



Annual Report 2011-2012

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The Muslim Cultural Heritage Centre-

The MCHC has supported and accommodated our Shelter project from the very beginning of the charity's establishment, with all of MY UK's annual bazaars and youth projects taking place at the centre. Their valuable contribution to our projects is greatly appreciated.

Nida Trust-

The Bright Future project's success is attributed to Nida Trust, an organisation that have developed and conducted youth projects in partnership with MY UK, including You Teach and Y Lead. Nida Trust continues to go from strength to strength and MY UK is grateful for their support throughout the years.

The Embassy of The Kingdom of Morocco and the Moroccan Consulate-

In addition to local government in Morocco, both the Embassy and Consulate have been a great source of information and support for MY UK. The invaluable service provided is indispensable and we give all our thanks to them.

Moroccan Youth UK would also like to thank all the volunteers and donors who have continually supported the charity and have seen it through to its 5th year this year.

Chair's Foreword

Assalaam Alaykum Wa Rahmatu Allah / Peace be with you

Five years!

That's how long Moroccan Youth UK has been around for, and as Chairperson; I have had the pleasure of seeing some great achievements in this short period of time. Moroccan Youth UK has some notable feats and these include:

- The annual purchase of udhiya in the last five years to five different cities,
- Building a water reservoir in the village of Sidi Yusef, which provides water to six different villages,
- Currently building a second water well in the region of Zawyat Sidi Rahou,
- Supporting orphans through their education by purchasing their uniforms, school books, tuition and key equipment,
- Purchasing monthly food packages for vulnerable families consisting of flour, sugar, tea and other necessities,
- Distributing medication for those with serious illnesses and
- Supplying Ramadan iftar packages.

This year's annual report and accounts give some detail how these achievements are possible and as an organisation we persist in our efforts to go through all the necessary processes to ensure our efforts yield the most successful results. We continue to build on the values and traditions that we have become so accustomed to and as a result, it is my belief that we are a stronger and more effective organisation. We pride ourselves in being a charity that is approachable and transparent, making ourselves available at a variety of community events and ensuring enough information is provided to our supporters. This has led to increased trust and the donations continue to come in. This is something we are forever grateful for.

Our efforts have been supported by a greater number of volunteers and our team continue to flourish in professionalism and dedication. I am greatly encouraged and internally grateful to Moroccan Youth UK's team of volunteers who display such persistence and creativity in raising as much money as possible. Without them, the events are not possible and they always rise to the challenge. Of course, none of this would be remotely possible without the support of our donors. From day one you have encouraged and supported Moroccan Youth UK and on behalf of my team and those we support, thank you.

I look forward to another 12 months of hard work and I'm excited for the challenges ahead.

Sahar Zahid
Chairperson of Moroccan Youth UK

Introduction-

Moroccan Youth UK is a philanthropic organisation that was established in 2007 specifically to assist vulnerable people in some of the poorest areas in Morocco through developmental aid, as well as partnering with other UK based organisations to equip young British people with leadership skills.

MY UK celebrated its 5th birthday this year and since its inception, its two consistent projects; the Shelter Project and the Bright Future Project have continued to grow and develop.

Shelter Project-

MY UK's vision is to improve the quality of life and tackle poverty and other social issues in some of Morocco's most impoverished areas. The Project's aims are to:

- Provide monthly food parcels to sponsored families,
- Ensure orphaned children are able to receive basic education,
- Assist with any medical costs that those in need may be liable to,
- Donate clothes to those most in need of them,
- Provide Eid Al-Adha in different cities in Morocco, and
- Provide financial aid to the building of wells in impoverished areas, where water is inaccessible and limited.

Bright Future Project-



This project ensures that MY UK plays an integral part in developing the skills of youth in London. The aim is to empower young people with essential skills that will allow them to play a constructive role in British society. Through the Bright Future project, young people can be helped to reach their potential, prove their worth and as a result meet the needs of society as a whole.

The Bright Future project objectives have been fulfilled as a result of a partnership with Nida Trust. MYUK have been working with Nida Trust in order to help develop leadership skills through the Y-Lead Programme and encouraging greater numbers of individuals who meet the Black or Minority Ethnic (BME) criteria to go into teaching through the You Teach programme.

The Y-Lead Programme aims to develop and increase leadership skills such as public speaking and effective communication, facilitate the development of individual strengths and leadership styles, involve young people in service to others, facilitate self-reflection and encourage learning both in an individual capacity and cooperatively. The programme also aims to promote awareness, understanding, and tolerance of other people, cultures and societies.

The You Teach programme aims to increase the numbers of BME individuals in the teaching sector, and to offer assistance and information to those who are going through the process of applying to teaching courses and jobs.

Treasurer's report

Below is a breakdown of the year's accounts as agreed by the Trustees.

Copies of full accounts are available upon request.

Statement of financial activity for the year ended March 2012.

Income	£
Bazaar (17/04/2011)	5,261.00
Charity dinner at Hilton (08/10/2011)	10,055.00
Donations via bank	7,970.47
Total Income	<u>23,286.47</u>
Expenses	<u>3,507.50</u>
	<u>19,778.97</u>
Outgoings in Morocco:	
Udhiyat Eid Al Adha (Sheep)	8,325.93
Medication	8,172.97
Food parcels	2,984.85
Ramadan packages	3,179.78
Rent	240.74
Education	240.76
Clothes	475.56
Furniture	166.67
Total Expenditure	<u>23,787.26</u>
Carried forward from 2011	4,008.28

Events 2011 – 2012

Bazaar (17/04/11)



Moroccan Youth UK's Annual bazaar took place on 17th April 2011. This event is an annual occurrence that aims to raise money for sponsored families as well as provide medication and food packages to those who need it. The day was a success raising £5,261.00 and bringing together the local community with children's activities, stalls selling food and clothes and an auction taking place.

Charity Dinner in aid of purchasing sheep for Eid Al-Adha (08/10/11)

Over 150 people attended MY UK's annual dinner in Hilton Olympia, aiming to raise funds that would be used to assist those in need and to purchase udhiya. The purchases of the sheep (udhiya) allow those who can't afford to do so to celebrate Eid Ul Adha (a religious celebration where the slaughtering of a sheep is convention). The evening consisted of an auction and dinner. An incredible £10,055.00 was raised on the night allowing MYUK to purchase over 100 sheep for those in need in five different cities in Morocco.



Y-Lead

The Y Lead programme this year has expanded to providing leadership programmes to four additional centres in West London alongside the annual 6 week programme in the Muslim Cultural Heritage Centre.

The Y-Lead initiative has also branched out to include communities, schools, universities and mentoring benefiting up to 80 young people in West London.



Y-lead has allowed a platform for BME youth, aged 16-25 years old in both the West London and East London area to develop their leadership skills in areas such as public speaking and effective communication. The programme was led by previous participants where they were trained and mentored to

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take leadership positions. This programme is also led by Nida Trust with MY UK in partnership.

You Teach

The You Teach programme has continued to support trainee teachers from a BME background. This year; participants are being supported through the PGCE programme with mentoring, advice and guidance given to them in the shape of workshops and one to one mentoring. The programme is led by Nida Trust and through our partnership we are able to meet our Bright Future aims.

Distribution of donations



The distribution of donations are carefully monitored as well as decided on by the Board of Trustees according to a needs basis. Once a year, sponsored families are visited and their circumstances are checked to ensure there have been no changes to their needs. Similarly we meet with other stake holders (pharmacists and food parcel providers for example) that work with us to also ensure they continue to work in

keeping with our agreements.

MY UK members have made a number of visits to Morocco this year to ensure that all money being spent is in line with our constitution.



This year, donations from the bazaar and dinner have continued to help our families in need, with more than thirty families on the support programme whereby monthly food packages consisting of food, sugar, flour and other necessities are provided.

Six different villages have benefited from the Water reservoir that was completed in early 2011 in Sidi Yusuf and Moroccan Youth UK are currently finalising the logistics behind building a new well in a small remote village by the name of Zawyat Sidi Rahou with plans to engage further with the community living there and making suitable sanitary provisions.

There has also been an influx of donors who wish to sponsor specific young individuals with an interest of supporting their educational requirements through providing school books, uniform, tuition and equipment as well as providing recreational activities for



them. Because of this interest, we have been able to support 8 children through their education. Our donors also enabled us to provide Ramadan packages for up to 400 people as well as monthly medication for 5 terminally ill patients. Financial aid for room rent to 3 families and warm clothes to those in need have also been provided through the kind donations given to MYUK. Local businesses have also benefited as MYUK purchased over 100 sheep for Eid Ul Adha from local farmers in 5 different cities.

Our orphan sponsorship programme, as part of the Shelter project supports 10 orphans, ensuring that these children finish school and have enough financial assistance for food, healthcare and household necessities.

During the year, Khadija Barhdadi, MY UK's representative in Sefrou, Abdulsalam Aarab, MYUK representative in Larache, Aisha Al-Yusufi, MYUK representative in Meknes and Fatima Haddad in Boujad have all been updating and documenting the support MY UK provides and it has been decided by the Trustees that this support will be continued in 2012 – 2013.