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Annual
Report



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السلام عليكم ورحمة الله وبركاته

Welcome



All praise be to Allah the Almighty and peace and blessings be upon His messenger Muhammad ﷺ

It is a genuine honour to present to you the Islamic Council's 2025 Annual Report.

The year 2025 has been one of meaningful reflection and deliberate progress for the Islamic Council. While we have continued to serve the community with commitment and resolve, we have also taken important steps to refine how we operate, steps aimed squarely at safeguarding the future of Muslim families in the West.

This evolution is perhaps most clearly captured in the change to our vision statement: from "to see a just world" to "to see a just and benevolent world." This change brings greater clarity to how we articulate our role, foregrounding benevolence alongside justice as a principle that has always informed our work.

In 2025 we made a decisive shift towards free, open-access live educational events that you'll read about in this report, and we've expanded our written guidance more than ever before. This proactive approach reflects our growing conviction that meaningful intervention at an earlier stage leads to stronger outcomes: fewer complete breakdowns, and more opportunities for reconciliation, healing, and personal growth.

We dedicated hundreds of hours to document our journey from a reconciliation service to a fully-fledged institution specialising in Muslim family and finance law and standardised our processes across diverse casework to ensure fairness, consistency, and justice for all who approach us.

Those who come to us often feel deeply wronged and seek justice through Islamic law. While we remain firmly committed to upholding justice, we also strive to elevate it and that's why we're now using the word benevolence. We gently guide those asserting their rights to see beyond entitlement alone, towards grace, generosity, and moral excellence. We encourage not merely taking what is due, but, where possible, giving more than what is required.

Time and again, we witness how this approach yields immeasurable good. We see grandparents continuing to share joyful moments with their grandchildren; extended families maintaining love and respect even where spouses have gone their separate ways. These are living examples of benevolence in action, rare in today's world, yet emblematic of a higher way of life.

This is what we have achieved, and this is the ethos we carry forward into the year ahead. None of this would have been possible without the help of Allah, and then without your continued support and the support of the wider Muslim community.

With this in mind, I invite you once again to stand with us as we work to build a future for our children and for generations yet to come. A future firmly grounded in both justice and benevolence.

Shaqib Juneja
General Manager

Allah ﷻ says:

لَا خَيْرَ فِي كَثِيرٍ مِّن نَّجْوَاهُمْ إِلَّا مَنْ أَمَرَ بِصَدَقَةٍ
أَوْ مَعْرُوفٍ أَوْ إِصْلَاحٍ بَيْنَ النَّاسِ وَمَن يَفْعَلْ
ذَلِكَ ابْتِغَاءَ مَرْضَاتِ اللَّهِ فَسَوْفَ نُؤْتِيهِ أَجْرًا
عَظِيمًا

“There is no good in much of their private conversations, except for those who enjoin charity, or that which is good, or reconciliation between people. And whoever does that seeking Allah's pleasure, then we will grant them a great reward.”

[4:114]



Islamic Council

Islamic Council grew out of a reconciliation service in London and was established in 2016 to offer the wider Muslim community access to shari'ah as a way towards adjudication, arbitration and reconciliation on all their family and finance matters.

RECONCILE



Vision:

'To see a just and benevolent world'

This vision is deeply rooted in the command of Allah

إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَأْمُرُ بِالْعَدْلِ وَالْإِحْسَانِ

"Indeed, Allah commands justice ('adl) and benevolence (ihsān)"

[Sūrah al-Naḥl 16:90]

With this vision we seek a world in which justice and benevolence flourish together - shaping individuals, families, institutions, and society at large. A world where divinely given rights are upheld, harm is prevented, and fairness is firmly established and where compassion, wisdom, and moral excellence guide how justice is understood and applied. Islamic Council works to bring Allah's command to life in a practical, principled, and transformative manner.

Mission:

'To be the leading body that adjudicates, empowers and educates people to live upon Islamic moral and ethical guidance'

At the Islamic Council, we are on a mission to adjudicate, educate, and empower people to live upon Islamic moral and ethical guidance. We exist to help establish justice and benevolence as lived realities, by enabling individuals and institutions to understand, embrace, and act upon the divinely given values revealed by Allah.

Through principled adjudication, we uphold justice with integrity. Through empowerment, we enable people to live confidently and responsibly in accordance with divine guidance helping them in fulfilling their duties to Allah and to one another. In all that we do, our aim is to see Islamic guidance translate into real-world impact, fostering trust, dignity, and goodness across families, communities, and society at large. Through proactive education, we equip people with the knowledge and moral clarity needed to uphold fairness, responsibility, and excellence in their decisions and conduct.

Our Services



Marriage Support

- Marriage Counselling Service
- Couples' Counselling Support Group
- Wali related Support Service

Marital Disputes And Divorce

- Divorce Certification Service
- Khula Services
- Divorce Incident Investigations

Parental Support

- Individual & Personal Services
- Non-financial & Non-marital
- Dispute Resolution Service

Islamic Guidance, Support & Dispute Resolution

- Personal Parent Counselling Service
- Parent Counselling Support Group
- Guidance Publications on Pertinent Islamic Topics

"Muslims living in the West have long called for providing solutions through Islamic guidance. Islamic Council is here to provide real contextualised solutions and guidance on issues facing Muslims in the West; ones that will inevitably help them not only reconcile with each other but connect, love and build a relationship with Allah's guidance in their lives."



Our Services



Shari'ah Consultancy & Compliance Services

- Shari'ah Consultancy for Personal Finance
- Shari'ah Consultancy for Business Ventures
- Shari'ah Compliance Check & Evaluation

Finance Certification Services

- Business, Finance, & Investments Shari'ah Certification
- Shari'ah Fintech Consultancy & Certification
- Zakah Consultancy & Certification
- Waqf Consultancy & Certification

Ifa Educational Services

- Knowledge Building & Skills Development
- Research & Development

Wills & Inheritance Services

- Wills & Inheritance Advice Service
- Will Writing Service

Finance Dispute Resolution & Adjudication Services

- Inheritance Dispute Resolution Service
- Finance Dispute Resolution Service

“With all the confusing and often contradictory statements regarding ‘Islamic finance’ and ‘shari’ah compliancy’, it is a struggle to discern between that which is halal and that which isn’t. The Islamic Finance Advisory provides guidance so that Muslims can conduct their financial dealings in harmony with the shari’ah, and a grounding from which all can engage in financial life with faith, fairness, and responsibility.”



Our Team in 2025

Structure of Islamic Council





Our journey

Islamic Council was born out of a desire to provide solutions to the everyday challenges Muslim communities face and to establish a framework upon which a just society would grow. What we started as a reconciliation service has grown into a broad advisory and legislative body, a one-of-a-kind institution for Muslims living in non-Muslim countries. Just as the lives of Muslims in the West are steeped in challenges around everyday living, including managing everyday relationships, finding halal alternatives for daily transactions are just as important. With this in mind, we have continued to expand our financial services while simultaneously continuing to grow our family services across the globe.

2014

Reconcile begins, taking marriage advice cases

2016

Name changed from Reconcile to Islamic Council of Europe (ICE)

New website and branding launched

2017

Landmark Cases:
Grenfell Tower and Double Interment burial fatwa

2018

First Event:
Cryptocurrency seminar held with industry experts

2019

Landmark Case:
Tafida Raqeeb High Court Guidance

Marriage Event: First marriage workshop held

2020

ICE goes online due to Covid-19 pandemic

Covid-19 Burial guidance issued and training of lawyers in Philippines

Symposia: 2 symposias held with Imams and Scholars

2022

US Expansion: Expansion to North America

Rebrand to Islamic Council and IFA for Finance Advisory

IFA Zakat framework published

Training of lawyers in Malaysia

2024

Published 5 guidance documents on shari'ah matters for Imams, faith leaders and the general public

Used over £47,000 from our Hardship Support Fund to help vulnerable clients

2021

Milestone:
1000+ cases taken

Officially launched the Islamic Finance Advisory under the supervision of Shaykh Dr. Sajid Umar

2023

IFA produces 3 guidance papers on Islamic finance

Islamic Council Germany launched

Produced one new Islamic Council course - Marital Mastery & one new IFA course on Forex Trading

2025

Islamic Council begins to focus on more free educational events, holding 11 over the year.

IFA launches the Islamic Finance Diploma with first cohort of 100 students

Published 2 short books aimed at self-help and early intervention around family matters

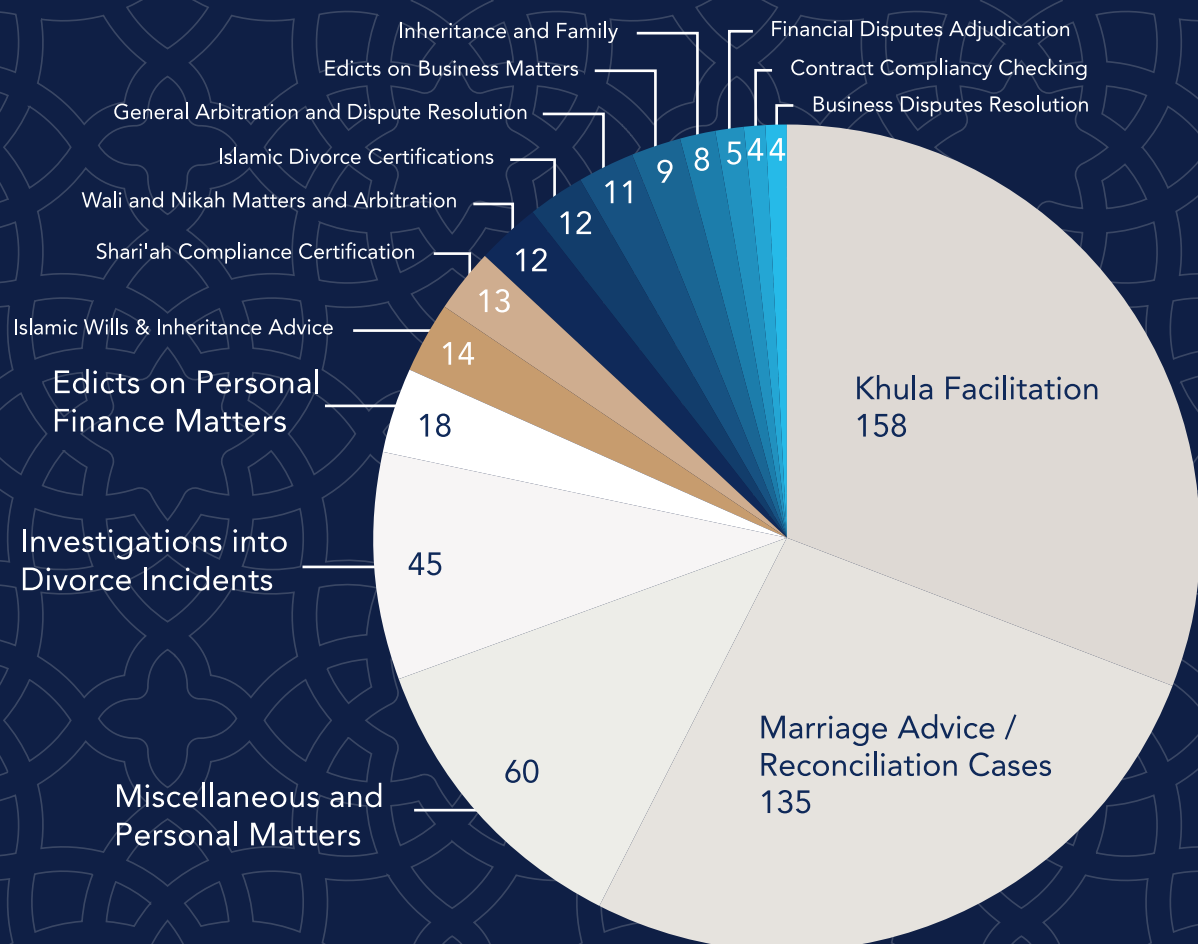


Our Impact in 2025 ...

508
CASES

Breakdown of case types

384 Family Jurisprudence **53** Non-Family Related **71** Finance Jurisprudence



Allah ﷻ says:

إِنْ يُرِيدَا إِصْلَاحًا يُوَفِّقِ اللَّهُ بَيْنَهُمَا
إِنَّ اللَّهَ كَانَ عَلِيمًا خَبِيرًا



“If they desire reconciliation, Allah will restore harmony between them. Surely Allah is All-Knowing, All-Aware.”

[4:35]



Our impact in 2025

Guidance Publications

Advice Related to Family Matters

In 2025 we have expanded our written guidance more than ever before. We published three finance-related guidance documents and released two short books focused on family and marital wellbeing. These were specifically designed as self-help and early-intervention resources, supporting couples long before difficulties escalate into formal cases.



This proactive approach reflects our growing conviction that meaningful intervention at an earlier stage leads to stronger outcomes: fewer complete breakdowns, and more opportunities for reconciliation, healing, and personal growth.

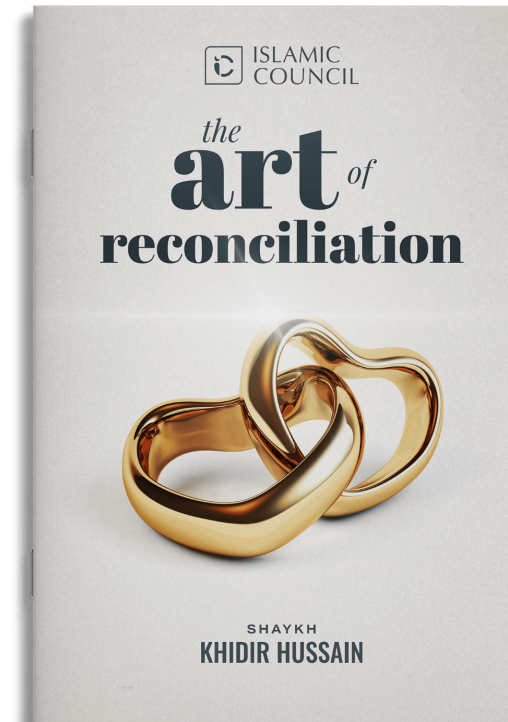
You can read all Islamic Council publications online here:



islamiccouncil.com/learning

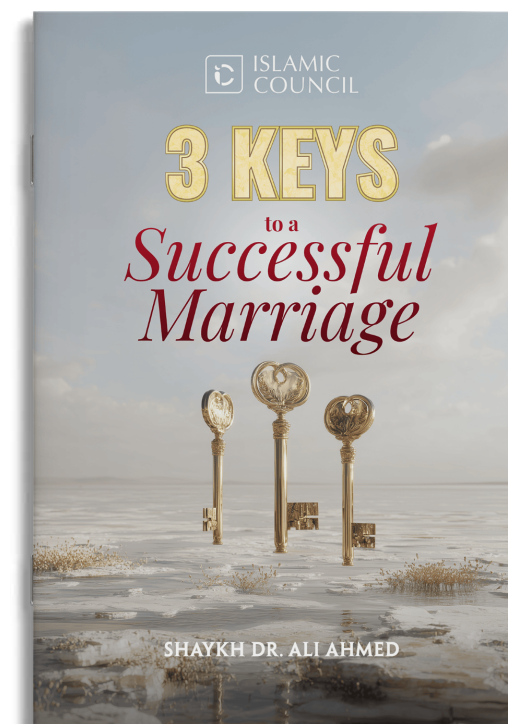
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Guidance Publications



The Art of Reconciliation

In this essential early-intervention publication, Shaykh Khidir Hussain illuminates five steps that guide both spouses to humble their spirits, recognise their own failings, and sincerely strive with softened hearts toward authentic restoration.



3 Keys to a Successful Marriage

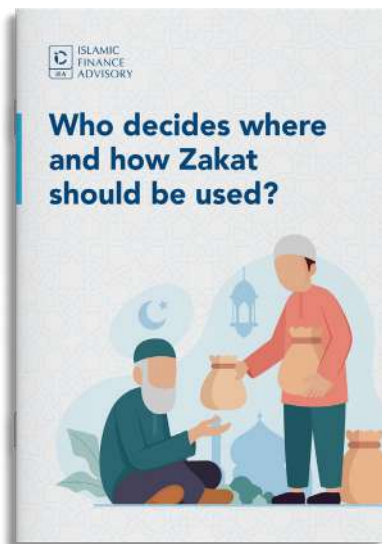
Shaykh Dr. Ali Ahmed presents this well-written, self-help booklet to guide every married soul with three 'keys' to unlock the doors of peace understanding, and reconciliation, doors through which couples may walk together toward lasting love, harmony and a successful marriage.



Our impact in 2025

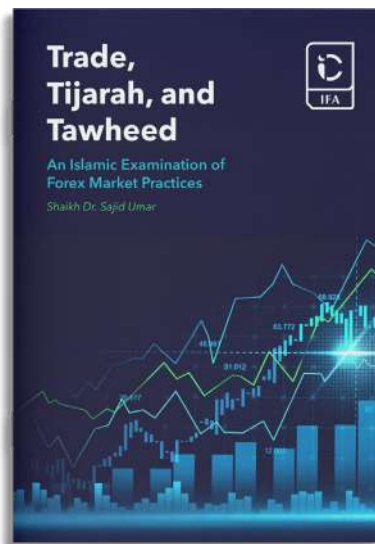
Guidance Publications

Advice Related to Islamic Finance



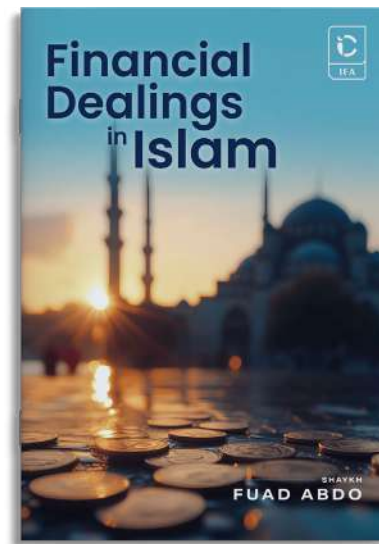
Who Decides Where and How Zakat should be used?

This think piece by Islamic Finance Advisory prompts Muslims to critically assess the custodial responsibility and practical execution of Zakat, challenging readers to reflect on who carries this sacred trust and how its fulfilment can be optimally achieved within a minority context.



Trade, Tijarah and Tawheed

In this guidance document, Shaykh Dr. Sajid Umar offers a thorough examination of Forex trading through an Islamic lens by delving deeply into key areas of concern; including CFD-based currency fluctuations, the use of leverage, and the structures of futures and options.



Financial Dealings in Islam

This guidance document by Shaykh Fuad Abdo provides a clear framework for ethical discernment around matters of transactions and financial dealings, and acts as a compass for every Muslim by revealing the halal from the haram in everyday financial life.

You can read all IFA publications online here:



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Our Impact in 2025 ...

2025 has been a year where we've made a decisive shift towards free, open-access live educational events. From hosting just three such events two years ago, we delivered eleven over the course of this year alone. These initiatives were deliberately designed to address the real and pressing challenges facing Muslim families today.



Total no. of Events, Courses & Workshops in 2025

15



Total no. of participants who directly benefitted

5511

11

Free Events



1 in Germany



1 in Netherlands



1 in Wales



1 in Australia



10

Online Events

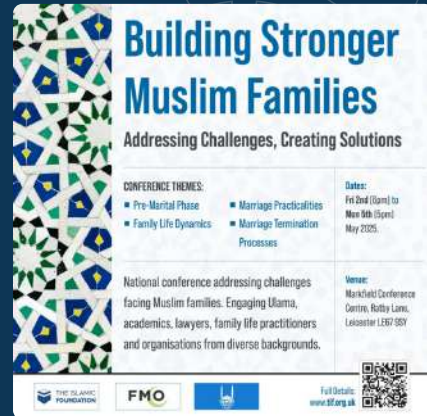


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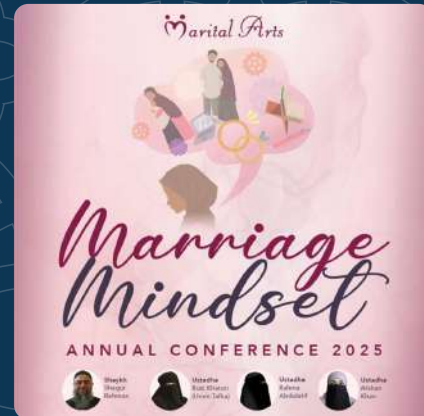
January 2025

Free Online Event in German with around 250 participants



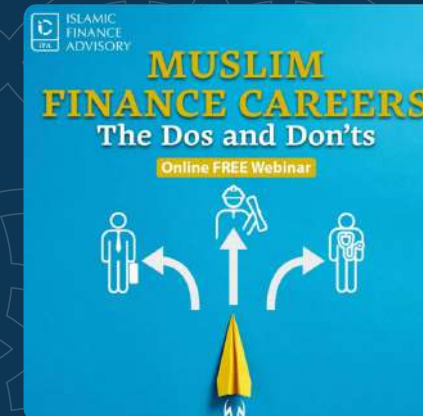
May 2025

Conference on Building Stronger Muslim Families in partnership with The Islamic Foundation



May 2025

Marriage Mindset Annual Conference in partnership with Marital Arts



February 2025

Free Online Event on Islamic Finance with over 400 participants



February 2025

In-person London based & online event on Faith at Work



April 2025

Live in-person event on Islamic Finance in Brisbane, Australia



July 2025

Marital Primer live & in-person in partnership with Masjid Tawhid, London



August 2025

Parenting the Digital Child - online event with over 2000 participants



September 2025

3 week Parenting Workshop with over 200 participants



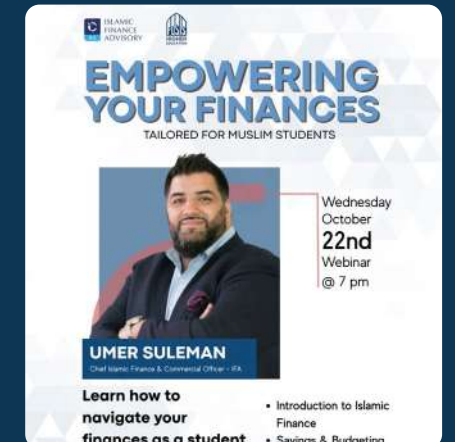
May 2025

Live in-person Policy Roundtable in Wales on Islamic Finance



June 2025

Free Online Event in partnership with iWills - 600 participants



October 2025

Free online event for Muslim students in partnership with FOSIS



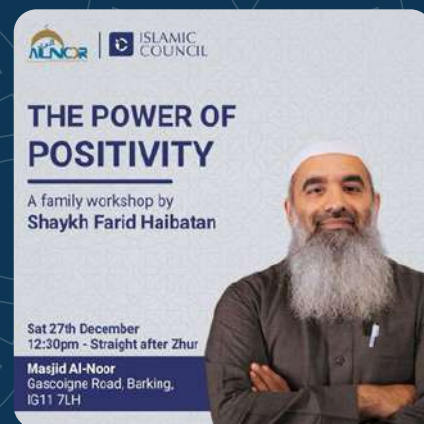
November 2025

The Art of Successful Relationships with over 1000 participants



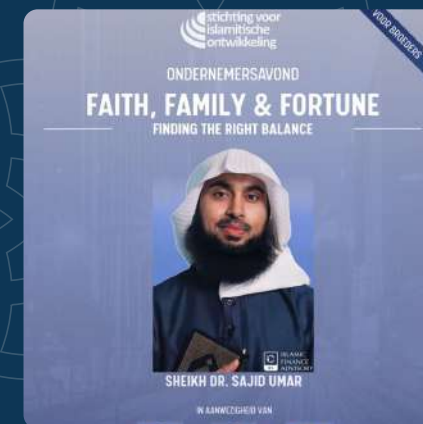
December 2025

A brand new In-laws or Outlaws 3 week workshop



December 2025

A live in-person family workshop in partnership with Al-Noor Masjid



December 2025

Live in-person event in Netherlands in partnership with SVIO

2025 EVENTS



Our Future

We see a future where Islamic Council provides people across the world with access to shari'ah services wherever they are. We believe that our services and shari'ah based solutions will soon have recognition from governments across the West and we hope to build partnerships from across the Muslim community and with key Muslim individuals to achieve this. Here are just some of the goals we plan to achieve within the next 10 years insha'Allah.

Join us to turn our vision of a just and benevolent world into a reality

Establish a gold standard for shari'ah-related services throughout the

Help establish shari'ah service centres throughout Europe and the US.

Provide specialised shari'ah training to over 1000 scholars and judges throughout the West.

Establish an authoritative Islamic Finance Advisory service.

Providing shari'ah guidance to over 100,000 beneficiaries globally in the West.

Your chance to be a part of it

When you support Islamic Council, you receive the reward for every marriage we save, every family breakdown we prevent, every relationship we reconcile and all the Islamic guidance and solutions we inspire the community to live with.

"We came to the Council a year ago and they've provided a lot of guidance and support for us.... I think we would have been in a very different place, certainly a worse place, if it hadn't been for Islamic Council"

"My marriage is on the point of divorce but this Islamic Council workshop seriously helped and encouraged me to give it another chance"

"I have been in a state of limbo for over 5 and a half years (since we got married). However the way you explained matters it really made sense to me. I have met many religious scholars but you left a deep mark"

Your Jannah reward awaits you

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We do not accept zakah





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