



# Newsletter

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**Bridging Communities Together - 1 Burns Grove, Giffnock, East Renfrewshire, G46 7HF**

## WEC granted permission for building planning extension

Alhamdulillah! In January 2016 East Renfrewshire Council approved planning permission to extend Woodfarm Community Hall for the Woodfarm Educational Trust. WEC is indebted to the local community and our local elected representatives who kindly supported our planning application.

The Trust has designed a beautiful, eco-friendly and iconic new extension building, which will aim to serve as Scotland's first Eco-Community Centre to accommodate over a 1,000 users, with its very low carbon foot-print and eco-friendly design. The new/extended facility will be a major addition to the treasure house of architecture in Scotland and the UK. The extension will aim to serve the needs of the local community, with an expansion in the provision facilities for new and existing users. The extended centre will provide a wider number of facilities to accommodate the growing needs of our local community. The design for the planned WEC extension facility will blend the characteristics of existing buildings in the neighbourhood, including a number of sustainable eco-friendly architectural features.



The existing building sits relatively unobtrusively within the urban greenspace created on Inglestone Avenue. We aim to retain this key feature in the extended building, which will sit adjacent to the current facility at the northern edge of the site where it will be largely hidden from Inglestone

Avenue. Access to the site will be solely from Robeslee Road, closing off Burns Grove to prevent access from Inglestone Avenue. This is intended to prevent any increase in traffic on this side of the site and avoid disruption to local residents. Alongside the community hall extension, there will be an extended car parking spaces, which will be made freely available to local school parents for pickup and drop off, which will help reduce congestion during peak traffic hours. Keep a look out for more updates on this soon in sha Allah!

### Urgent WEC Musalla Appeal



WEC is seeking your urgent donations for its Building Extension Appeal: £250 can sponsor a musalla (prayer space), & any one-off/regular sadaqah donation will go a long way to supporting the charity's growing range of Islamic educational and social services. 1,000 musallas available.



How to donate:

Bank transfer to Woodfarm Educational Trust,  
Account No. 00651296, Sort-Code, 83-20-22

Or

Donate online via the WEC website

([woodfarmeducationcentre.org.uk](http://woodfarmeducationcentre.org.uk)) through Paypal or debit, credit card.



*Don't miss WEC Imaam Shaykh Zain Ul-Abidin Amir's daily inspiring reminders after Maghrib jamaat (after Isha in the summer) & listen live with your receivers from home! Transmitters can be purchased from the centre.*

## Our Green Guardians CCF funded project ends, but our legacy continues

MashAllah our WEC Green Guardians climate change project has successfully come to an end as of 31<sup>st</sup> March.

The Green Guardians team would like to thank the WEC community for being open-minded and welcoming the Green Guardians team over the course of the year, getting involved with the project and taking away valuable skills that will last a lifetime. This project's legacy will continue as certain aspects are being carried on i.e. cycling activities through a small team of volunteers.



Remember our bicycles are available for hire/loan to our local community, upon provision of a refundable deposit - for more information, contact [info@greenguardians.org.uk](mailto:info@greenguardians.org.uk) or [admin@woodfarmeducationcentre.org.uk](mailto:admin@woodfarmeducationcentre.org.uk)

Additionally, the WEC team is looking into follow-on grant funding opportunities including: Cycle Friendly and Sustainable Communities fund via Cycling Scotland (progressing towards their cycling Development grant), Heritage Fund and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). WEC will be looking to acquire funding for a community growing space & to reduce food wastage.



## Headline Achievements

### CO2e:

- Energy efficiency advice delivered to over 100 individual households, with two households referred to Home Energy Scotland and four to the East- Renfrewshire Council for home energy improvement schemes.
- Delivery of a Fuel Efficiency Driver Training day in partnership with Home Energy Scotland.
- Transforming WEC into a more eco-friendly centre with the introduction of recycling bins and utilisation of biodegradable dinnerware for the monthly WEC dinners, along with the installation of double glazing, LED censored lighting and wall and roof insulation.



### Community:

- Educated 500+ community users on various aspects/issues of climate change and steps they can take to reduce their own carbon footprint.
- Investment in 17 reconditioned bikes ranging from children - adults, available on a loan/hire scheme.
- Installation and usage of a bicycle shelter at the Centre.
- Leaving behind a lasting legacy through the website, carbon calculator, video documentaries, energy efficiency advice delivered to households, implementation of energy efficiency measures to the WEC community building and free access to Woodfarm Education Trust's reconditioned bicycles.



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# WEC Activities

## What's on for the ladies?

- Ladies English Tafsir Classes, Monday Evenings, 7:00pm-8:30pm
- Ladies Tajweed Classes, Tuesday Mornings, 10:00am-1:00pm
- Female Taekwondo Sessions, Wednesday Evenings, 6:30pm-7:30pm
- Urdu Quran Tafsir Classes, Saturday Mornings, 10:00am-1:00pm

## WEC-MED 2016: Our highly popular, 3rd Annual Workshop for Prospective Medical & Dental Applicants

Scheduled for Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September in sha Allah. Please keep up to date with WEC via newsletters or social media for further updates. If you would like to register, please text [07772340360](tel:07772340360) with your name, year of study and course of interest. Our previous Workshops have all been over-subscribed (with pupils from both local and national Schools), so please register your interest early to avoid disappointment. We look forward to seeing you soon at WEC in sha Allah.



## WEC's Healthcare Initiative

Health is an essential part of both our deen and our lives. As part of our Healthcare Initiative, WEC is working closely with the ER Council, and ER Local Health Care Partnerships, to increase health awareness and delivery of social care services in East Renfrewshire for the whole community. Watch this space for exciting future discussion groups, family dinner topics and workshops...

## Mini Marvels

WEC has launched an exciting new mother & toddler class that includes the following: Playing time, indoor and outdoor activities, Rhyme time and most of all, lots of fun for children in an enjoyable and nurturing atmosphere. Come along and meet other mums and children. Running every Tuesday 10:00am-11:30am. For more information contact: [07702796349](tel:07702796349).

## WEC's monthly family dinners continue with Shaykh Abdul Aziz

The last two family dinners have focussed on fundamental issues applicable to the wider community, including social responsibilities towards our peers in society. So far 'Social Responsibilities' & 'Towards our Neighbours' have been fabulously covered by the captivating Shakyh Abdul Aziz, with more in this series to come. Keep a look out on the WEC Facebook page for updates on the next monthly dinner.

Previous talks have covered: Hajj, Health & Awareness: Islamic perspective on Organ Donation, Jesus in Islam, Foster & Adoption in Islam, Islam & the Environment. As part of our CCF project legacy we are now using biodegradable dinnerware at our WEC monthly dinners.

## Thank you Ken Mackintosh MSP!

WEC would like to thank Ken Mackintosh for coming along to our monthly dinner evening, on Social Duties of a Muslim, and the Green Guardians CCF End of Project Celebratory Event. We look forward to seeing him at future events.

## Ramadan Highlights 2016

- Don't forget our late night (tahajjud) prayers during the last 10 nights of Ramadan
- 2<sup>nd</sup> jummah for school children every Friday at 3:00pm
- Annual Eid-al-Adha party on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September
- WEC's Summer School dates from 11-15<sup>th</sup> July

### This month... Ramadan preparations

Please remember to Car Share where possible, especially in Ramadan, to allow more people access and reduce any disturbance to our neighbours at that time of the night...& you will be contributing to our CCF project's legacy aims, to reduce emissions in travelling to WEC!

You can also bring your bike & secure it at our new Cycle shelter, or borrow one FREE from us.

# Activities Timetable *(as of July '16)* please check WEC website ([www.WoodfarmEducationCentre.org.uk](http://www.WoodfarmEducationCentre.org.uk)) regularly for updates.

**Parking Notice:** Please use the main car park, accessible from Robslee Road (opposite Woodfarm High School)  
The small parking area adjacent to the building (accessible from Burns Grove) is ONLY for use by the disabled and the elderly.

Woodfarm Educational Trust manages WEC and is a registered Charity (SC040818)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<i>Morning/Daytime</i>						
<p><b>SQA English Tutoring/Revision Classes</b> (Primary to SQA Higher: English) Qualified &amp; experienced teachers: from £5/hour Contact: 07866565099</p> <p><b>WEC Ladies &amp; Young Girls Yoga Classes</b> (Mon, Tues, &amp; Thurs 10:00-11.30am) Qualified &amp; experienced instructor £4/drop-in Session Tel: 07787987661</p>	<p><b>Quran Tajweed</b> (Pronunciation) 10am-11:00am <i>(Sisters)</i> Qualified &amp; experienced teacher Tel: 07807156414 (£2.50/session or £10 for 4 week block)</p> <p><b>Mini Marvels</b> (Mother &amp; toddler) 10:00- 11:30am Tel: 07702796349 £2/session</p> <p><b>WEC Ladies &amp; Young Girls Yoga Classes</b> (Mon, Tues, &amp; Thurs 10:00-11.30am) Qualified &amp; experienced instructor £4/drop-in Session Tel: 07787987661</p>	<p><b>Note:</b> The running of all classes is subject to continuing demand and availability of volunteers, staff &amp; resources. Members of the community are more than welcome to propose new activities/services and/or volunteer to help with ongoing classes where required. See WEC FB Page/website, or email in.</p> <p style="color: red; text-align: center;"><b>Don't worry if you cannot attend any of the exciting WEC talks/classes, you can now listen in LIVE from your home/anywhere, with the new online WEC radio transmission service. Order your receiver now by emailing us at <a href="mailto:admin@woodfarmeducationcentre.org.uk">admin@woodfarmeducationcentre.org.uk</a></b></p>	<p><b>WEC Ladies &amp; Young Girls Yoga Classes</b> (Mon, Tues, &amp; Thurs 10:00-11.30am) Qualified &amp; experienced instructor £4/drop-in Session Tel: 07787987661</p>	<p><b>Jumah Salat</b> (Talk in English) Winter: 1:00pm Summer: 2:00pm <i>(brothers and sisters)</i></p> <p><b>Jumah Salat for School children</b> Winter: 12.25pm -12.40pm Summer: 3:00pm-3.20pm</p> <p><b>Local MP/MSP &amp; Councilor Surgeries</b> 2nd Fri of each month Parliamentary Office Tel:0141 621 2080</p>	<p><b>WEC Small Group Tuition SQA Maths &amp; Science</b> (Primary to SQA Higher: Maths &amp; Science) Qualified &amp; experienced teachers: from £5/hour Contact: 07866565099</p> <p><b>Urdu Tafseer-Quran</b> <i>(Sisters)</i>10am-1pm Qualified &amp; experienced teacher Tel: 07842814653</p> <p><b>WEC Young Believers</b> <i>(Boys &amp; Girls: 5-11 years)</i> 11:00am-12.30pm Course covers: Drama, Seerah, Islamic History &amp; Art, Tajweed &amp; Fiqh (in a fun environment) Tel: 07424788636 (£10/month)</p>	<p>WEC sports &amp; community hall &amp; meeting rooms (with multimedia &amp; projector facilities) available for hire. Including for social &amp; private functions, &amp; sports which includes: table tennis, badminton, basketball &amp; 5-a-side).</p> <p>Email <a href="mailto:admin@woodfarmeducationcentre.org.uk">admin@woodfarmeducationcentre.org.uk</a> or call 07807673119</p>
<i>Evening</i>						
<p><b>Tafseer-Quran</b> English <i>(Sisters)</i> 7:00-8:30pm Qualified &amp; Experienced Teacher Tel: 07904646310 (£5 donation per month)</p>	<p><b>Table tennis Club</b> By Booking only Tel: 07807673119 £5/hour or £10/hour including badminton booking</p> <p><b>WEC Men's Badminton Club</b> By Booking only Tel: 07807673119 £8/hour (works out at £2/person for doubles) Time: Maghrib-Isha</p> <p><b>Children's Quran &amp; Islamic Studies</b> Boys &amp; Girls (5-10): Qualified &amp; Experienced (male and female) Scholars/Teachers 4Days/week: Boys and Girls (5-10) and Boys (11+): Mon-Thurs, 5PM-6PM (Course covers: Quran Tajweed, Islamic manners, character building, how to read Salat, surahs, duas, 99 names of Allah, all with English translation, and stories from the Holy Quran - learn in a fun environment). Tel: 07807156414 (£20/month)</p>	<p><b>WEC Taekwondo Scotland Classes</b> <i>Females only classes every</i> Wed, 6:15-7:15pm. £3.50/session, or £5 for two family members &amp; monthly discounts! Taught by highly qualified female instructor</p> <p><b>WEC iSyllabus School</b> 11-15 year old, <i>(boys and girls)</i> 6:30 – 9:00pm iSyllabus for schools course. Register for Y1&amp;Y2 by e-mailing: <a href="mailto:admin@woodfarmeducationcentre.org.uk">admin@woodfarmeducationcentre.org.uk</a> Limited places!</p>	<p><b>Interfaith Seminars</b> See WEC FB/website for dates (Free Event)</p>	<p><b>Young Muslims</b> (Girls only, 7-18) 6:30-8:30pm (Islamic reminders &amp; sports) Contact: Sr. Amnah Tel:07895366183</p> <p><b>SQA Urdu Language</b> (Basic to SQA Standard Higher &amp; Adv) 5:00-6:00pm (£10/month) Qualified &amp; experienced teachers Tel: 07807156414</p> <p><b>WEC Aspiring Youth Club (WAYC)</b> <i>(Boys only aged 12+)</i> 7:00-9:00pm (Sports, meeting new friends &amp; Islamic reminders) Tel: 07928003607</p>	<p><b>WEC Family Dinner Evenings (monthly)</b> 6:00-8:00pm 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of each month, led by professional Islamic Scholars, covering a range of contemporary community issues. Check the WEC website &amp; Facebook page for topics &amp; updates.</p>	<p><b>Individual, Family and Relationship Counselling</b> (with Amina – MWRC) By Appointment Only Tel: 0141 585 8026</p>
<p>This timetable is subject to change - please check the website regularly for updates.</p> <p>You can also join the WEC mailing list for receiving any updates by emailing your contact details to: <a href="mailto:admin@woodfarmeducationcentre.org.uk">admin@woodfarmeducationcentre.org.uk</a></p>						
<p><b>Daily Short Reminders (in English):</b> by WEC Imam: Shaykh Zain Ul-Abedin Amir, Monday-Friday, after Maghrib Jamat in Summer, and after Isha in Winter. Topics: Mon-Wed: Manners in Islam, Thursday: Virtues of Salah on Prophet, and Friday: Journey Thorough the Quran (Lectures on tafsir of the Quran). FREE Drop-in sessions. Also listen live from home with your receivers!</p> <p><b>Daily Five Jamats</b> - Download times from website and available at Centre</p>						