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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date				Period end date			
From	Day	Month	Year	To	Day	Month	Year
	01	01	2025		31	12	2025

Reference and administration details

Charity name	Muslim Women's Association of Edinburgh
Other names charity is known by	MWAE
Registered charity number	SC 038346
Charity's principal address	29 Duddingston Park Edinburgh
	Postcode EH15 1JX

Names of the charity trustees on date of approval of Trustees' Annual Report

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Tasneem Ali	Treasurer		
2	Zareen Islam	Trustee		
3	Huda Abdalgader	Trustee		
4	Aisha Ali	Secretary		
5	Mehreen Qureshi	Interim Chair		
6	Saher Ali	Committee		
7	Neimah Safi	Committee		
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Reference and administration details

Names of all other charity trustees during the period, if any, (for example, those who resigned part way through the financial period)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document

Unincorporated Charity

Trustee recruitment and appointment

Chair voted for at AGM every 2 years
Committee members co-opted

Objectives and activities

Charitable purposes

The Objects of the MWAE are to advance knowledge and education for women and their children in Edinburgh and Lothian area by means of uniting, encouraging, nurturing, informing and participating in global efforts to improve the lives of women and children. In furtherance of these objectives the association shall exist:-
To promote the best interest of Muslim women and children in the Edinburgh and Lothian's area
To promote good relations between families and communities within the Edinburgh and Lothian area.
To raise funds to improve the lives of Muslim families in the Edinburgh and Lothian's area.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

MWAE continued to deliver our regular activities of the Little Muslims School, Homework Club and Toddler group despite new and increased venue hire costs. We provided safe spaces for adults and children to enjoy learning about their faith and interact with the multi-cultural community of Edinburgh.

Educational talks were held by MWAE Singles and our outreach work included an interfaith ifthar and a Ladies Cultural Evening.

Through our planned activities we encouraged women and their families to engage in sports and the outdoors to encourage good mental and physical health.

Our volunteers raised funds for humanitarian aid charities through bake sales.

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Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the financial period

In 2025 MWAE managed to maintain our regular groups despite new and increased venue hire charges. We also decided to retain a project leader for our Toddler group by paying a minimum wage to ensure that the group ran regularly.

Volunteers were able to run Sisters' Social over the summer by meeting up at cafes and public parks so we did not incur venue hire costs.

MWAE had the use of premises at Ladywell House through a "Rent & Business rates free" scheme run by Avire. Although the premises were not as easily accessible as central Edinburgh venues we utilised the space by holding our committee meetings there. We also organised a Ladies Cultural Evening in October inviting women from outwith our member groups to share food and socialise. This was very successful.

Our Little Muslims Sunday School continued to run weekly in term time. We saw a change of Headteacher and other staff plus we trained new volunteers who then became teachers for classes. Little Muslims school classes start at 4 year old boys and girls. But we now have teen girl classes as well as teen boy classes.

MWAE volunteers used opportunities to hold bake sales to raise funds for humanitarian aid over the year.

We find the new venue hire cost at Edinburgh Central Mosque difficult to afford for our Toddler group and Homework club which are both held there weekly in term time. Charging mums to use the Toddler group saw a sharp decline in numbers attending. We actively sought funding throughout 2025 and secured a small grant from Edinburgh Council Resilience fund. However, this was to help pay a teacher at the Little Muslims School and not for venue hire. This was for £2328 over a 6 month period starting September 2025.

To help families living on a tight budget MWAE were able to coordinate our second trip to Edinburgh Zoo which is subsidised by the Education branch of the Edinburgh Zoo. This really helps families to meet up and build bonds of community as well as grow in confidence in navigating the city's attractions.

Working in collaboration with skilled volunteers, MWAE were able to deliver a photography workshop for people with mobile phones in February and a two day workshop:

"Treading Lightly on the Earth: Building an Intimate Relationship with Nature"

Time: 10 - 11.30 am
Dates: 17th and 31st May
Rosslyn Country Park 18+

These workshops are well received and are dependent on the availability of a project leader so are held occasionally rather than regularly.

Our fortnightly badminton sessions are managing to be delivered regularly despite the exorbitant increase in court hire cost. MWAE charge only £3 for participants and subsidise the rest of the cost to ensure the women have access to sport activity. We are actively looking for funding to help with this project.

In addition we provided a football session for boys from Little Muslims school in June. Volunteers also organised a Summer Camp in July for Little Muslim children while the school was on summer break. The summer camp was for 6 to 10 year old girls and boys every Tuesday and Thursday in July 2025 from 10 to 1pm

MWAE had to process an anonymous complaint against a project leader which we dealt with well together as Trustees and committee members taking up roles to investigate and resolve the issues raised.

As a result we improved our policies and practices and have put in place times to deliver volunteer trainings to impress a code of conduct on volunteers ensuring good communication and relations with MWAE users.

In particular our volunteer in charge of the whatsapp groups united all the various groups that have emerged during setting up projects as one MWAE community. She also ensured that one MWAE member is now in each group to monitor it as an admin.

MWAE make full use of free facebook and whatsapp to advertise recruitment drives and our activities. We utilise a mailing list and website too and will reinstate Instagram.

We have a website and website manager we pay for and are looking to revive our Instagram account to help further our reach. We still use email for our members and to connect with other groups.

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

All reserves are put back into the activities

Details of any deficit

Donated facilities and services (if any)

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Other optional information

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s) <i>OSCR will accept digital or typed signatures</i>		
Full name(s)	Tasneem Ali	Zareen Islam
Position (e.g. Chair)	Treasurer	TRUSTEE
Date	15/09/2026	15/09/2026