



The Muslim Council of Scotland

Muslim Council of Scotland (MCS)
PO Box 7595, Glasgow, G42 2EZ

Muslim Council of Scotland, AGM 2009

Sunday, 22nd of November, 12.00 pm to 5.00 pm,

Madrassa Talim Ul Islam, 161 Nithsdale Road, Pollokshields, Glasgow, G41 5QS

Assalaam Alaikum,

We hope this letter finds you in the best of health and imaan.

In keeping with its obligation the Muslim Council of Scotland (MCS) is pleased to invite you to its 2009 AGM. Please note the date in your diary.

Please find enclosed a programme, nomination forms and membership renewal forms and MCS Constitution.

Please return the nomination forms and membership renewal forms by Monday 9th Nov. 2009. Please add the name of the person you wish to be on the nomination list. We also require bio-data of the nominated person, so that people have some information to inform them at the time of voting.

It is also important that the nominated person is able to give their time and skills to carry forward the work of the organisation for the next two years.

It will be very helpful to MCS if you are able to include an email address in your contact details. It is important that you confirm your attendance at the meeting so that we can make sure we will have a quorum to undertake the AGM and elections.

I look forward to meeting you on the day.

Wassalaam,

Bashir Maan

Mr Bashir Maan

Convener, MCS



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Muslim Council of Scotland, AGM 2009 - Day Programme

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Event Programme

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| 12:00 | Registration and lunch |
| 12:45 | Zuhr Prayers |
| 13:15 | Opening and Welcome by chair
Mr Bashir Maan, Convenor, Muslim Council of Scotland |
| 13:20 | MCS Annual Report
Dr Salah Beltagui, Vice Convenor, MCS |
| 13:40 | Question & Answer session |
| 14:00 | Speech by Guest Speaker
(t.b.c.) |
| 14:30 | short break & Refreshments |
| 14:45 | Subcommittees & Networking opportunity |
| 15:15 | Subcommittees' Reports to General Council |
| 15:30 | Election of next Executive Board & Appointment of Board of Councillors |
| 17:00 | Close |

DELEGATE FORM – MCS Annual General Meeting - 2009

Sunday 22nd November 2009

Ref: MCS Affiliate Number

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Dear Colleague
Assalaamu 'Alaikum wa rahmatullah

The following person:

Title	First Name	Surname

Address for correspondence		
Town/City		
Post Code		
Telephone – day	Telephone - evening	Fax
E-mail		
Position in organisation		

Has been chosen to represent:

Organisation name		
Organisation address		
Town/City		
Post Code		
Telephone – day	Telephone - evening	Fax
E-mail		

at the MCS Annual General Meeting on **Sunday 22nd November 2009** at:
Madrasa Talim Ul Islam, 161 Nithsdale Road, Pollokshields, Glasgow, G41 5QS.

Signed:

Name:

Position in organisation:

Date:

OBSERVER/GUEST FORM

**The Muslim Council of Britain General Assembly Meeting & Convention 2009
on Sunday 22 Nvember 2009**

I would like to attend the MCS's Annual General Meeting on Sunday 22nd November 2009 at Madrassa Talim UI Islam, 161 Nithsdale Road, Pollokshields, Glasgow, G41 5QS, as an Observer/Guest.

Title	First Name	Surname

Address for correspondence		
Town/City		
Post Code		
Telephone – day	Telephone - evening	Fax
E-mail		
Position in organisation		

Representing/affiliated with

Organisation name		
Organisation address		
Town/City		
Post Code		
Telephone – day	Telephone - evening	Fax
E-mail		

Yours sincerely,

Signed:
Date:

Name:

Position in organisation:

PLEASE COMPLETE AND EMAIL OR POST TO THE ADDRESS BELOW.

MCS Reference: _____



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Affiliation Questionnaire

In order to deal with your application quickly, please answer the following questions. Please, use the checklist to make sure all necessary information is provided.

Part One

Please answer the following as: Y= Yes, N= No

1. Are you an Islamic Organisation believing in Allah and that Muhammad Peace be Upon Him is the Last Messenger?	(Y/N)	
2. Does your organisation have a constitution?	(Y/N)	
3. Is your organisation a registered charity?	(Y/N)	

Part Two: Check List:

Please make sure to enclose the followings: (please tick as appropriate)

• Constitution/literature of your organisation enclosed	
• Completed MCB Affiliation Form	
• A contact person's details	

It would be appreciated if the telephone numbers entered in the questionnaire are clearly marked as day/work and evening/home, as appropriate for clarity.

Kindly arrange to complete the affiliation form and this questionnaire [duly signed by the authorised person(s) within your organisation] and return them to us by post as soon as possible.

On receipt of the completed forms by the MCS your application will be considered for processing.

We look forward to your support and to work together for the benefit of the community.

Bashir Maan

Bashir Maan
Convenor, MCS Executive Board

Affiliation Form

1. ORGANISATION NAME AND ADDRESS DETAILS

ORGANISATION NAME

ENGLISH

ARABIC

ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE

POST CODE _____

TELEPHONE/ FAX _____

EMAIL _____

WEBSITE _____

PERSON(S) IN THE ORGANISATION PROVIDING THE CONTACT POINT(S) FOR
COMMUNICATION

NAME _____

CONTACT TELEPHONE_ /Fax _____

EMAIL _____

NAME _____

CONTACT TELEPHONE_ / Fax _____

2. ORGANISATION STATUS

DATE FORMED

IS THERE A CONSTITUTION? (Y/N) IF 'YES', PLEASE ATTACH IF POSSIBLE

IS THERE AN ANNUAL REPORT? (Y/N) IF 'YES', PLEASE ATTACH FOR 2 YEARS IF POSSIBLE

REGISTERED CHARITY? (Y/N) _____
REGISTRATION NUMBER

UNINCORPORATED ASSOCIATION? (Y/N)

LIMITED COMPANY (Y/N)

IS IT AFFILIATED TO, OR A
BRANCH OF, PARENT BODY? (Y/N) IF 'YES', NAME OF PARENT BODY

PARENT BODY

3. RESPONSIBLE PERSON(S) IN THE ORGANISATION

NAME	POSITION	TELEPHONE	FAX

4. MEMBERSHIP PROFILE

NUMBER OF MEMBERS IN THE ORGANISATION (INDIVIDUALS, OR MEMBER ORGANISATIONS)

NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS _____

NUMBER OF ORGANISATIONS _____

DOES THE ORGANISATION MAINTAIN A MEMBERSHIP ROLL? _____

5. MAIN ACTIVITIES

PLEASE DESCRIBE THE ORGANISATION'S MAIN ACTIVITIES

6. FOR NATIONAL AND REGIONAL ORGANISATIONS ONLY

LIST OF BRANCHES OR AFFILIATED MEMBER ORGANISATIONS ATTACHED? (Y/N)

7. CONFIRMATION

I/WE

NAME OF ORGANISATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)

HAVING READ AND ACCEPTED THE MUSLIM COUNCIL OF SCOTLAND'S CONSTITUTION AND STANDING ORDERS, CONFIRM THAT

NAME OF ORGANISATION(S)

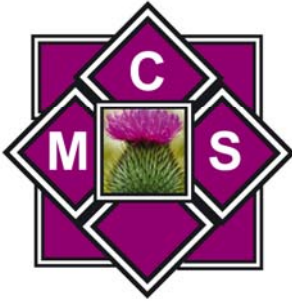
SEEKS AFFILIATION TO THE MUSLIM COUNCIL OF SCOTLAND

SIGNATURE(S) _____ POSITION(S) IN THE ORGANISATION _____

DATE _____

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Scottish Defense League Threat; MCS Guidelines

“Invite to the Way of your Lord with wisdom and fair preaching, and argue with them in a way that is better. Truly, your Lord knows best who has gone astray from His Path, and He is the Best Aware of those who are guided.”{16:125}

“The servants of Allah most gracious are those who walk on earth modestly and when the ignorant address them they say Peace.”{25:63}

Introduction:

MCS has sent letters to Scottish Ministers, Leader of Glasgow City Council and Chief Constable to express our concern ask for action, the following text is an example.

As you are aware, there has been a rise in attacks on Muslims who are part of the community of Scotland. The latest threat is the plans of demonstrations by a so called Scottish Defense League SDL, following similar acts in England and Wales. These acts led to provocation and many disturbances. These acts by such racist groups aim to destroy the very good established multicultural community relations.

The Muslim community is greatly concerned at these dangerous developments which could destroy the peace and harmony of our city.

There have been a number of meetings within the community with religious leaders and others and they all share that concern about the action of the SDL and any subsequent reaction which it may create through their provocative acts.

I would, therefore on behalf of the Muslim community, urge you to take all possible actions to prevent such fascist activities from happening and causing long term damage to community relations in Glasgow (Scotland).

For this purpose we ask for an urgent meeting with you to discuss our concerns and how to work together both short and long term so that Glasgow (Scotland) continue to flourish.

The SDL indicated that they intend to hold demonstrations in Scotland on 14th November, near Central Mosque Glasgow, although other alternative venues may be decided.

This is naturally a very worrying development for the Muslim community as it raises the likelihood of a violent confrontation.

MCS has invited meeting of Imams and community leaders in Glasgow to work out a strategy on dealing with the situation.

MCS General Guidance:

Muslims should take action and continue to reach out to other communities who are their neighbours, work colleagues and friends to explain by their discussions or by their example, the true message of Islam, which promotes social harmony between people of all faiths and backgrounds, justice and peace.

Mosques and other centres should develop themselves into Islamic Dawa 'centres of excellence' (if they have not done so far), which provides services to local people regardless of faith, in the field of health care, social care, crime prevention and educational to demonstrate the values of Islam in meeting the needs of people.

We are all reminded to act to challenge anti-Islamic propaganda in an intelligent and peaceful manner. We should challenge any anti-Islamic propaganda, collectively and individually, in an intelligent manner by discussing with and writing to elected officials, editors of newspapers and senior police officers that such anti-Islamic propaganda should be taken seriously as they damage good community relations.

Feedback from Imams

- a) All Imams are against holding of counter demonstrations to SDL.
- b) Every mosque to urgently look into fitting CCTV cameras, if not already done.
- c) Know the Police Community Officer in your locality, keep phone number at hand.
- d) More visible police presence required near mosques in run-up to 14/11 SDL Demo day.
- e) Police patrol car to be stationed at every mosque on 14/11.
- f) Press Release to be issued on Imam's opinion and advice.
- g) Mosques to consider having people stationed on premises on 14/11 in case of trouble.
- h) The need to engage other faith leaders via Interfaith Council.

- i) Quranic themes around Sabr for Khutbas suggested in run up to 14/11.
- j) Create bullet point guide to proposed Khutbas and discussion point to study circles.
- k) Teach congregation about long term UK Muslim vision (Make Dawah not Trouble)
- l) Authorities to be approached about creation of positive Muslim poster campaign
- m) All mosques to consider hosting mosque open days between now and 14/11
- n) Good opportunity to teach community on handling threats of this nature.
- o) Need to consider methods of communicating to those not attending Mosque.
- p) MCS website should provide advice and contact phone numbers of key personnel.
- q) Remind all Muslims to report all forms of harassment even minor types to police.

MCS Recommended actions:

Based on the Public meeting 8/10/09 and advice from other organisations are:

1. Lead a communication strategy through the media sub-committee.
2. Get message far and wide to write to local councilors, MSPs, etc and meet them.
3. Write to the media proactively and also challenge their biased extremist publications.
4. Work with Religious leaders of all faith groups against SDL and the like.
5. Work with the already set up groups, Scottish Human Rights.
6. Prepare for an eventuality, i.e. stewarding, guidance leaflets etc
7. Continue links with imam's and community leaders, key voluntary organizations.
8. Develop working relations and partnerships with civic groups, STUC etc
9. Organise positive campaign against fascism, a good example is the Hope not Hate group see, go to www.hopenothate.org.uk
10. Arrange a mass prayer in George Square, with people from various religious communities in a stance of solidarity, not on the same day.
11. Set up a marquee in George Square espousing all the positive aspects we have of Islam.
12. Open up our mosques for open days the week before the SDL demo.
13. Work with iiScotland which will arrange their annual Islam Awareness Week, 14 to 22 Nov, with a range of activities covering the issue of Islamophobia
14. Join the Scottish Inter Faith Week activities, 22 till 29 Nov., www.scottishinterfaithcouncil.org