

The Muslim Charities Forum Charter

➤ INTRODUCTION

The MCF Charter outlines a shared commitment by members of the MCF network to its common purpose, values and principles. The Charter is inspired by similar initiatives in the sector, and it draws on and refers to a range of existing norms, standards, codes and guidelines, but does not replace them. Whilst MCF expect its members to commit to this Charter, MCF does not monitor or regulate the actions, outputs or views of its members. By requiring its members to commit to this Charter, MCF seeks to make sure that they work to the best of their ability to achieve high-quality and are ready to be accountable. Authority to make changes to the MCF Charter rests with MCF's Board of Trustees, which will take adequate steps to inform MCF members of any such changes.

➤ OUR COMMON PURPOSE

As members of the MCF network, we share a common purpose to work for social good for all at home (in the UK) and abroad. Through the MCF network, we aim to collectively build a more accountable, transparent and efficient British Muslim charitable sector, in order to improve our ability (both as individual organisations and as a sector) to contribute to a more just and sustainable world.

➤ OUR COMMON VALUES

While the members of the MCF network are diverse, we are united by values that are rooted in our shared faith of Islam, which are:

- **Humanity.** We believe that all human beings are created equally and with the same God-given dignity: serving humankind — regardless of their differences — is one of the most noble actions any person can undertake.
- **Accountability.** We believe that all resources are made available by God in the form of trust: we are 'trustees' of the resources at our disposal and we are accountable to the people we serve, the public, regulatory bodies and ultimately to God for our actions.
- **Transparency.** Our shared faith encourages us to be truthful and reliable, and to keep records of our interactions. Therefore, we are committed to be clear and open about our policies, our resources, and our impact.
- **Effectiveness.** Our shared faith encourages us to be productive and to avoid wastefulness. Therefore, we are committed to conduct efficient allocation of resources and to monitor our performance.

- **Excellence.** Our shared faith encourages us to strive for excellence in all that we do. Therefore, we are committed to operate in a legal, ethical, and professional way, doing things with sincere intentions and in the best, most correct, and most complete manner.

➤ OUR COMMON PRINCIPLES

As MCF members, we are committed to the following common principles:

Collaboration. We are committed to work with each other and to play an active role within MCF as our collective network to advance our common purpose (e.g. by sharing information with MCF and other members, attending MCF events, etc.).

Compliance. We are committed to comply with the codes, rules and regulations most usually associated with the focus or specialism of our activities (e.g. the Charity Commission guidance: '[Protecting charities from harm: compliance toolkit](#)') and we accept that it is our own responsibility to adhere to these codes, rules and regulations.

Ethical Fundraising. We are committed to fundraise in an ethical manner and to adhere to the provisions of [The Code of Fundraising Practice](#) and its [Rulebooks](#).

Good Governance. We are committed to best practice in governance (as outlined by the [Charity Governance Code](#)) and to be held responsible by the people we serve, our supporters, and regulatory bodies for what we do.

Impartiality and independence. We are committed to be impartial, non-discriminatory and independent in all our activities, and we are committed to not use our activities to further any political, religious or ideological standpoint.

Professionalism. We are committed to adopt the conventional professional standards and best practice most usually associated with the focus or specialism of our activities, and we accept that it is our own responsibility to adhere to these standards.

Reputation. We recognise that the reputation of Muslim charities is often challenged in current times, and we are committed to uphold the credibility and integrity of the MCF network and of the British Muslim charity sector through the excellence, transparency and accountability of our work.

Safeguarding. We are committed to zero tolerance of sexual exploitation and abuse in any form, to ensure that safeguarding policies are embedded in all areas of our work, and to protect our supporters, staff, volunteers and beneficiaries—from the head office, straight through to the field. We are also committed to make sure our partners and contractors abide by the same.