

Ahmadiyya Muslim Youth Association

Press Release

Muslim Youth Association to Hold Charity Challenge Event

June 26, 2006, London - The Ahmadiyya Muslim Youth Association of the United Kingdom will hold its annual "Charity Challenge" event on the 27th August 2006. The event this year is being held in the heart of the Surrey countryside in the picturesque village of Tilford. Over 1,000 walkers and runners are expected to participate in the 13 mile event in aid of the following national and local charities:

Great Ormond Street Hospital
Humanity First
Leukaemia Research
Macmillan Cancer Relief
Royal Hospital for Neuro Disability
Save the Children Fund
Victim Support Surrey

Last year the event was held in Lyme Park, Manchester where 450 participants raised £25,000 for UK charities. The Ahmadiyya community has always striven to be a force for good in the communities in which its members live and has the service of humanity as one of its central philosophies. As such, the Ahmadiyya Community is very pleased to be able to support the valuable work performed by these charities here in the UK.

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Youth Association would like to invite members of the Press and News Media to sample the atmosphere of this unique event and to witness the infectious desire that our young members have to make a positive and valuable contribution to society in the UK.

For further information on covering the event and arrangement of interviews please contact either:

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For more information on the worldwide Ahmadiyya Muslim Community visit www.alislam.org

Notes to editors

1. The Ahmadiyya Muslim community is based on over 175 countries of the world and is renowned for its services to the community in the fields of education and health.

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2. The Community is the most dynamic denomination of Islam in modern history. The Ahmadiyya Movement was established in 1889 by Hadhrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad (1835 – 1908) He claimed to be the expected reformer of the latter days, the Awaited One of the world community of religions (The Mahdi and Messiah). The Movement he started is an embodiment of the benevolent message of Islam -- peace, universal brotherhood, and submission to the Will of God -- in its pristine purity.
3. Wherever the Movement is established, it endeavours to exert a constructive influence of Islam through social projects, educational institutes, health services, Islamic publications and construction of mosques, despite being bitterly persecuted in some countries. Ahmadi Muslims have earned the distinction of being a law-abiding, peaceful, persevering and benevolent community.
4. The Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam was created under divine guidance with the objective to rejuvenate Islamic moral and spiritual values. It encourages interfaith dialogue, and diligently defends Islam and tries to correct misunderstandings about Islam in the West. It advocates peace, tolerance, love and understanding among followers of different faiths. It firmly believes in and acts upon the Qur'anic teaching: **"There is no compulsion in religion."** ([2:257](#)) It **strongly rejects violence and terrorism** in any form and for any reason

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