

2025/26



Sunnah Trust

Annual Report.

Inspiring excellence and empowering young people towards a brighter future.

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About Us

We are a grass-roots organisation established in February 2017, whose sole focus is to empower young people towards a brighter future. By providing them with opportunities to build their skillset and broaden their horizons, they will have the confidence to make informed decisions and serve themselves and their communities. Our purpose is to build a cohort of conscious, mobilised individuals who are ready to take charge.

Our Flagship Programme

Servitude Youth Leadership Programme

Servitude is a one-year leadership programme that helps young people build confidence, leadership and problem-solving skills through interactive activities and real-world experiences. It encourages participants to discover their potential and make a positive impact in their communities. Servitude is rooted in Islamic teachings and the Sunnah, providing young people with opportunities to translate these values into practical skills and positive actions in their daily lives. We run the programme in Tower Hamlets & Chadwell Heath and recently expanded to South London & Barking Riverside.



Our Vision

To empower young people to build a brighter future, become confident leaders and make a positive impact in their communities.



Our Mission

To provide young people with opportunities to develop their skills, broaden their horizons and build the confidence to make informed decisions and take positive action.

Our Values

Servitude

Be a servant and guide to others, supporting them through hardship and guiding them towards success.

Unity through diversity shapes

Race. Colours. Faiths. Our differences bring new skills and experience to society.

Never give up

Wherever you may be, whatever you may do, give nothing except your utmost best.

Nuture

A seed never flowers overnight: Take an active interest in the growth and development of yourself and young people

Ambitious

The sky is the limit. Set yourselves goals and targets to better yourself so that every day is better than the day before.

Helping hand

We are in it together. We listen, learn and develop solutions as a team. Be generous with your expertise, tools and time.



Our Recognition



The King's Award for Voluntary Service

King's Award 2025
for voluntary service to the
community



The Muslim News Awards for Excellence

Muslim News Award 2026
Sankore university award for
excellence in education



OCN Accredited
Recongised by Open College Network
as a accredited youth programme to
boost young people's career paths



**Jack Petchey Foundation
Achievement Award Scheme**
for outstanding young people aged
11-25 across London and Essex

Our Volunteer Team

Our volunteers are at the heart of our work. Their time, dedication and passion help bring our programmes to life and make a lasting difference to young people. We are incredibly grateful for their continued support.

Tower Hamlets

Male Volunteers

Sulaiman, Rubed, Dhayyan, Musa, Musab

Female Volunteers

Nasiha, Zainab, Hanaan, Sadiyah, Safah, Maisha, Maryam

Chadwell Heath

Male Volunteers

Goyas, Ahyar, Yahya

Female Volunteers

Riffat, Hafsa, Hannah, Yusra, Hawa, Zaina

South London

Male Volunteers

Zak, Aman, Yunus, Muhammad, Ismail

Female Volunteers

Maimoona, Hana, Hinna, Jamila, Maaheen, Mona, Faaria, Saara

Barking Riverside

Male Volunteers

Rafi, Jamal, Illias, Sadik

Female Volunteers

Ferdausi, Asma, Rabeya

Our Central Team



Shahin

CEO & Head of
Finance



Tufayl

Head of Training,
Partnership & Quality
Assurance



Farhanah

Head of Operations



Nadia

Operations & Chapter
Manager



Khadijah

Curriculum Lead



Sumayyah

Social Media Lead



Sumayah

Executive Assistant



Khalida

Head of Programmes

Our Programme Leads



Zeeshan

Programme Lead
(Tower Hamlets)



Fatimah

Programme Lead
(Chadwell Heath)



Bilaal

Programme Lead
(South London)



Shaakir

Programme Lead
(Barking Riverside)

Servitude Programme Since 2017

**Over £155,000
fundraised**



**245+ Young people
completed Servitude**

**200+
Workshops,
Trips &
Community
Events**



Servitude Programme

Year in Review



This year, our flagship Servitude programme expanded to two new sites in South London and Barking Riverside. We successfully delivered the programme across all sites, providing young people with opportunities to develop their skills and confidence through a range of engaging workshops, events and educational trips.

4 Sites

40+ Volunteers

3550 + Volunteering Hours

97 Young People

87 Workshops, Trips & Events

Servitude Programme

Building Muslim Identity

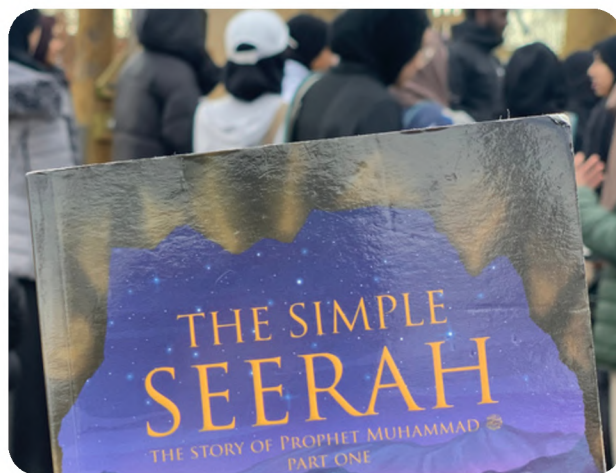


Seerah-based Teaching

Servitude provides a safe, welcoming Muslim environment where young people can strengthen their faith, identity and sense of belonging. The Seerah (Prophetic Life) is integrated throughout the programme using The Simple Seerah book written by Ustadh Asim Khan & Toyris Miah. This helps students to connect the life and character of the Prophet ﷺ to the challenges they face today.

Reflect, Connect & Grow

Our course booklet encourages tadabbur (reflection), making students active participants in their learning and helping them consider how Islamic teachings can be applied in their own lives. Alongside this, students build genuine friendships and positive connections in a space where they feel comfortable being themselves.

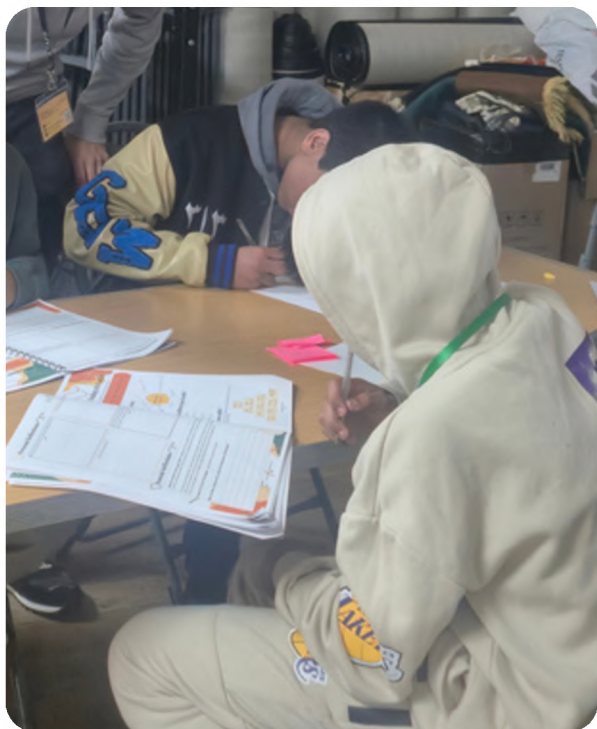


Why this matters?

In a world where young people face increasing pressures around identity and belonging, providing spaces to strengthen faith, build friendships and develop a confident Muslim identity is more important than ever.

Servitude Programme

Our Workshops



40 Workshops

Throughout this year, our workshops created spaces for students to reflect, challenge themselves and develop skills that extend far beyond the classroom. From understanding themselves and communicating effectively to navigating conflict and finding their voice, each session was designed to equip young people with the confidence and tools to face real-world challenges.

Dealing with Conflict Workshop

This workshop helped students understand different types of conflict and explore practical approaches to resolution. At our South London site, students took part in a role-play activity exploring positive and negative responses to conflict.

The activity became a particularly memorable part of the programme, giving students an opportunity to experience how their choices can influence the outcome of difficult situations.

Seerah Link

We then connected these lessons to the Seerah, reflecting on how the Prophet ﷺ approached conflict, including the well-known incident of the Black Stone. This helped students see that conflict resolution is not simply a modern skill, but one rooted in the example of our faith.



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Our Trips



24 Trips

Our trips are designed to take learning beyond the classroom, giving young people opportunities to explore new environments and challenge themselves. Through a blend of educational, spiritual and adventure-based experiences, students build confidence, resilience and lasting memories.

Gripped London

At GRIPPED London, students took part in adrenaline-filled activities designed to push them beyond their comfort zones. The experience encouraged bravery, resilience and teamwork, helping students build confidence while discovering their ability to overcome challenges.



Gardens of Peace

Students visited Gardens of Peace, a local Muslim cemetery, where they paid their respects to Umarah, a former Servitude student who sadly passed away at just 14 years old. The visit provided a deeply reflective moment, reminding students of the unpredictability of life, and the importance of living with purpose, preparing for the hereafter and considering the legacy we leave behind. Sunnah Trust continues Umarah's legacy through our annual Sadaqah Jariyah campaign in her memory. May Allah ﷻ accept it from her and grant her Jannatul Firdaus. Ameen.

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Our Events



24 Events

Our events bring students, volunteers, families and the wider community together to serve, learn and celebrate. Through social action, fundraising, talks, challenges and graduation, we create meaningful impact and celebrate our young people's achievements.

Social Action Day

As part of our commitment to developing socially conscious young people, students took part in litter-picking, handing out hygiene packs and care home visits. Working together to look after their community, they experienced the importance of taking responsibility for their surroundings and making a tangible difference within their community.



Umarah's Legacy Campaign

Students were given the opportunity to turn their ideas into action through Umarah's Legacy Campaign. Each student group was given a budget and full autonomy to plan, organise and deliver their own fundraising initiatives in her memory. In just a few weeks, students collectively raised over £46,000, demonstrating remarkable creativity, teamwork, leadership and determination. Beyond the funds raised, the campaign empowered students to take ownership, serve others, give charity and continue Umarah's legacy through meaningful action.

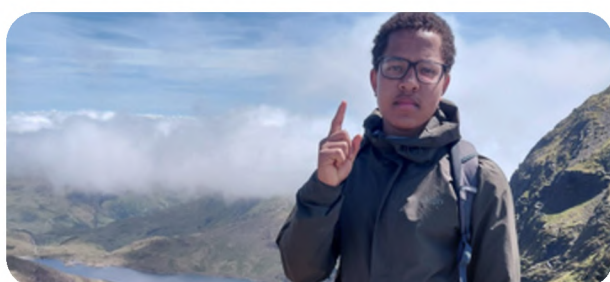
Servitude Programme

Tower Hamlets



Highlights

Trek to Snowdonia



Students took on the challenge of trekking through Snowdonia, pushing themselves physically and mentally while building resilience, teamwork and perseverance. The experience encouraged students to step outside their comfort zones, support one another and embrace the rewards of overcoming challenges together.

Race Across the World Experience



Students took on the Race Across London, navigating the city without phones and with limited resources to reach a series of checkpoints. The challenge tested their problem-solving, teamwork, communication and resilience, encouraging them to think independently and adapt under pressure.

Servitude Programme

Chadwell Heath



Highlights

University of Cambridge



Students took part in subject workshops at Cambridge University, gaining insight into university life and academic pathways. The day concluded at Cambridge Central Mosque, where students reflected and read a chapter of the Simple Seerah.

Careers Insight Day



At Bloomberg, students gained practical insight into the world of work, learning about first impressions, writing strong CVs and interview techniques using the STAR method. The day equipped them with valuable skills to take their first steps into the workplace.

Servitude Programme

South London



Highlights

Knowledge that Benefits - Surgical Skills

Students took part in a hands-on session led by doctors, learning practical skills including CPR, suturing, radiography and applying arm casts, while gaining valuable insight into healthcare and emergency response.

University of Oxford & Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies (OCIS)

Students were mentored by Oxford students and joined workshops in law, psychology and geography. They also toured OCIS and its Islamic exhibition, gaining insight into university life and future pathways.

Entrepreneurship Workshop

At Hulm Club, students developed entrepreneurship and problem-solving skills by identifying real-world challenges and creating tech solutions. They then pitched their solutions to fellow students and Muslim entrepreneurs, gaining valuable feedback while developing their confidence, creativity, teamwork and communication skills. The session encouraged students to think critically, and see how their ideas could be turned into meaningful solutions.

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Barking Riverside



Highlights

ULC Final Event

Held at East London Mosque, the ULC Fundraising Finale brought together thousands of attendees and challenged students to reach their fundraising targets through baked goods, games and interactive activities supporting meaningful causes. The busy environment pushed students to strengthen their communication, teamwork and confidence, helping many step beyond their comfort zones and excel under pressure.

Speak Out Challenge

Many young people struggle with public speaking, self-confidence and communication. Through our Speak Out Challenge, students were supported to overcome these anxieties by preparing and delivering their own speeches to judges, parents and peers. The challenge pushed them beyond their comfort zones, helping them build confidence, strengthen communication skills and find their voice.



Servitude Programme

Student Feedback

Data from our baseline assessments showed that our students wanted to build their self-confidence, public speaking and communication skills. They also demonstrated a strong desire to learn more about their religion and deepen their understanding of the Seerah, and strengthen their Muslim identity. Several students expressed wanting to develop their leadership skills through networking and meeting new people.

Endline surveys from students showed a significant **increase in self-confidence**, particularly in speaking in front of crowds or unfamiliar people. Many students highlighted that they are now more **comfortable meeting new people**, **communicating effectively** and **working within a team**. Participants mentioned making **lifelong friends**, enjoying specific events like the speak out challenge and retreats, and gaining a broader perspective on **caring for their community** through social action projects.

Students were interviewed at the end of the programme to understand their individual experiences, capture their reflections and provide constructive feedback to help Sunnah Trust continually improve and develop its programmes.



"Servitude has been an amazing journey of personal growth and also about building brotherhood. I really enjoyed the residential and enjoyed with the brothers and learning valuable life lessons from the Ustadhs"

- Aged 14, Tower Hamlets

"I wasn't that connected with Islam. It's shown me you can have fun while being connected to the Deen. After the retreat I've been praying salah more often and waking up for fajr and reciting adkar as much as I can"

- Aged 15, Chadwell Heath

"Very well structured, immaculately executed, most of all it brought practical skills and the characteristics of the Seerah of Rasoolullah SAWS together so thoughtfully"

- Aged 14, South London

"After the Cambridge trip, my ambition is to go to Cambridge University. After ULC, my ambition is to do more fundraisers"

- Aged 12, Barking Riverside

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Parent Feedback



Safeguarding

"We were introduced to the safeguarding team and informed of who the designated safeguarding lead is at the beginning of the program and they explained the safeguarding policy."

We were reassured about how safeguarding would be dealt with should anything arise"

- Parent, Chadwell Health



Teachers

"The quality of teaching was exceptional, fun, interactive and thought provoking. Both my children agreed that they felt heard, valued and respected. All the Ustadhs and Ustadhas were kind and supportive and approachable. Children were actively encouraged to take part in activities and given leadership responsibilities"

- Parent, Chadwell Health



Valuable Experience

"My daughter really enjoyed the course and content, the course was well thought out and content was very valuable, providing experiences that have helped shape her positively and provided valuable insight into the reality of life and death and health and how we as Muslims can support others"

- Parent, Tower Hamlets



Recommended by Parents

"Yes, I would definitely recommend the Servitude Programme to other parents and families. It provides a supportive and engaging environment that helps children grow in their Islamic knowledge, character, confidence, and personal development"

- Parent, Barking Riverside

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Parent Testimonial

"Hawa and Musa had an incredible experience at Servitude. They thoroughly enjoyed every aspect of the program and looked forward to attending each session. They not only developed valuable leadership skills but also gained wisdom (hikmah) that will benefit them in their daily lives.

Most importantly, the program helped instill a genuine love for Islamic values in a positive, engaging, and practical way. The mentors created a nurturing environment where the children felt supported, inspired, and encouraged to grow in both character and faith.

We are truly grateful to everyone at Servitude for the care, dedication, and effort they put into shaping the next generation. We highly recommend this program to any parent looking for an enriching Islamic learning and leadership experience for their children.

Our daughter recently completed the Servitude Programme at Sunnah Trust, and we are incredibly grateful for the positive impact it has had on her. Over the past year, we have seen her grow in confidence, resilience and leadership, while developing a stronger sense of responsibility, service and compassion for others.

The dedication and sincerity of the mentors and volunteers are truly inspiring. They have created a welcoming and supportive environment where young people are encouraged to challenge themselves, build meaningful friendships and develop the skills and character needed to make a positive contribution to their communities.

Their King's Award for Voluntary Service is a thoroughly deserved recognition of the outstanding work they do. We wholeheartedly recommend Sunnah Trust to any family looking for a programme that equips young people with confidence, leadership skills and strong values that will benefit them throughout their lives".

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Volunteer Feedback

Why do I support Servitude?

"Supporting Servitude can be positive because it encourages young candidates to contribute to society and support others whilst creating new bonds and friendships."

"It can help create a sense of responsibility, cooperation and community, while ensuring that important tasks are completed for the benefit of everyone"

-Saara , South London



Student Feedback to Volunteers

"The volunteers are amazing. Hannah guided me a lot during ULC when I didn't know what to do"

- Aged 13, Chadwell Heath

"To my teachers, a big thank you for your patience, kindness, and dedication. You didn't just teach us information, you taught us character, good manners and how to carry ourselves as good Muslims...you reminded us of the bigger purpose of everything we learnt about"

- Aged 13, South London



Servitude Programme Graduation Ceremony

Our annual graduation celebrates the growth, achievements and journey of our students. We proudly congratulate each student on completing the programme and recognise the hard work, resilience and development they have demonstrated. The event brings together students, families, volunteers and the wider community to celebrate their success and the journey ahead.



Servitude Programme

Our Network

We extend our sincere gratitude to our partners & funders for their continued support. Your trust, generosity and collaboration enable us to create meaningful opportunities for young people, deliver impactful programmes and reach more of our community.



Bloomberg



Cambridge University ISoc



East London Mosque



Tower Hamlets Council



Islamic Relief



London Enterprise Academy



Islam Channel



Nida Trust



Speakers Trust



Willowbrook Farm



Peak Adventures



Ustadh Asim Khan
& Toyris Miah



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Servitude Programme Through Collaboration

Our work would not be possible without our parents, masajids, community groups, charities and other collaborators. We look forward to building on these partnerships to create an even greater impact in the years ahead.



With Special Thanks To:

Al Khair Primary School • All Seasons • Bloomberg • Cambridge Central Mosque • Cambridge University ISOC • East London Mosque • Gardens of Peace • Here for Youth • HULM Club • Islamic Relief • Islam Channel • J4Y Scouts • London Enterprise Academy • London Muslim Support Network • Maedah Banqueting Hall • Maa Global • Mosaic • Nida Trust • Norbury Muslim Centre • Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies • Peak Adventures • Read Foundation • Redwood Founders • SLCP Group • Spotlight • Tooting & Mitcham Community Sports Club • Tower Hamlets Council • Toyris Miah • Up at the O2 • University of Oxford • Ustadh Asim Khan • Willowbrook Farm • Youth Empowerment Project

Past Projects



Hikmah Mentoring

Hikmah is a year-long one-to-one mentoring programme for 14–19-year-olds, helping them build confidence and develop key workplace skills such as communication, teamwork, leadership and problem-solving through guidance from professional mentors.

Sunnah Treats

Sunnah Trust supports vulnerable people in Tower Hamlets experiencing homelessness and food poverty by providing free hot meals, warm clothing and advocacy support. We also connect people with local services and community organisations.



What **YOU** can do

Ibn Abbas reported: The Messenger of Allah, peace and blessings be upon him, said, **“Take advantage of five before five:** your **youth** before your old age, your **health** before your illness, your **riches** before your poverty, your **free time** before your work, and your **life** before your death.” (Shu’ab al-Imān lil-Bayhaqī 10250)

Enrol

Help a young person unlock their potential. Refer or enrol a young person onto one of our programmes and give them the opportunity to develop their confidence, skills and aspirations.

Volunteer

Share your time, skills and experience to help us deliver meaningful programmes and make a difference in the lives of young people and our wider community.



Fund

Support our work by contributing towards our programmes and initiatives. Your generosity helps us create more opportunities and extend our impact to more young people.

Collaborate

Partner with us to create greater opportunities and impact. Whether you’re an organisation, business or community group, there are many ways we can work together.



Remembering Musa, Shelina & Sameeha

إنا لله وإنا إليه راجعون

"Indeed, to Allah we belong, and to Him we shall return."
(Qur'an 2:156)

This year, we sadly lost three beautiful souls who were part of our Sunnah Trust family. Their passing has left a profound sense of loss among their families, friends and all those who had the privilege of knowing them.

We remember them with love, honour and gratitude, and pray that Allah ﷻ accepts them among the shuhada, grants them the highest ranks of Jannatul Firdaus, and surrounds them with His mercy and forgiveness.

May Allah ﷻ grant their families and loved ones sabr, strength and comfort during this difficult time, and may their lives and legacy continue to inspire those they left behind.

Sadaqah Jaariyah

As part of Musa's legacy, we intend to equip our future leaders with essential skills needed to save a life. From September 2026, we will integrate a Lifesaver's First Aid workshop into our Servitude Programme for young people aged 13-16 years old.

All of our students will be trained and accredited to administer First Aid, CPR and essential life-saving skills. As Allah ﷻ says in the Qur'an 'Whoever saves a life, it will be as if they saved all of humanity' (Surah Al-Ma'idah, Verse 32).

As a legacy builder, a small monthly £10 donation will help us to continue deliver and expand the Servitude Youth Leadership programme to other communities and build a cohort of young leaders ready to lead and serve.

Donate at
linktr.ee/sunnahtrustuk



Thank You

Thank you to everyone who has supported us throughout the year. Your continued trust and commitment have helped us grow, and we look forward to building on this progress, reaching more young people and creating an even greater impact in the years ahead.

Jazakum Allahu Khairan.



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