st August.

1975 The Greater London Council (GLC) makes a compulsory purchase order to acquire the three buildings in Commercial Road; in return it provides land and temporary buildings on Whitechapel Road, London E1.



1982 Work commences on the construction of a purpose-built Mosque, complete with minaret and dome.

1985 The official opening of the newly built East London Mosque on Friday 12th July, led by the Imam of Masjidul Haram, Makkah. With a capacity of 2,000, it becomes the first Mosque in the UK to broadcast the call to prayer.

1999 As the local Muslim population grew, the East London Mosque launched a successful campaign with huge community support to buy the adjacent disused land.

2001 Ceremony to launch the construction of the London Muslim Centre on the newly acquired land, led by HRH Prince Charles.

2004 Opening of the London Muslim Centre on 11th June 2004, where over 15,000 people filled the building and the nearby streets for Friday prayer led by the Imam of Masjidul Haram, Makkah. Joined to the adjacent East London Mosque, it forms one of the largest Islamic centres in Europe.

2009 As the Mosque and Centre are already operating at full capacity, work commences on construction of nine-storey centre on land adjoining Mosque.

2013 The new Maryam Centre opens to the public, expanding prayer capacity, adding substantial facilities for women, enhanced funeral facilities, and a dedicated visitor centre.

2015 The neighbouring Synagogue is put up for sale, and is purchased by the East London Mosque with support of local community.

2016 The Synagogue building is redeveloped to accommodate Muslim charity work, pending a full-scale redevelopment in the future when appropriate funding is available.

2020 The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge visit in recognition of ELM's outstanding community support during the Covid-19 pandemic.

2021 Adaptation of services to a digital era, whilst maintaining direct services to the public.



Religious & Spiritual

- **Prayer** – open for all five daily prayers, the Eid prayers and night-time prayers in Ramadan, the Mosque & Centre accommodate 7000 people.
- **Religious advice** – the Mosque has trained Imams and counsellors offering support and guidance during lockdown.
- **Informal religious education** – lectures, weekly classes for new Muslims, Hajj training.
- **Marriage solemnisation** – conducting the Islamic contract of marriage.
- **Funerals** – an independent funeral service, Haji Taslim Funerals, housed inside the Maryam Centre.
- **Charity Collections** – The mosque regularly facilitates charity collections for a wide variety of good causes.
- **Digital Services** – A whole host of Islamic talks and shows keeping the community spiritually satiated.



Congregations of up to **7,000**

Education & Training

- **Full-time schools** – Primary and secondary school, combining Islamic Sciences and National Curriculum, and a nursery school.
- **Supplementary education for children** – after-school Islamic classes on weekdays, weekly classes on Saturdays, homework support, summer activities in the school holidays, recreational activities throughout the year.
- **Library & Archive Resource Centre** – Reference library stocking a range of Islamic books with a reading room service for rare and rich records dating back to 1910.
- **Adult education** – Arabic language and Islamic courses for adults at all levels.
- **Youth Services** – 8th East London Scouts Group helping young people achieve their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potential as individuals.



"To see what you have achieved is enormously encouraging. The education work taking place here is immensely powerful; because it is of immense importance that future Imams are trained in the best possible way."

HRH Prince Charles



"Delivery is ancient, and we need to learn the lessons from the ancient texts (story of Joseph) and then apply them into modern organisations. Good delivery can be found throughout history."

Sir Michael Barber

Projects & Services

- Free legal advice – weekly sessions offering free legal advice to all.
- Work related training – basic skills and language support to help people into employment.
- Environment & health – promoting respect for the environment and healthy living.
- Provision of counsel to policymakers to incorporate the needs of the local community into strategy development.
- Urban Bee Hives - observational bee hives and exhibition.



“Happily here the London Muslim Centre has supported the provision of a ‘pro bono’ legal advice service; that is, the provision without charge by volunteers of legal advice and representation to Muslim and non-Muslim alike. I strongly commend that service and those who generously provide it.”

Lord Phillips, former President of the Supreme Court of the United Kingdom, former Lord Chief Justice of England & Wales

Maryam Women's Services

- **Counselling & advice** – support for the spiritual, mental, emotional and physical wellbeing of women and their families.
- **Education** – classes for women and girls of all ages.
- **Workshops** – on health, safety, reporting crime, environment and more.

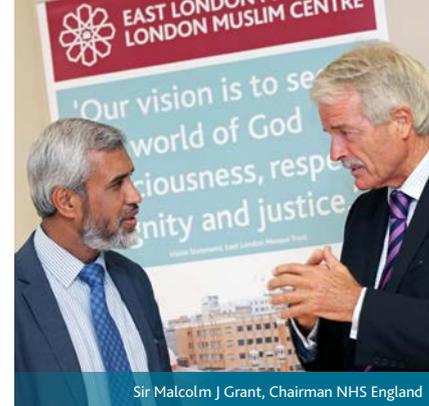


“Maryam Women’s Services provides a safe and supportive environment for women to attend prayers and many other educational and empowerment programmes that take place throughout the year.”

Rufia Alam, Head of Programmes & Maryam Centre

Community Cohesion

- **Open days & exhibitions** – regular open days and exhibitions for people to find out more about the religion of Islam and the Muslim world.
- **Islam awareness courses** – accredited courses offering an authentic overview of Islam and Muslim communities, which can be tailored to meet specific requirements.
- **Visits by schools and other institutions** – The mosque is popular for schools visits, as well as from other institutions such as the NHS, and arranges tours and viewing of the congregational prayer.
- **Promoting Interfaith & Neighbourliness** – The Mosque is a member of Tower Hamlets Inter-Faith Forum, Faiths Forum for London, TELCO and the Muslim Council of Britain.
- **Information Stalls** – The centre is an ideal location to disseminate information to the local community, on health issues, community relations, policing, the environment, and more.



Sir Malcolm J Grant, Chairman NHS England

"I commend the way in which the London Muslim Centre runs [projects] in partnership with a range of other organisations. This helps to make the centre a real community hub."

Sadiq Khan, Mayor of London



Martin Wolf, Associate Editor and Chief Economics Commentator at the Financial Times, London



The Baraka Khan Visitor Gallery

Baraka Khan Visitor Gallery (BKVG) is located within the East London Mosque's Maryam Centre. The BKVG is a unique space for welcoming visitors, with a perfect view of the main prayer hall, and facilities to present Islam and dispel misconceptions about the faith.

It has enabled the East London Mosque (ELM) to offer a better visitor experience. Combined with exhibitions and courses, it has raised levels of delivery and professionalism.

The BKVG facilitates

- School visits
- Adult group visits and tours
- CPD accredited Diversity courses for Non-Muslim Professionals
- State of the art meeting room
- An observational beehive
- Public Talks & Seminars

And much more!



BARAKA KHAN
1991 - 2016



HRH Princess Anne, visits the Baraka Khan Visitor Gallery

A permanent Visitor
Centre for non-Muslims

Covid-19 Pandemic

Supporting the vulnerable through the lockdown

The mosque took the unprecedented step to temporarily close its facilities, including for communal worship. It swiftly introduced a range of social and welfare support for vulnerable members of our communities.

Moving forwards, as the mosque continues to adapt to meet the needs of its worshippers and service users, and to maintain support for those in need, the challenge is to sustain its vital contribution to society.

Mosque services digitised



Emergency mortuary facilities built





Food parcels to the isolated



Supporting critical NHS Staff



COVID-19 Vaccination centre



A Royal appreciation to staff & volunteers

Selection of Visiting dignitaries



“This centre is a good example of what we can achieve to show that Islam is a religion of peace, a religion of progress.”

Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, Former Prime Minister of Malaysia



Bakir Izetbegović

Former President of Bosnia Herzegovina



Tan Sri Dato Azman Mokhtar

Former CEO Khazana, Malaysia



Rt Hon Dominic Grieve QC

Member of Parliament



Robert W. van Zwieten

CEO Emerging Markets Private Equity Association (EMPEA)



H.E Lord Hisashi Owada

Former President of International Courts of Justice



Lord Phillips

Former Lord Chief Justice of England & Wales



Yusuf Islam (Cat Stevens)
Singer-Songwriter



Iqbal Khan
CEO Fajr Capital



HRH Prince Charles
Prince of Wales



Abdulaziz Alsubeaei
Director MASIC



Dr Cevdet Yilmaz
Former Deputy Prime Minister



Dr Mazen Sawaf
Founder, Chairman Novomed Centres

“When I look at the mission statement of this Mosque, which is to serve, to educate and to inspire, to me it connotes an extraordinary array of leadership of a strong faith community.”

Sir Malcolm J Grant, Former Chairman NHS England





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