

Intergenerational Age Hub

31 October 2017

Actions and notes



Attendees

- Alan Kewley, Sheffield 50+
- Elspeth Lusby, Age UK Sheffield/50+
- Emma Hinchliffe, Sheffield Futures
- Isaac Hanson, Sheffield Futures
- Jeni Upperdine, Sheffield Futures
- Joanna Glaves (JG), Age UK Sheffield
- Manju Ray, Sheffield Interfaith
- Martin Brighton, VolCom Help
- Mike Pettitt, Age UK Sheffield
- Mohammed Nazir, Madina Masjid Trust
- Sobia Walton, Sheffield Futures

Apologies

- Lisa Markham

Actions

- Email Joanna Glaves on Joanna.Glaves@ageuksheffield.org.uk if interested in being involved in SCC Customer Services feedback steering group – all
- Research how Hub Members can get involved in Housing Equalities Group – JG

Age Hub business

- Any election statements from applicants need to be submitted for consideration in order for them to be circulated to the membership base. Members will then be asked to vote via email on the basis of who they feel they would like to fill the available roles.
- A feedback steering group is to be set up in relation to SCC Customer Services. Members are to email their expressions of interest to JG if they would like to be involved.
- A new feedback system is to be implemented by SIV to actively involve Hub members in various projects, for example secret shopper tests and feedback on new sessions and activities. This is in the early stages of development.
- Members expressed an interest in upcoming Housing Equalities Group – further research is required.
- Time/location and date of the next Intergenerational Age Hub meeting is to be arranged.

Madina Masjid Tour

- Tour Guide – Mohammed Nazir
- Introductions
- Introductions to the Muslim customs of greeting and exercising discipline
- Various roles within the Mosque community explained
- Rituals of prayer explained such as the importance of washing (ablution) including demonstration
- An explanation and history of the Quran and its teachings was provided including how the book is handled (only after ablution) and stored off the floor on a shelf or on a prayer stand. Mohammed explained that the Quran cannot be altered or changed and is learnt verbatim in Arabic by practising Muslims.
- Explanation of the Five Pillars of Islam and the importance of travel to Mecca to ask for repentance and forgiveness. Usually people save for the trip and go once in their lifetime if they can.
- A tour of the mosque mortuary was provided and an explanation of the customs involved upon death. Family members are involved in preparation for burial and the person is buried as soon as possible after death.

- Discussion around prayer, prayer mats and times and the importance of before and after sunrise. The age of Muslims being expected to adhere to prayer times is usually 6-7, but it is compulsory after puberty.
- The importance of Fridays – Fridays were a gift from God to Muslims as their holy day.
- As the tour continued we entered the dome and it was explained that all the gold and decoration was done by Mosque members and was funded on donations amounting to 5 million pounds. Muslims believe that the more you give the more you receive. The impressive chandelier was put together by hand and is made of crystal shards.
- The names of the prophets are hand painted around the inside of the dome itself.
- The design of the Mosque was based on the Harthill Mosque in Leeds.

Future meeting dates

To be confirmed