

## **Looking for volunteers to join the 'New to Islam' project.**

Leeds Grand Mosque has run a successful New to Islam project since 2017. The project ensures the mosque is open and accessible for those considering becoming Muslim, Muslim converts and anyone who would like to find out more about Islam.

The project provides:

- Weekly drop-in sessions, 11.30am – 12.30pm every Sunday. These are staffed by both a brother and sister in their respective sections
- A bimonthly sisterhood circle
- Ramadan preparation and iftaar.

The main bread and butter of the project is the weekly drop in sessions. Typically just one or two people come to either the brothers or sisters section, however there are many weeks when no one attends. The drop in session is a one-to-one chat aimed at helping people feel comfortable in the mosque, to find out more about Islam, organise shaddah with the Imam and to introduce and integrate new Muslims into the community.

We are looking for more volunteers to work on the drop-in sessions and to help develop the New to Islam service, we hope to:

- Start a brotherhood circle aimed at convert brothers, covering basic topics including seerah of the Prophet (PBUH), basic fiqh rulings etc. The circle will also help brothers meet other converts and build a community which is essential for converts to practice to deen successfully.
- Run a biannual basic prayer course

## **We are looking for volunteers with the following experience:**

- Good basic knowledge of the deen
- Experience of speaking to non-muslims and converts, and an empathy of the challenges they many experience
- A good listener who is non-judgemental
- Good basic knowledge of the deen
- An understanding of safeguarding, we come across vulnerable people through this work
- Willing to be DBS checked
- Available one Sunday per month, 11.15am – 12.45pm cover the drop in session.
- Open to male and female volunteers, many of the current volunteers are married couples which works well, though singles are of course welcome.
- Part of the Leeds Grand Mosque congregation.

## **Join the team**

If you are interested to volunteer on the project contact Denise or Zak for more details and an informal chat.