

Dear members,

As-salaamu Alaikum, Peace be upon you,

InshAllah this letter finds you safe, in the best of health and in the upmost faith.

On behalf of all the members and volunteers of the Islamic Unity Society (IUS), I would like to thank you for your continued support. Despite COVID-19, last year was full of achievements for us as a national community, including the milestone of our 25th year serving the community with a mission of empowering young British Muslims to develop, grow and engage through the universal principles of Islam. 2020 also saw us launch Vision2020+, a refreshed strategy and roadmap to inshAllah pave the way forward until early 2024 - alhamdulillah we're glad to see this progress through 2021 so far despite the limitations due to the pandemic.

Despite lockdown restrictions for most of 2020, the IUS family were able to host a suite of innovative events, including a wonderful Ladies Afternoon Tea event (Manchester), a mental health-related painting workshop with a professional artist (London) and a unifying volunteers dinner across IUS workstreams. As the pandemic restrictions took effect, our nationally-connected volunteers adapted to remain active by organising dedicated online activities. Events have included a wide range of speakers through the Majaalis, an 'Am / Rocist?' series and numerous tawhid-driven events, including our book club collaboration on spiritual bliss and now on Malcolm X regarding social justice. Additionally, the IUS Aid team also distributed food parcels to help those families in need in the UK, ran an online event on mental health and continued to provide needy support abroad. All this hopes to instil the strong God-centric belief that our youth need to prosper, and live Islam in action bi'thnilah.

Looking to the rest of 2021, we'll inshAllah continue our focus on unity and collaboration - both internally across