

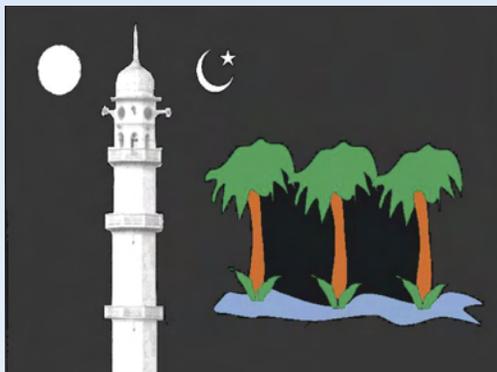
Activities and Events

Lajna Ima'illah has a robust organisational structure, consisting of local branches linked with regional and national management. The National President of the organisation is elected every other year.

Monthly meetings are held in every branch focussing on the religious, moral, social and general training of its members. Each branch organises educational classes for its younger girls giving them opportunity to socialise with other young Muslims.

Lajna speakers address the attendees of Jalsa Salana; a yearly convention that takes place in each country. The UK convention typically attracts thousands of attendees from all over the world. A convention of Lajna members takes place once a year promoting speech, poem and quiz competitions from participants all over the UK. Two training classes are held each year – one for North and other for South region. A refresher course for Lajna office holders is also an important part of the Lajna calendar.

A National Sports Day is held every year to promote health and fitness and each year Lajna holds fundraising events to donate money for charities and projects in the UK and abroad.



Lajna Flag

The crescent is a sign of a new era in the spiritual darkness of modern ages. The star's 6 corners denote the six articles of faith. The minaret represents the fulfilled prophecy about the Promised Messiah (*peace be upon him*), and the sun rising from the West denotes the success of Islam and Ahmadiyyat in the Western world. This is a prophecy of the Holy Prophet (*peace and blessings of Allah be on him*). The oasis symbolises motherhood, three date trees represent 3 women who gave birth in the desert to Prophet Ishmael, Prophet Jesus (*peace be upon them both*) and the Holy Prophet Muhammad (*peace and blessings of Allah be upon him*).

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Lajna Ima'illah UK

A short introduction
to an auxiliary
organisation of the
Ahmadiyya Muslim
Community UK



INTRODUCTION

Lajna Ima'illah, an auxiliary organisation of Ahmadiyya Muslim community provides women a structure to train, develop, and enhance their religious and academic knowledge, acquire health and fitness skills, manage trade and industry affairs and develop their financial abilities. The aim of Lajna Ima'illah (literally translated as maids of Allah) is to raise awareness amongst women of their important status and their great responsibilities in the religious organisation, while focussing on their duties towards mankind as well as their contributions to the society in which they live and raise the future generation.

How Lajna Ima'illah was formed

Lajna Ima'illah was established in 1922 by Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih II, Mirza Bashir-ud-Din Mahmood Ahmad (*may Allah be pleased with him*) in Qadian, India. He published an open letter called 'Ahmadi Ladies of Qadian' urging women, to realise and fulfil their potential.

"The efforts of our women along with our men are equally necessary for attaining the objective of our creation."

In order to achieve this Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih II (*may Allah be pleased with him*) encouraged all women to read and endeavour to abide by the Charter of Aims.

The first meeting of the fourteen founding members took place on 25th December 1922, with Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih II (*may Allah be pleased with him*) who formally announced

its formation and its name. Lajna Ima'illah UK began in the early fifties and to date consists of 6259 members, spread across 90 branches in the UK.

Charter of Aims

To improve and enhance knowledge, whilst being focused on achieving high morals and spirituality

To serve the community, using pre-existing skills, including fundraising for local charities

To focus on upbringing of children training and preparing them to spend their lives in accordance with the teachings of Islam.

To promote unity and work together with patience and forbearance overlooking each other's shortcomings

To strive hard in the face of difficulties and challenges with fortitude and bravery

To plan to help poor in a practical manner

Achievements

The members of Lajna Ima'illah include high academic achievers and are an integral part of society in the UK serving as doctors, scientists, teachers and lawyers. Lajna plays an active and full role in the religious and philanthropic activities of the Ahmadiyya community including a vital role in running the Muslim TV Ahmadiyya, a voluntary channel (SKY 787) dedicated to the service of Islam. Lajna Ima'illah have their own quarterly magazine called *Al Nusrat* (The Success).

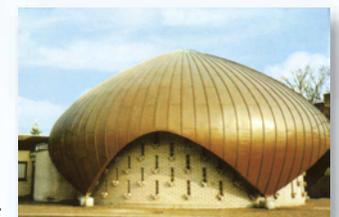
Lajna exclusively contributed for the building of four mosques in Europe. The Fazl Mosque (*front cover*) was the first Ahmadi mosque built in London in 1924 for which women donated money and jewellery. The Khadija Mosque (*pictured below*), named after the first wife of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (*peace and blessings of Allah be upon him*), was inaugurated in Berlin, Germany in 2008.



The Mubarak Mosque in Holland, and the Nusrat Jehan Mosque in Copenhagen, Denmark are two other mosques that have been built solely from donations by Lajna.



Mubarak Mosque



Nusrat Jehan Mosque