



MUSLIM CHILDREN IN CARE

Volunteer Invitation & Project Summary

Assalamu Alaikum,

Thank you to everyone who attended our first volunteer meeting. It was encouraging to see people from different areas wanting to support Muslim children in care in practical and thoughtful ways.

For those who could not attend — and for anyone seeing this via our website or social media — this is a clear summary of the work and how you can get involved.

🌙 What We Are Doing

Our immediate focus is:

Community-organised Eid and Iftar celebrations for Muslim children in care, delivered in partnership with local authorities.

The model is simple and safeguarding-led:

- The local authority arranges the venue and staffing.
- The local authority retains full safeguarding responsibility.
- Volunteers must not contact children directly.
- We coordinate donations and funding support.

This ensures the work remains safe, accountable and professionally robust.

📁 Donations & Gifts – Current System

We are currently working with Islamic Establishment, who have kindly set up a dedicated donation page for Muslim Children in Care:

<https://theislamicestablishment.com/product/mcic/>



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How this works:

- Donations are made via the MCiC link.
- Islamic Establishment provides us with a list of dates, amounts and donor email addresses for transparency.
- The local authority selects gifts directly from their website.
- Islamic Establishment posts the gifts directly.

This system is efficient and transparent.

That said, I am open to considering alternative suppliers if someone identifies a more cost-effective and equally reliable system.

👉 Roles We Need

I will coordinate overall structure and local hubs.

We are currently looking for volunteers in three key areas:

Local Authority Liaisons

- Approach any local authority you wish to contact.
- Introduce the opportunity to host an Eid or Iftar celebration.
- Use the template I will provide.
- Copy me into correspondence.
- Help coordinate once interest is confirmed.

Fundraising / Sponsorship

- Build small local fundraising groups.
- Identify sponsors.
- Encourage donations via the Islamic Establishment link.
- Ensure transparency.
- Explore alternative suppliers if appropriate.

Marketing / PR

- Support awareness campaigns.
- Share fundraising messages.
- Help amplify the work across platforms.
- Strengthen community engagement.



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Safeguarding & Trust

This work involves vulnerable children. For clarity:

- Volunteers must not contact children directly.
- All safeguarding responsibility remains with the local authority.
- Gifts associated with Muslim Children in Care must be agreed in advance.
- I am willing to arrange DBS checks for key organisers or major donors where appropriate.

We will always prioritise safety and integrity.

Wider Muslim Children in Care Work

Eid events are one part of a wider initiative:

1. **Community-organised Eid and Iftar celebrations** – creating identity-affirming experiences for Muslim children in care.
2. **Donations of Qur'an Reflections packs** – supporting children and families working with social workers. Costs for donations are covered by Sparks Fostering.
3. **Social work risk assessment training** – including “Lessons learned from the Sarah Sharif enquiry.” Run by Sparks Fostering, all profit to be given to Muslim Children in Care.
4. **Mentor workshops** – skills-based sessions to support young people's growth and confidence.
5. **Tutor database** – connecting families to trusted educational support.
6. **Mapping Muslim charity resources** – improving visibility of community support available to children and families.

Currently, Muslim Children in Care is hosted by Sparks Fostering, but the long-term plan is for MCiC to become an independent Community Interest Company. Partnerships, collaboration and volunteer applications are warmly welcomed.



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How to Get Involved

If you would like to volunteer, please email:

info@sparksfostering.org

Include:

- Your name
- The area(s) you would like to cover
- Which role(s) you are interested in

I will organise groups on Monday morning.

New applicants can join existing groups thereafter.

Stay Updated

 www.MuslimChildrenInCare.org

 Join the WhatsApp group:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/BwaMM2tU7gFLiKY11X6iQK>

If you would prefer to speak directly, you can book a call here:

<https://sparksfostering.zohobookings.com/#/4770223000000044370>

This is community-led work. It requires organisation, transparency and care. If you feel able to contribute in a practical way, I would be pleased to hear from you.

Wassalamu Alaikum,

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