



# Food Hubs

Birmingham

Providing food aid to people in need regardless of their background



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Our mission is to provide food aid to people in need regardless of their background. We are committed to working in collaboration with communities of all faith and none to support people suffering from food poverty ensuring no-one goes hungry



Our aim is to support anyone and everyone, from all faiths and none, who is struggling to provide food for themselves and their families within the local area in a structured format.

We will do this with a collaborative and partnership approach by bringing UKIM Paigham-E-Islam Mosque, UKIM Sparkbrook Mosque, Acocks Green Church of God of Prophecy and St. Peter's Church Hall Green together to coordinate their works collectively, and in support of each other and any other organisation who wish to participate within this program as agreed and appropriate in the future.

We will engage our local congregations as well as our local businesses, partners and contacts to support this work whilst collectively working to create partnerships with food suppliers to ensure healthy and in-date food is reaching people in need and not being thrown into landfill.

We will work collaboratively to establish some long-term solutions to food poverty problems in the local community by continuing to work with and putting pressure on local and national decision makers.

# Food Poverty in Birmingham, UK



Over 2 million people in the UK are estimated to be malnourished, and 3 million are at risk of becoming malnourished. **FACT**

To understand food poverty, you must first understand poverty. Poverty is about having inadequate resources, financial, physical and social, to enable a standard of living acceptable within the society you live. Food poverty is when someone is unable to afford, or to have access to, food of a good enough variety to make up a healthy diet.

Food poverty has been on the increase in the UK since the financial crisis in 2008/2009. The cost of living has increased and food prices have also increased by up to 43.5% in the eight years up to July 2013. Whilst the rise in wages has been a lot slower leaving a large gap between what people are earning and what they require to live a decent standard of living.

**FACT**

The Trussell Trust in 2013/14 provided 93,461 people with three days' worth of emergency food in the West Midlands; of which 35,425 were children.

In Birmingham, like many big cities there has been a sharp rise in homelessness which has also brought people into food poverty. Birmingham Council recorded 9 people that were homeless in the city centre in 2010, compared with 36 in 2015, but also accept that the real figure is probably much higher now.

This is just the tip of the iceberg of what is an increasingly worrying problem facing those on the poverty line in the UK. With sustained austerity, the stark fact is that the number of people living with food poverty and poverty in general will continue to rise unless the UK population comes together to address it.

# iCare Food Hubs



iCare is in a unique position. Working with UKIM affiliated mosques it has already well-established footprint with 50 mosques in many towns and cities across the UK. Working with any and all organisations interested in supporting people of all faiths and none suffering from food poverty, UKIM mosques are opening their doors to establish Food Hubs. It will also be a fantastic way of establishing mosques as a welcome place for all members of the community and remove misconceptions and stereotypes people may have about Muslims.



## Working with our communities



iCare aims to work with all sections of our communities to establish Food Hubs. We recognise that many organisations and projects exist supporting people in food poverty. From soup kitchens, church groups, community centres and more. iCare aims to engage with the local community in order to have a coordinated approach where possible and not work in isolation.

iCare is the UK Relief Department of UKIM and was established in 2016 with an aim to provide financial and practical assistance to those in difficulty and special need in the United Kingdom, regardless of their race, religion and background.

# Partners & Community Engagement



iCare Food Hubs rely on the engagement of mosques, partner organisations, faith organisations, local businesses and above all, the support of all those in the community. Together we are able to support people. We are highly dependent on the support of the local community to make this project across the country and in local areas possible.



Supermarkets have committed to reducing the amount of food they waste. FareShare is an organisation that is working with supermarkets to redistribute food to charities and organisations that are in the field of supporting people in food poverty. Other supermarkets are also operating in a similar way. We will be working with FareShare in the Birmingham areas highlighted to support the redistribution of food.

## Food items we provide

iCare aim to work with a simple approach and to avoid any possible food contamination, poisoning and illness occurring, we encourage our partners to provide mainly non-perishable food items to those that require support. Items such as:

Cooking Oil

Sugar

Pasta

Tinned Food

Long-life Milk

Cereal

Baby Food

Toiletries

Pot Noodles

Packet Food

Confectionery

Soup

Juice & Drinks

Savoury Snacks

Ready Meals

Condiments



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## Birmingham

Acocks Green Church Of God Of Prophecy



### Golden Age Club (for the elderly)

Every Tuesday | 11am-3:30pm  
Church of God of Prophecy, Broad Road,  
Birmingham, B27 7UZ  
T: Mike Bailey - 07737 777315

Acocks Green Church Of God Of Prophecy



### Feed the Homeless Birmingham

First Tuesday of every month | 6:30pm-8pm  
Albert Street, Birmingham City Centre, B4 7SX  
T: Mike Bailey - 07737 777315

### St. Peter's Church

Hall Green, Birmingham



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Albert Street, Birmingham City Centre, B4 7SX  
T: Geoff Gallagher - 07740 376060



### PAIGHAM-E-ISLAM TRUST

UKIM Paigham-E-Islam  
(iCare Food Hub) - Launching 30th June 2017  
Last Friday of every month | 6pm-8pm  
UKIM Paigham-E-Islam Mosque, 423 Stratford  
Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham, B11 4LB  
T: Fahad Khan- 07872 122186



SPARKBROOK MASJID & ISLAMIC CENTRE

### UKIM Sparkbrook

(iCare Food Hub) - Launching 13th July 2017  
Second Thursday of every month | 6pm-8pm  
UKIM Sparkbrook Mosque, 179 Anderton Road,  
Sparkbrook, Birmingham, B11 1ND  
T: Fahad Khan - 07872 122186

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