



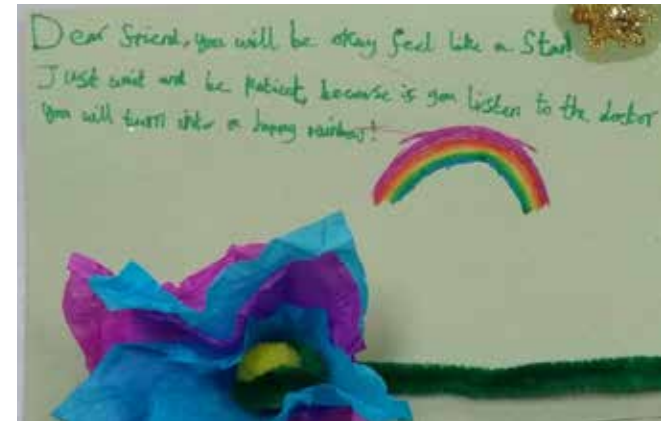

SadaqaDay 2018
DO ENOUGH OF THE RIGHT THINGS



Knitting group at Asian Star, Slough



Mosque visit and foodbank collection in North London



Cards for the sick in hospital - Slough



Litter picking in Peterborough



Visiting children in hospital with gifts and clowns in Dublin



Clearing snow in East London



Snowball fight in Edgware



Graveyard cleaning and clearing in Edinburgh



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Proud Partnerships

“I was so moved when Adil contacted us to tell us about your Sadaqa Day activities and donation of almost 200 boxes of food, that level of support is incredible. Thank you”

Ruth Davany, Operations Manager, PAFRAS, Leeds

I have once again loved the creativity and new ideas people have come up with for this year's Sadaqa Day. Seeing plans take shape and watching the ideas develop into something so simple but so effective is a privilege to be a part of.

A great example of this was in Huntingdon near Peterborough. I met Kimberly at an event and suggested she gets involved with her fairly new community group. She didn't at first but after some encouragement she was on board. She got children in her group to make cards for elderly people in hospital. She then got her local Councillor involved and together they delivered the cards to the hospital. The photos she got back of the elderly people receiving the cards so gratefully, were wonderful. Everyone wins in a project like that! The children, the elderly patients, the staff and the parents. So simple yet so effective and with long-term opportunities to work together way beyond just one day.

Once again, new people have come on board, more volunteers and different activities. We have reached more new people and in different parts of the country than ever before. We even had a couple of activities happening abroad and that gives us opportunities to build on for coming years in even more places.

I have discussed with many people how we take this forward beyond just one day. Everyone I have spoken to has said don't change the one day aspect of this but think about ways the work and partnerships can be developed and built on throughout the year as well. More discussions and planning to follow!

The partnerships are something I am particularly proud of and with more than 100 diverse organisations on board of varying sizes, we know that more work will continue into the future.

With so much unease in the world at the moment, Sadaqa Day and all the people involved give me hope and fill me with optimism. As our tagline says, we all just need to 'Do enough of the right things' for change to happen, for people to stand together more against hatred and bigotry while doing this good work together and for misconceptions to disappear as people get to know new people, their friendships continuing to develop.

I hope you enjoy looking through the photos and reading about the activities as much as I have and I sincerely thank all those involved in helping making this such a fun and exciting project to be a part of.



For more photos see the gallery on our website.

Best wishes
Julie Siddiqi
Founder, Sadaqa Day



“Thank you for your kind words of appreciation! It was an absolute pleasure to help out. There's always such a beautiful feeling in the air when people are gathered together for a positive cause. It's very uplifting to be a part of it”

Amanda, Leeds

Faith in Action

“Muslims and Jews working together for the benefit of the wider community, and not just for their own communities, helps us to better understand the needs of the wider community, and to show the world that we don't just ‘care for our own’. I LOVED going to Stanmore Mosque and was blown away by the warm, friendly and helpful reception I received there”

Doreen, London

Muslim communities in the UK are reported to be among the most generous. Millions of pounds are raised in charity each year, much of which is utilised for important relief aid and development in other countries. Emphasis on UK giving is stronger than ever with British Muslims wanting to see their charity benefitting people closer to home. The concept of 'Sadaqa' is often referred to by Muslims as giving cash but the wider meaning is much more than that and includes helping people, enhancing others' lives, being of use in your neighbourhood. Muslims are ready and want to give money for good causes in the UK but also, increasingly, want to engage in charity with their time, to work on useful and beneficial projects in local areas.



in partnership with over 100 schools, community groups, mosques, universities, foodbanks, soup kitchens, care homes, youth groups, madrassahs, companies, synagogues, churches ... with plans to continue the partnerships through the year beyond Sadaqa Day.

“I am inspired by the great work the Jewish community do with Mitzvah Day. I was also keen to ‘do’ charity in a more active way rather than just donating money. It is brilliant for bridge-building and community cohesion - it gets people out there talking to their community, working with them and for them”

Maryam, Manchester

Locations included:

Edinburgh

Glasgow

Leeds

Blackburn

Wakefield

Manchester

Nottingham

Dublin

California

Birmingham

Peterborough

Coventry

Huntingdon

Oxford

Essex

Maidenhead

Cardiff

Slough

London

North • West • East

Calais
and Dunkirk

Woking

Bournemouth

Uganda



Students in California, USA feeding the homeless and making hygiene packs



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Kosher biscuits bought by a Muslim, to a church, for all to share, in Glasgow



Students from different faiths working together in Glasgow



Elderly patients receiving cards made by children in Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire



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Delivering cards to the nurses for elderly patients in Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire



Card making at the Mosque for hospital patients in Slough



Cooking for the homeless in North London



Islamic Girls School delivering goods and hampers to a disabled charity in Blackburn



Balloons in a North London elderly care and disabled care home



Filming at a North London elderly care and disabled care home



North London elderly care and disabled care home



Partnership working with Mitzvah Day



Norwood Care Home with Jewish Volunteering Network, North London



Partnership working with Muslim Aid, cooking food for the homeless

Convoy to Calais and Dunkirk

“The Trip made me realise that there is much more to do. When I got back, I focused on raising money to buy a car for the Women’s Refugee Centre to use. We raised all the money in just a couple of weeks. It has reminded me that together we can do so much and that we must remember refugees lives’ matter”

Hasina Zaman, London

A group of 10 women from different faith backgrounds got together, collected over 1000 items, packed them into five cars and went to deliver it all to refugee women, children and families who are still stuck in Calais and Dunkirk having fled war torn countries in different parts of the world. The group took activities for the children, toiletries for the women as well as tents, tarpaulins, socks and gloves. Playing with the children was a highlight for everyone but made it even harder to leave when it came to going home.

Thank you to the organisations shown on this page that gave staff time and collected donations and goods



“It’s one thing to read about the refugees in Dunkirk. It’s quite another to meet them, talk to them, paint their children’s faces and giggle with them, see the pleasure on the women’s faces as they opened their bags full of nice treats. I think of these people now when it’s cold, shivering in their tents. I think of the families squashed up together in the chilly school gym with no privacy. Nobody should have to live like this.”

Bev Cohen, Brighton

“I see a lot of poverty in my day to day job but it never gets easy. It was amazing to spend time with powerful women of a similar mindset and really understand the needs that are still out there and need addressing.

I came back more determined to make a difference and I know the experience has made me stronger and more focused to be a part of that much needed change.”

Ridwana Wallace-Laher, Bradford





Thank you!

“The hope is that this generation does make a positive mark and events such as Sadaqa Day are a contributing factor”

Tafazal, Leeds

Special thanks to Iqbal Nasim from the National Zakat Foundation for his support and guidance over the past couple of years helping this project develop and grow and for his leadership in ensuring the conversation around the need for focus on UK work and community bridge-building, continues.



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Thank you so much to Laura Marks and her Mitzvah Day team for their ideas, encouragement, positive energy, support, friendship and expertise in bringing people together to work in partnership on practical projects, all year round.

Sincere thanks to the partners and organisations who helped and supported Sadaqa Day: Well done to organisers at:

Shah Jahan Mosque, Woking; Eden Care, East London; The Wellspring Centre, Stockport; Allingham House Care Centre; Altrincham Muslim Association; Sunrise of Halebarns; Keep Britain Tidy; Knit Your Socks Off, Slough; Our Kitchen Rules, Slough; Slough Refugee Support; Slough Community School; Blood UK; UK Islamic Mission Peterborough, Khadijah Mosque; Werrington Lodge Care Home; Christian Muslim Forum; Methodist Church; Nisa-Nashim Jewish & Muslim Women's Network; Mitzvah Day; Making Herstory; Women's Refugee Centre Calais and Dunkirk; Penny Appeal; Huntingdon Muslim Community Association; Hinchingsbrooke Hospital; Scottish Police Muslim Association; Amina Muslim Women's Resource Centre, Glasgow; Glasgow South West Foodbank; Glasgow Jewish Students Society; Hillington Park Parish Church, Scotland; Scottish Ahlul Bayt Society; Edinburgh Direct Aid; Wakefield City Youth and Community Project; Wakefield Faiths Forum; Muslim Aid; Muslim Sisters of Eire; Our Lady's Children's Hospital, Dublin; The Muslim Community Association of Folsom, California; Folsom High School Muslim Student Association, California; Oxford Kidz Klub; Jewish Care; The King Fahad Academy; JW3; Golders Green Islamic Centre; Brondesbury Park Synagogue; Brondesbury Foodbank; Alyth Synagogue; Glasgow University; Heathside School, London; Save A Child's Heart; Rumi's Kitchen; Norwood Jewish children and families charity; Sufra, Brent; Hendon Mosque; West London Synagogue; Salam Shalom Community Kitchen, Nottingham;

Cardiff University; New Essex Masorti Synagogue; London Royal Free Hospital; Euston Foodbank; Civil Service Muslim and Jewish staff networks; Islamic Association of North London; Faiths Forum for London; London Royal Free Hospital; Euston Foodbank; Clifton Road Mosque; All Hallows Church, Leeds; The Great Get Together; Peace Matters; Knit For Peace; Cricket Without Boundaries; Purple Patch; Hopwood Court; Age UK, Blackburn; Eardisley CofE Primary School; Noor Orphans; Hujjat Stanmore Mosque; Council of European Jamaats (COEJ); Al Ayn; Northwood School; Imam Hussain blood donation campaign; Al Khoei Foundation; Approachable Parenting; Jewish Volunteering Network.

And of course, thank you to each and every volunteer, all ages, all backgrounds who took up the challenge and exceeded all expectations. Reading the feedback, looking at the photos, talking to organisers – it is so heart-warming to see what is possible when we work together for the common good.

May God bless you all and continue to enable us to serve our communities, engage in positive activities and give back to our great country.

We just need to continue doing enough of the right things.



Cooking for the homeless in North London



Mosque in Harrow collecting goods and working with 500 children



Knitting group in North London



Mayor of Barnet at Norwood Care Home with Jewish Volunteering Network and local Muslim communities



Norwood Care Home partnership working



Oxford Kidz Klub making cards for Fire Brigade staff



Foodbank collection at the Mosque in Slough



Litter pickers at the ready at the Mosque in Slough



Cooking for the homeless in Wakefield



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