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Visit My Mosque Open Day

Leeds Grand Mosque opened its doors to the public of all faiths and none to find out more about the belief and practise of Muslims. The aim was to attract people from all walks of life, young and old, black and white, male and female to the event so that they could be equipped with the true knowledge and values of Islam. The event also provided an ideal opportunity to fully engage with Muslims.

Dr Ihab Ibrahim, LGM Committee Chair, said:

“There is a real concern with the increasing number of hate crimes against Muslims and Islam in the UK and the open day provided an opportunity to understand the Islamic faith from our perspective. For most non-Muslims, the only Islamic education they receive through the media alone. Putting on this event was a key priority for us in engaging with the wider public”

The event had an exhibition area, information stalls, refreshments, a talk on Islam and Muslims and a chance to observe the sunset prayer in the mosque. The event was solely organised by volunteers, led by Aahid Rasool, Community Engagement Officer at Leeds Grand Mosque.

“Organising the event was a great opportunity for all the volunteers at Leeds Grand Mosque to come together and engage with the wider community. We were thrilled to see over 100+ visitors, and had the opportunity to speak to many, receiving positive feedback.” Said Aahid Rasool.

Anyone wishing to visit the Leeds Grand Mosque should contact us directly via the details below. Leeds Grand Mosque hopes and prays to continue to welcome visitors from near and far and continue to build positive bridges with all communities regardless of faith, nationality or gender.

Ends.

Notes to editors:

1. For further information contact Leeds Grand Mosque on: contact@leedsgrandmosque.com or Tel: [0113 2468789](tel:01132468789)

2. The LGM has a daily congregation of 200 people and on Friday prayers it attracts more than 1,200 worshippers. The mosque draws visitors from schools and the public throughout the year.

The open attitude of the mosque and its people make a major contribution in fostering interfaith and intercultural understanding in the local community.