



Nigeria Muslim Forum (UK)

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Assalamu Alaikum wa Rahmatullah,
Brother / Sister.

INVITATION TO THE 2009 NMF (UK) SPRING CONFERENCE

You are cordially invited to attend this year's Spring Conference organized by the Nigeria Muslim Forum (UK). It is scheduled to take place as follows:

Date: 7th Jumada Al Awwal 1430 / 2nd of May 2009

Venue: Muath Welfare Trust, The Bordesley Centre, Stratford Road, Camp Hill, Birmingham, UK, B11 1AR

Time: 10:30am – 6:00pm

Theme: *Moon Sighting and Controversy in the Muslim World*

As usual, the Conference is planned to be a one-day event. Activities scheduled for the day include a series of Lectures, including question and answer sessions. The Sub-themes of the Conference include: The Arithmetic of Ramadan and the Global Challenges of Moon Sighting in Islam, Unity of the Ummah: Moon Sighting a Major Controversy, Science and Moon sighting.

Invited Guests and Speakers include: Professor Muhammad Aliyu Bunza, Dean of Faculty of Arts and Islamic Studies, Usman DanFodio University, Sokoto, Professor A.A Gwandu, Professor of Islamic Studies and former Vice- Chancellor, Usman Dan Fodiyo University, Sokoto, currently Adviser to the Sultan on Religious Affairs, Alhaji Is'haq Kunle Sanni, Adviser, National Council of Muslim Youth Organisations in Nigeria (NACOMYO), Dr Usama Hassan, Imam, Masjid Tawhid, Leyton and Senior Lecturer, Middlesex University / Lecturer, Royal observatory Greenwich, and Br Hassan Al-Rowni, Imam and former Amir of Aston University Islamic Society, Birmingham. Others include Professor Musa Maitafsir, Commissioner of Religious affairs Sokoto State and Dr Tukur Sani Jangebe, Commissioner of Religious affairs Zamfara State.

Feeding: Adequate arrangements have been made for feeding.

Children Activities: Very exciting children activities have been arranged, including Quizzes and competitions.

Enclosed is a brief direction of how to get to the venue, as well as the programme of events. Please visit the event's website at <http://www.nmfuk.org/birmingham2009.htm> to get the very latest information.

May Allah (SWT) in His Infinite Mercy continue to shower his blessings on you and your advisers, ameen. May He (SWT) guide you in your decisions and protect you from the evils of detractors, Ameen.

For and on behalf of the Organizing Committee

Abdul Hadi Aminu
Chairman, Local Organising Committee

Directions to the Venue - The Bordesley Centre

By Car

Birmingham is well-signposted and surrounded by motorways, including the orbital M42 and the infamous Spaghetti Junction (Gravelly Hill Interchange). From the North of England you can use the M6, M1, M42 and A roads to get to Birmingham. From the East of England Birmingham is best accessed by the M6 while A-roads are the best route from the west of England. Birmingham can be accessed from the south of England using the M40, M42 and M5 motorways.

By Rail

Most cities and towns in England have excellent rail links with Birmingham. The main station in Birmingham is New Street, the other stations are Snow hill and Moor Street which Operate mainly to London. All three stations are located within the city centre. Timetables can be checked at [National Rail Enquiries](#) (+44 8457 48 49 50) and booked on-line or over the 'phone through the train operator.

By Bus

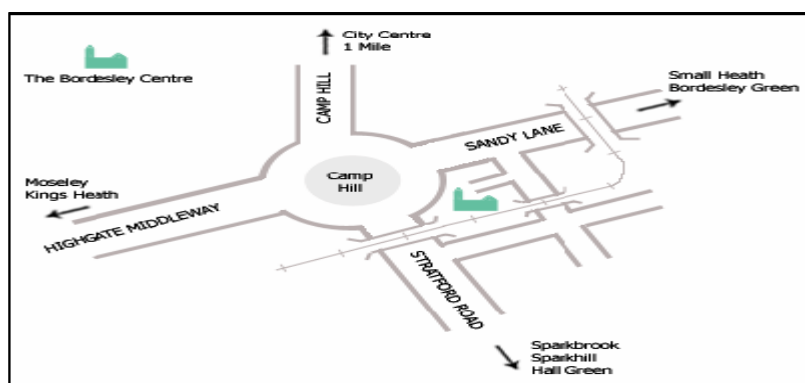
There is a direct frequent coach service from major UK cities to Birmingham operated by National express. There is also well priced operator called mega bus that operates from places like London and Manchester. Unless clearly stated otherwise coaches terminate at Digbeth Coach Station. For times and more information on National Coach Services please visit the National Express's website at <http://www.nationalexpress.co.uk>. From the coach station, it is an easy ten-minute walk to the city centre.

Local Buses

There are 7 buses you can get from the city centre they are 2, 4, 6, 12, 31, 41 and 37. The journey from the city centre is a short 10 min journey. The Muath trust is clearly visible at the camp hill round about the first roundabout from the city centre.

For further travel information, please contact any of the following local Organising Committee members:

1. Brother Sagir Usman - 07502350525
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Programme of Events

Date: Saturday 2nd May, 2009

Time: 10:30am – 6:00 pm

Venue: Muath Welfare Trust, The Bordesley Centre
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- 10:30 – 11:00 am Arrival and Registration
- 11:00 - 11:15 am Opening Du'a & Recitation from the Holy Qur'an
- 11:15 - 11:35 am Welcome address by the Amir, NMF (UK)
Brother Muhammad Jameel Yusha'u
- 11:35 - 12:35 pm **Morning Session: The controversy of Moon Sighting in Nigeria**
- Guest Speaker:** Alhaji Is'haq Kunle Sanni
Chairman: Dr Mahmoud M Garba
- 12:35 - 13:15 pm Morning Session Question and Answer
- 13:15 - 14:45 pm Zuhr Prayer and Lunch
- 14:45 - 15:30 pm **Afternoon Session: Science and Moon Sighting**
- Guest Speaker:** Dr Usama Hassan
Chairman: Dr Abdullahi Shehu
- 15:30 - 15:50 pm Afternoon session Question and Answer
- 15:50- 16:10 pm **Ta alim Session: Making the Maximum Use of Online Discussions**
- Guest Speaker:** Dr Tajeudeen Yusuf
- 16:10 - 16:30 pm Tea and coffee break
- 16:30 - 16:55 pm **Evening Session: The Need for Unity in the Muslim Ummah**
- Guest Speaker:** Br Hassan Al-Rowni
Chairman: Br Mala Waziri
- 16:55 - 17:15 pm Evening Session Question and Answer
- 17:15 - 17:30 pm Children's Presentation by NMF (UK) Youth Committee
- 17:30 - 17:45pm Goodwill Messages, Communiqué and Announcements
- 17:45 - 17:55 pm Vote of Thanks (LOC Chairman AbdulHadi Aminu)
- 17:55 - 18:00 pm Closing Dua (NMF (UK) Deputy Ameer Dr Mahmoud M Garba)