



IOA Newsletter

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Editorial Policy

http://ilmoamal.org/insight/?page_id=14

From the Editor's Desk

Assalam-o-Alikum,

In this year's first newsletter I wish all our members a happy new year.

Thanks to Nadia Tariq-our new Marketing Coordinator, we have a newsletter with a new and improved look. We have added more content and hope that this will provide you much more information about the IIm-o-Amal community and its activities.

It has been an eventful past few months. 40 new members have joined us, 25 new student scholarships have been awarded, and 28 new family help and 3 new income loans were given.

At the same time we are constantly enhancing our BMS system. We have added many new social networking features to enable our members to freely communicate with each other. As a result we have experienced a significant increase in membership. A list of all the major changes is provided in the latest news section.

We received many articles from our members. I contributed an article about the platform created by Internet and mobile communication and what

are the important principles for online communities.

Nadia has contributed an article on the student connect volunteer program and Ahsan Abdi writes about volunteerism.

I hope this newsletter is informative and will motivate you to participate for a good cause.

I invite you to visit www.ilmoamal.org and our community site BMS

Thanks and Best Regards,

Saif Manzoor

Secretary, IIm-o-Amal

Our Progress since last newsletter

	Jan '09	Oct '08
Applications	313	245
Members	213	173
Education Scholarships	125	100
Family Help	78	60
Income Loan	21	18

Latest News

Condolence

IIm-o-Amal team is sad to announce the demise of Mr. Adam Patel who is the father of our President Saira Nasir. He was a retired lawyer, a member of ICAP and ICMA and all his life had been active in social work and philanthropy. May Allah bless his soul. -- IIm-o-Amal Team

New Coordinators

Nadia Tariq joined as Marketing Coordinator. She will help us in our marketing activities.

New Donors

We have received many new donations including sponsorship for particular cases. Most of these sponsors are through the face of the week campaign which proved to be a success.

Ziarat Tent Delivery

We delivered tents to the earthquake affected people in Ziarat. The tents are weatherproof hence protect people from severe winter. The tents were delivered through Alamgir Welfare Trust. Read more here http://www.ilmoamal.org/index.php?go=ziarat_relief

New Chapters

A new zone is registered in Karachi Chapter

- North Karachi Zone, the zone leader is Sheikh Abdul Haleem. This zone has currently 5 members and about 10 supported applications.

Read more here

http://www.ilmoamal.org/index.php?go=chapter_infos

Annual Report for 2007-08 is now posted on the [website](#).

New Features in BMS

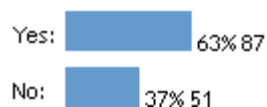
- Community News to inform our members of our day to day activities
- Personal Page of member to post messages on the Wall and see a list of contributions from the member
- An invite your friend feature to invite your friends to join our network
- A new participate page to inform our members on how to participate for a good cause

Poll of the Month

We posted a poll on our website www.ilmoamal.org

The question for Jan 2009 was **“Do you volunteer for a social cause?”**

The answer was



Marathon for a cause

Mukhtar Murtaza is our member in Riyadh. He is an information technology professional and his hobby is sports particularly running marathons. He volunteered to run for IIm-o-Amal. Read more here <http://www.ilmoamal.org/slideshow/phpslideshow.php?directory=marathon>

First Student Volunteer Visit

IIm-o-Amal is pleased to announce the First Student Volunteer visit by Jahanzeb Behan.

Campaign for Laptops

In Jan 09 we launched a campaign for donations of laptops for our team members. We received pledges of 10 laptops. However, the delivery is awaited.

New Members since Oct '08

In alphabetical order

First Name Last Name Location

Adeeb Ilyas		Riyadh
Adil Naveed		
Ahmed	Rehman	Karachi
Ali	Waqas	Pindi
Arsalaan	Siddiqui	Riyadh
Asiya	Baber	Karachi
Atiya	Adil	Toronto
Ayaz	Ahmed	
Bilal	Shah	Houston
Danish	Naeem	
Dr Ghulam	Kapadia	Karachi
Ebrar	Ahmed	
Faisal	Tahir	Riyadh
Fayyaz	Hussain	Karachi
Haider	Ali	Sahiwal
Hamid	Siddiqui	Karachi
Hammad	Syed	Karachi
Imran	Ali	Karachi
Jam Jahanzeb		Karachi
Jam Shahzeb		Karachi
Meer	Azam	Karachi
Mohammad Junaid		Dubai
Mohammed	Khalid	Riyadh
Mohsin	Saleem	Riyadh
Mubeen	Ashraf	Karachi
Muhammad	Tariq	Karachi
Mukhtar	Murtaza	Riyadh
Nadia	Tariq	Riyadh
Nida	Rehman	Karachi
Nosheen	irshad	
Pervez	Maqbool	Riyadh
Raees	Uddin	Karachi
saleha	sami	karachi
Salman	Ahmed	Pindi
Sara	Moon	Karachi
Sarfraz	Alam	Karachi
Shariq	Khan	Karachi
Sharjeel	Khan	Karachi
Shujaat	Ali Khan	Riyadh
Siraj din	Memon	Karachi

Important Field Visits

- Nausheen and Jahanzeb visits Ida Rieu.
- Waseem Khan visits MEWO
- Shahbaz Pasha visits Millennium School.
- Waseem Khan visits Saeeda

5 resolutions for 2009 and beyond *Saif Manzoor*

Internet and Mobile communication have completely changed the way we communicate with each other. In Pakistan these technologies are spreading rapidly and becoming more affordable day by day. Rich or poor, everyone carries a mobile phone and almost everyone who can read and write has an email address. This has created a great opportunity and a ready **“platform”** for those who wish to see a prosperous Pakistan by alleviating poverty, spreading education and social welfare.

We are one of the first social welfare communities in Pakistan to adopt this **platform**. We believe that the following five principles are essential for our success:

We will grow our “Core Team”. Ilm-o-Amal is started and managed by a small **“core team”** which consists of our management committee, coordinators and field volunteers who volunteer

to make a difference in the lives of others. We will continue to develop and grow our core team.

We will “Contribute” our skills and resources. No

community can prosper without contribution from its members. We must contribute our financial resources, skills and time to make a difference in the life of others. We will continue to volunteer with all our energies to make this community grow.

We will “Cooperate”

with each other. A strong team consists of people with different personalities, professional and social backgrounds and even their motivations may be different. We will continue to connect with each other to develop cooperation and develop tolerance for difference of opinions.

We will “Collaborate” with each other. Without a vision, mission, well-defined objectives and processes even a mass of contributions does not

amount to anything. For success we must develop processes, which are ordered and complex & collaborate and manage them in a disciplined way.

We will promote “Social Creativity”. A successful

community must have a way to share, combine and cohere around a common goal and find new ways to solve old problems. We will promote social creativity by creating forums where our members can publish and share ideas.

This article is inspired by the book “We-Think – Mass innovation not mass production” by Charles Leadbeater



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Student Connect Program

Nadia Tariq

“...Even five to ten minutes a day matters, when we think collectively as a nation. This is the basis of Student Connect Program - a new volunteer program from Ilm-o-Amal.”

The other day I was engaged in a discussion about our social morals and responsibilities. Like for example, it is one of the clauses in the matriculation form of Board of Secondary Education, Karachi that the student taking the Matriculation exam will duly fulfill the responsibility of educating at least one illiterate. Now frankly speaking, how many of us remember this? Or how many of us actually think to help someone on a continued basis selflessly. No matter how pressed one is for time, or how crazy one's schedules may be or how tough one's recent masters program is, volunteering for a cause

should be able to fit in somewhere. Even five to ten minutes a day matters, when we think collectively as a nation. This is the basis of Student Connect Program - a new volunteer program from Ilm-o-Amal.

The concept of this program is to fill the gap between students of elite schools and those who are studying on Ilm-o-Amal scholarships in less privileged schools. Mentoring, transfer of knowledge, trust and confidence are few of the valued outcomes that can be achieved through this program. The volunteer can offer help to the beneficiary with respect to his/her studies, can provide counseling and

motivate them to continue education. It not only benefits the student at the receiving end but also encourages students at a better position adhere to their responsibilities and invokes a sense of volunteerism. A complete guide has been prepared by Ilm-o-Amal team and clear directions are given in the Student Connect Guide at the website.

So get yourself, your children, students and friends involved in this innovative and rewarding program.

Some of the Students we awarded scholarships since Oct '08



Nadia Sami
Class 9, Faran
School, Orangi



Naveed Sami
Class 3, Faran
School, Orangi



Liaquat Asif
Grade 8, Paradise
School, North Karachi



Rabia Asif
Grade 7, Paradise
School, North Karachi



Bakhtawar Ahmed
Class 4, Home Tuition
Saddar Town



Ayesha Ahmed
KG2, KSJ School
Saddar



Ayesha Ahmed
KG2, KSJ School
Saddar



Rubab Ayub
Class 9, Aziz
Academy, Saddar



Rukhsar Ayub
Class 7, Junior
Cambridge, Saddar



Sadaf Ayub
Class 5, Junior
Cambridge, Saddar



Muzamil Ayub,
Class 2, Junior
Cambridge, Saddar



Hania Ronaq
2nd year, HI Osmania,
Liaquatabad



Niaz Ali
Class 3, Iqra School,
Chanesar Goth



Aqib Aslam
KG1, Iqra School
Chanesar Goth



Gul Hasan
Class 3, Iqra School,
Chanesar Goth



Habib Razzak
Class 1, Iqra School,
Chanesar Goth



Muattar Nisar
Class 7
Rahimyar Khan



Hamza Nisar
Class 5
Rahimyar Khan



Asiya Hanif
Deaf Student, Class 7
Ida Rieu, Saddar



Rehan Haider
Class 2, Shah
Faisal Town



Furqan Haider
Class 1, Shah
Faisal Town

Volunteerism

Volunteerism is defined as "Working on behalf of others without expecting financial or material gains"-Source:Wikipedia. Volunteers work to improve the lives of their fellow human beings without receiving or expecting any material gain except the deep satisfaction they get from helping their brothers and sisters.

The spirit of volunteerism embodies an attitude that can enable individual to end the vicious cycle of poverty and ultimately helping communities pull themselves out of hardships and social challenges.

Volunteerism is especially relevant for the impoverished and economically challenged country like Pakistan, where social services and

facilities for the poor are almost non-existent. In such a situation, it becomes imperative for the more fortunate Pakistanis to contribute not only through their monetary donations, but also through their skills and time to help their less fortunate fellow citizens.

Skilled volunteerism represents a capital that can help start economic regeneration in a community. If skilled individuals can donate their time and skills to help organizations who are working for poverty alleviation, this will go a long way towards eliminating poverty.

In this time of global and national crisis where food prices have gone up and there is dire shortage of goods, poverty in Pakistan has reached endemic

proportions. It is the special responsibility of the professional and the economically advantaged people to make sacrifices and help remove poverty.

We at Ilm-o-Amal appeal to all our fellow Pakistani citizens to come forward and give their time and money to any cause that is dear to them, whether it is teaching a child how to read or giving money for elderly widows.

Allah (swt) says:

{Help ye one another in righteousness and piety- 5:2}



FAMILY HELP SINCE OCT 08

236 Zohra Jalal
 237 Asiya Younus Liaquatabad
 240 Rifhat Shaheen NULL
 241 Suhail Ahmed Kiyani NULL
 242 Firdous Begum Bin Qasim
 243 Ikram Elahi Saddar Town
 245 Muhammad Mubeen
 251 Shehzad Khatoon Shah Faisal
 252 Ziarat Earthquake Relief
 263 Azra Nadeem Korangi Town
 264 Maqboolan Safdar Clifton
 265 Gul Mohammed Jamshed Town
 267 Aftab Ahmed Gadap Town
 268 Muhammad Azeem
 270 Shakeela Begum
 271 Siraj Ul Haq Shah Faisal Town
 272 Meher Bibi Baldia Town
 273 Firdaus Begum Gulshan Town
 274 Shabana Tahir Malir Town
 276 Karwee Lakshman
 277 Ejaaz Ahmed North Karachi
 279 Bernie D Souza
 287 Syed Iqbal Ahmad
 288 Naila Shahzad North Karachi
 289 Malka Bano
 310 Naheed Mukhtar Liaquatabad
 311 Noorun Nisa

Some of the Income Opportunities since Oct 08



Mohamad Ayub
Dry Fruit Stall
Saddar



Muhammad
Yousuf
Grocery Shop



Mohammad Tariq
Wallet Making
Factory,
North Karachi



Muhammad Ghaffar
CNG Kit for Taxi
Orangi Town



Muhammad Anwar
School Van, Engine
Overhaul
Nazimabad



Fahmeeda
AbdulMajid
Sewing Machine
Saddar



Ameer Baksh
Cobblar Shop
Akhtar Colony



Shahid Ahmad
Street Vendor
Cycle Loan,
Orangi Town

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About Ilm-o-Amal

Vision

To be a leading community of volunteers in Pakistan

Mission

Develop and manage programs to help the poor and the needy

Goals and Objectives

- Creating awareness and recognition of the value and contribution of volunteerism
 - Creating awareness on the social message of our religion
 - Creating social welfare programs
 - Providing a forum for knowledge sharing
 - Identifying the required skills and competencies for a volunteer
 - Defining training and professional development standards
 - Disseminate the message through all possible channels of communication
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