

Islamic
Awareness
Week

University of Bristol Islamic Society,
Bristol, United Kingdom



Entrance to our Islamic Heritage and Arts Exhibition 2007.

Introduction

Assalamu'alaikum,
Peace be upon you,

The University of Bristol Islamic Society (Brisoc) is an active university society with over 350 members, Muslim & non-Muslim.

Our mission is to cater for the religious/social/and academic needs of Muslim Students on campus. Moreover, we strive to educate our Non-Muslim colleagues and friends of the true message of Islam.

BrISOC runs 5 major events every year, along with weekly activities. Our new website is up and running and our newsletter is becoming increasingly popular.

The following pages will provide a synopsis of our Islamic Awareness Week proposal which we're hoping to hold in February 2008.

We hope that this proposal will encourage you to support us in this noble endeavour and provide a platform for future support of similar projects.

Yours sincerely,
Mohammed Faris
President
Islamic Society

Who are we?

Mohammed Faris - President

Mariam Namutebi - General Secretary

Tausif Husseini - Treasurer

Abdul-Azeem - Internal Officer

Haneen Jasim - External Officer

Nizar Abbas - Marketing Officer

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Our Mission

“And let there be (arising) from you a nation inviting to (all that is) good, enjoining what is right and forbidding what is wrong, and those will be the successful!”

- (The Holy Quran)

The University of Bristol Islamic Society's mission is embedded in the verse above. A society that invites to all that is good, enjoins the right, speaks against the wrong, and delivers the true message of Islam.

What is the Islamic Society?

In 1997, a group of young active Muslims, formed what is known today “the University of Bristol Islamic Society,” at that time, there were only a handful of members putting together basic Islamic Society activities, working endlessly to help their fellow Muslims integrate into University life. Little did they know that 10 years down the line, their efforts will be so blessed that the Islamic society will grow to have a large membership base and a well-structured, active executive committee.

So, what is the Islamic Society? What our aims? Our Objectives?

Our aims:

- ▶ To cater for the needs of Muslims reading at the University of Bristol irrespective of country of origin, school of thought, background, and level of practice.
- ▶ To defend the reputation of Islam by acting to combat ignorance, misinformation and prejudice,
- ▶ To represent Muslim Student interests at local and national levels.
- ▶ To inform, promote, and increase awareness of the message of Islam to Muslims and non-Muslim alike.
- ▶ To promote brotherhood/sisterhood and unity amongst all Muslims at the University.
- ▶ To promote equality, justice, religious freedom, and encourage University of Bristol Union in realising these universal values in its action.

Six great aims, 7 active executives, and 350 members; this is the Islamic Society.



IAW 2008

In this year's Islamic Awareness Week, we want to focus on the Holy Quran, not only as a spiritual and religious text, but as the source of the great Islamic civilisation and a modern guide for Mankind in today's modern world.

Proposed Date:

25th February 2008 - 29th February 2008

Aims:

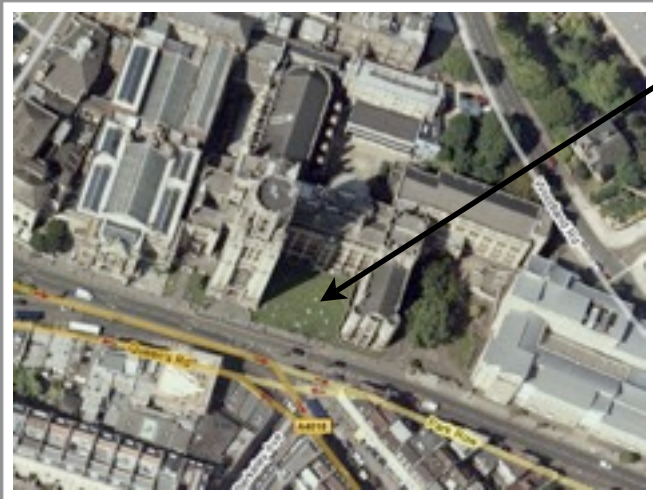
The University of Bristol Islamic Society aims to introduce the Holy Quran as the source of the Islamic Civilisation's great achievements to Muslims and Non-Muslims within and outside the University of Bristol.

We would like to raise awareness and appreciation of this book as an academic, historical, and revolutionary book that shaped and still shapes our world today.



Objectives:

- *Discover the scientific, historic, and linguistic miracles of the Quran,
- *Explore the history behind the holy Quran's compilation,
- *Discover the art of Quranic recitation and its spiritual and psychological implications,
- *Explore the reasons why the Quran was the source of advancement in medicine, science, and art in the 7th century.
- *Understand some of the solutions that the Quran offers to current world problems.

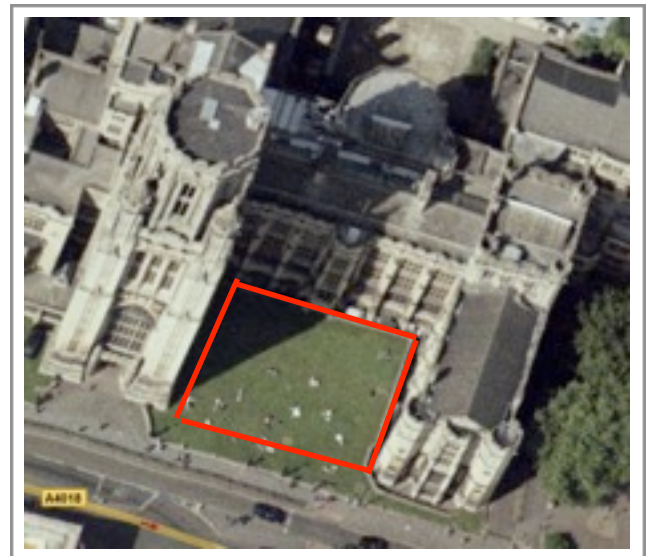


Location

We'll be located at the heart of the University of Bristol. In a Marquee facing one the busiest streets of Bristol for maximum publicity.

Format

The awareness Week will take place in a large Marquee in the locations denoted above. This marquee will host an exhibiton, and a number of stalls with different activities and information about Islam and Muslims.



Rationale

By combining the exhibition format, into a marquee we're bringing in 2 year's worth of experience into this field and ensuring a maximum positive publicity of the event at the University of Bristol and the City of Bristol at large.

Logistics

With an ambitious project, comes an ambitious planning stage, one that needs to think through logistics especially the health and safety aspects of the Marquee. Below is a description of the Marquee, what it entails, and some of the precautionary measures we'll be taking to ensure a successful and risk-free event.

Description of the Marquee

- 30x30 foot marquee with window wall and door.
- Aluminium tubular framed and white covers made from manufactured white PVC.
- Hard wooden flooring, suitable for uneven and wet ground.
- Spotlights.
- Blow heater.
- Generator – We shall enquire whether we can borrow one from the university.

Inside the Marquee

- Exhibition will be provided by Exhibition Islam. Exhibition Islam is a company specializing in providing exhibitions worldwide on Islamic culture, history and religion. *Due to Security concerns, We will not be exhibiting any artefacts, but instead they will provide us with colourful posters stacked full of information.*
- 5 stalls will be manned to enable people to ask questions replete with literature, pamphlets and Korans in different languages.
- Muslims women's stall
- Henna - stall
- Arabic calligraphy stall

Health & Safety



Security

- We met with Jim Lucas, the Health & Safety Advisor in the Union Building and so plan to implement his recommendations.
- A fluorescent jacketed marshal will be appointed to ensure that all fire exits are kept clear, as well as to keep tab on how many people are going in and out of the Marquee, so that it doesn't get packed.
- A security fence will be erected around the Marquee, which will help us lock the Marquee in the evening.
- All banners/signs will be removed from the public view at night in order to keep a low profile of the event during the evenings.
- University security will be urged to step up patrols in the area – particularly being vigilant at pub closing times.

Health and Safety

- The marquee will be to B.S. Flame Retardant standards.
- A set of fire extinguishers will be on hand
- A first aid kit and a mobile phone will be procured and kept with the marshall..





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