

THE YOUNG MUSLIM LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME

The Young Muslim Leadership Programme 2022 took place from 24th June to 3rd July. This annual residential Programme is a joint initiative of the Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies and The Prince's Charities. The Programme is designed with three aims in mind. Firstly, to provide participants with an informed understanding of British social and political institutions and values, and to encourage the participants to make a positive contribution to British public life. Secondly, to build a positive sense of identity among participants in being both British and Muslim. Thirdly, to nurture the Centre's network of YMLP alumni and to introduce the present cohort of participants to this network. Participants are British Muslims aged between 21 and 30 who have demonstrated leadership potential in various spheres, such as local or national government, commerce, the media, the voluntary sector and the arts.

The Programme included seminars from distinguished experts in areas such as academia, banking and commerce. Speakers came from the charity sector, the medical and mental health sectors, journalism, politics and commerce.

On Saturday 2nd July, the Centre hosted the 2022 YMLP Alumni Day. This year we celebrated the 16th anniversary of the YMLP. More than 90 people attended the Alumni Day, which also included an Afternoon Tea to celebrate the 16th anniversary of the Young Muslim Leadership Programme.

The following participants successfully completed the YMLP 2022:

Mr Usamah Afzal, Miss Saamiya Ahmad, Mr Aadil Anwar, Miss Sumaya Awais, Miss Hinna Awan, Miss Arshmeena Durrani, Miss Marwa El-Gaby, Dr Omer Elhassan, Miss Munazzah Haque, Mr Hamda Hussein, Mr Sulaiman Iqbal, Miss Sabrina Jamil, Dr Qasim Malik, Mr Sultaan Mufid, Mr Habibullah Muhammad-Kamal, Miss Linta Binte Nasim, Miss Haleema Ogazi-Khan, Miss Zahra Samih, Miss Shermeen Saud, Ms Carla Elizabeth Freitas Teixeira, Mr Yusuf Zakariya.

Speakers on the Programme included:

Dr Asma Mustafa, Dean of Scholars and Salahuddin Abdul Jawad Fellow, Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies;

Ms Asma Khan, Centre for the Study of Islam in the UK, Cardiff University;

Mr Richard Weyers, Deputy Registrar, Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies; former Director, British Council Malawi, Afghanistan, Uganda and Sudan;

Dr Nicholas Dickinson, Balliol College, Oxford;

The Honourable Mr Justice Akhlaq Choudhury QC;

Ms Nusrat Ghani MP, Former Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State at the Department for Transport and Former Lord Commissioner of HM Treasury;

Dame Barbara Stocking DBE, Former Chief Executive of Oxfam GB;

The Rt Hon Lord Dennis Stevenson of Coddenham, Former Chairman, HBOS;

Dr Raghiv Ali OBE, Director, Public Health Research Center, NYU Abu Dhabi;

Rt Hon Dominic Grieve QC, former Attorney General for England and Wales from 2010 to 2014;

The Rt Hon Lord Wajid Khan of Burnley, Shadow Spokesperson (Levelling Up, Housing, Communities and Local Government);

Dr Basil Mustafa, Senior Associate Member, Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies;

Mr Iqbal Nasim MBE, Former Chief Executive, National Zakat Foundation;

Mr Jeffery Beere, Procurement Director at AkzoNobel;

Ms Roohi Hasan, Senior Producer, ITV News;

Mr Richard Makepeace CMG, Registrar, Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies; former British Ambassador to the Sudan, and to the United Arab Emirates; former Consul General in Jerusalem;

Stephen Timms, MP for East Ham, Chair of the Work and Pensions Select Committee; former Chief Secretary to the Treasury;

Mr Tom Fletcher CMG, Former British Ambassador to Lebanon; former Foreign Policy Adviser to the Prime Minister;

His Eminence The Sultan of Sokoto;

Mr Zuber Issa CBE, Co-CEO and Co-Founder of EG Group; Co-Director of Asda;

Mr Iqbal Khan, Chief Executive of Fajr Capital; former head of HSBC Amanah; and

Professor Shahid Jameel, Sultan Qaboos Fellow & Principal Investigator of Centre's Programme on Public Health, Science and Technology in Muslim Societies.