

SPEAKERS, EVENTS & LITERATURE POLICY

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Introduction

Madrassa Faizul Islam Witton Masjid (MFI) Speakers, Events & Literature Policy aims to safeguard the Charity and its users from all extremist views, ideologies and beliefs that are deviations from traditional Islamic thought and British values. Such deviation can adversely impact the Charity's objects and bring its management or users in to disrepute.

This policy aims to achieve the following specific objectives:

- To protect the reputation of MFI.
- To ensure the facilities of MFI are not used as a platform to cause offense, promote intolerance, hatred or violence.
- To provide a framework for determining the suitability of proposed speakers, events and any written publication.
- To protect freedom of speech in accordance with the law, promoting tolerance and community cohesion.

Responsibilities

MFI as an institution has the following objects:

- To advance and promote the Islamic religion for the benefit of the public in accordance with Al-Quran and the Sunnah of the Prophet Muhammed (pbuh).
- To provide facilities to meet the needs of the local community in regard to the advancement of education, improvements in health, opportunities in leisure & their religious well-being.
- To actively encourage and enhance religious tolerance and community cohesion of the wider society.
- Such charitable purposes for the public benefit as are exclusively charitable according to the laws of England and Wales that as the Trustees may determine from time to time.

The responsibility of the MFI Management is to ensure its facilities are used to further these objects, therefore the MFI management reserves the right to refuse any events, external speaker or literature distribution that could:

- Present a threat to public disorder.
- Promote or incite hatred or violence against others.
- Risk alienating the MFI's beneficiaries or supporters.
- Embroil MFI or its Management in disrepute.

- Cause offence to other users or disrupt other activities of MFI.
- Breach the MFI Speakers Events and Literature Policy.
- Contradict MFI's ethos and values.
- Promotion of any political party or candidate or allow our facilities to be used to canvas people.

Policy Implementation

The Policy will be made available in the Charity office for all stakeholders and the Charity's website once it is launched.

All prospective event organisers, speakers or literature producers involving the Charity in any form, must be referred to this policy.

On request for use of our facilities or for external speakers, MFI management will undertake reasonable background checks using information, where appropriate, from recognised UK agencies and reliable media and internet sources.

On completing background checks, one of the following options may be selected,

- Allow the speaker/event organisers to proceed as planned.
- Resubmit revised application with the recommendations provided by MFI management. These could include altering the subject matter, removing a speaker, amending publicity material, or any other aspect of the programme as necessary.
- Refuse the booking

MFI Management will only allow approved and vetted literature to be distributed on its premises. Notices are visible detailing that distribution of literature is prohibited without prior consent of the MFI Management. Volunteers are also on duty to ensure literature which has prior consent is only displayed or distributed on site, especially during larger congregations on Fridays.

Event Refusal or Cancellation

MFI may cancel any programme booking without notice, if further information is made available that could contravene any aspect of the guidance provided in this Policy.

There may also be force majeure circumstances where MFI has to cancel an event without notice even if the event has commenced. This could be due but not limited to the following

- Event organiser or speaker diverging from the agreed agenda.

- Threat to public order
- Other unforeseen circumstances, including power failures, water supply, or any other reason, where MFI Management deem it inappropriate for the programme to continue.

Making a complaint

Complaints can be made in writing, or by email to info@faizulislam.co.uk

Trustee Acceptance Form

As a Trustee of MFI, I have read and approve the Speakers Events & Literature Policy, Version 1 as published on 17th April 2021.

Trustee Name	Signature	Date

Document Control

Version	Date	Notes
Version 1.0	17th April 21	
Version 1.1	17 th June 21	Revised