

# Didsbury Friday Circle

Session Log of the Eleventh Session  
13<sup>th</sup> May, 2016



## In Attendance:

### Organisers:

Faizan Awan  
Ibrahim Arosi  
Kamal Hamdan  
Ali Yousef

### Assistants:

Somaira Wasty (visitor)

### Attendees:

Faaris  
Umar  
Abdulrahman  
Bilal  
Ahmed  
Khalid  
Faiq  
Fawaz  
Wael

## Venue:

Second Hall  
Didsbury Mosque  
271 Burton Road  
M20 2WA

## Timings:

Start 7:00 PM  
Maghrib 9:00 PM  
Finish 9:00 PM

## Brief Report of Session

We were in the second hall today. We are delighted to introduce Ali Yousef, who has joined us as an experienced organiser of similar groups to further add to the development of the DFC. We were also delighted to host a guest today, Dr. Somaira Wasty, who organises educational circles for women and girls, who joined us as a visiting organiser.

Our session today was presented by Faizan, about Islam, Imaan and Ihsan, and the states of a believer. We discussed how Platonic philosophy introduced logic as the main driver of understanding the modern world. We also introduced Descartes' philosophy of the existence of one's own intellect as a gateway to understanding all of existence. Using these philosophical principles, we guided the boys through a journey of reality and proving reality. And once the amazing nature of one's own existence is known, the question arises how this intellect came into existence. Using this, we guided the boys to the definition of Islam, and recognition of the title of being a Muslim upon practicing the 5 pillars. We then introduced the 6 principles Imaan, and how one who believes these becomes a Mumin. Due to the depth of the discussions, we gave the boys minds a break to discuss Ihsan at the next session.

We split into two groups to prepare a play for Ramadan and how to benefit from it. One group played out the effects of being good to your parents and listening to them, whilst having good friends during Ramadan. The second group presented a play about the difference between a boy who uses Ramadan to become better and the other who uses Ramadan to no benefit. All the boys took part and we were very impressed by the acting ability, confidence and articulation of all of them.

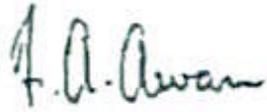
We broke for pizza (the 20 inch pizzas have been a real hit!). We prayed Maghrib and closed the session thereafter.

**Incidents or Accidents**

None

**Next Session**

Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> May, 2016

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "F. A. Awan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'F'.

**Dr. Faizan Awan      Dated: Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May, 2016**