



**Annual Report
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Chair's Foreword

Whenever I am asked to write this particular foreword, I am always surprised by how quickly another year has passed. And as ever 2013 – 2014 was a busy and productive year for us as a charity. Now in our eighth year, we pride ourselves in remaining focused to the aims we set ourselves back in 2007; helping those in need on a one to one basis. As hard as this is to do, we continue to visit our beneficiaries at least once a year and conduct checks to ensure their needs are still being met, sometimes changing the level or type of support given to them based on changes to their circumstances. It truly is one of the advantages of being on the ground that we are able to effectively provide what is needed.

Poverty is non-discriminatory and through our line of work we meet people of all ages and with all types of needs. Part of my role is to strategize a long term plan that will go beyond providing monthly aid but will still support those who need it most. There are plans to build partnerships in Morocco to deliver education and public health projects, finalise the completion of more water wells and work with the elderly communities to fulfil their needs. This coming year will see these motions put in place and I look forward to sharing all the details with you. Moroccan Youth UK is very active on social media so I encourage you to follow us on our [facebook page](#) and [twitter page](#) for updates.

Of course, none of what Moroccan Youth UK do is ever possible without the generosity of those who have faith in our efforts and donate to our projects. As ever, the response to our appeals is overwhelming and we now have a growing group of donors who have supported us for some time now. In addition, we are always pleased when new donors get in touch and we continue to encourage people to inform their friends and family about our work.

My heartfelt thanks goes to all those who have donated in the past year either monetarily or by attending one of our events and our wonderful group of volunteers who help out at events in one way or another, tirelessly working behind the scenes and making sure we are always on track with our aims.

Thank you all and I look forward to the years ahead.

Sahar Zahid
Chairperson of Moroccan Youth UK



Moroccan Youth UK's aims

Moroccan Youth UK (MY UK) was set up in 2007 as an independent charitable organisation to benefit vulnerable people living in poverty in Morocco. The fundraising charity has two flagship projects; the Shelter Project and the Bright Future Project.

The charity is governed by a board of five trustees and is a completely volunteer led organisation. We operate a strict policy whereby all sponsorship donations and fundraising proceeds go towards those in need.

MY UK Shelter Project

The Shelter Project currently works in six cities in Morocco; Sefrou, Fes, Meknes, Larache, El Jadida and Boujad. The project aims to improve the quality of life and help alleviate some of the social issues affecting vulnerable people in Morocco. The outputs from this project are funded through MY UK fundraising events and donations from individual sponsors.

The project's aims are to:

- provide monthly food parcels to sponsored families,
- ensure orphaned and children in need 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 Udhiyat 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.



MY UK Bright Future Project

The Bright Future Project enables the charity to benefit young people living in the UK. Our aim is to empower young people with confidence and skills that will support them to play a constructive role in British society.

The Bright Future project objectives have been fulfilled as a result of a partnership with [Nida Trust](#), an educational charity that aims to raise aspirations in young people. The objectives have also been met through MY UK trustees volunteering their time to work with young people.



Treasurer's report

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

Statement of financial activity for the year ended March 2014.

Income	£
Bazaar (01/06/2013)	5,597.31
Charity dinner at Hilton (21/09/2013)	7,806.15
Donations via bank (01/04/13-31/03/14)	10,565.38
Total Income	<u>23,968.14</u>
Expenses	<u>3,300.16</u>
Net	<u>20,668.68</u>
Outgoings in Morocco:	
Udhiyat Eid Al-Adha	4,271.54
Medication	5,315.70
Food parcels	3,403.53
Ramadan packages	5,385.20
Rent	634.32
Education	2,565.76
Clothes	152.55
Furniture	241.64
Total Expenditure	<u>21,970.24</u>

Events 2013 – 2014

Fundraising Bazaar (01/06/2013)



MY UK's Annual Bazaar took place on 1st April 2013. The event brought together the local community to raise money for the Shelter Project and involved children's activities, stalls selling food and clothes and an auction. The day was a success raising £5,597.31.



Annual Fundraising Dinner (21/09/2013)

Nearly 100 people attended MY UK's Annual Fundraising Dinner at Hilton Olympia on 21st September 2013. The event raised £7,806.15 and was a wonderful and intimate evening that provided an informative platform for guests to find out more about the work of MY UK.



Bright Future Project

Activities delivered under the Bright Future Project in 2013-2014 have included MY UK's chairperson Sahar; co-presenting a TV series called 'Education Matters' on Islam Channel, addressing the educational concerns of parents and students such as e-safety, reading and choosing the right school. Interviews were also aired on the TV channel providing information on the new GCSE grading system and youth leadership. Sahar also presented the Education Awards at the Global, Peace and Unity event in November 2013 and gave an inspirational presentation on empowerment at a young women's leadership conference in Nottingham.

One of MY UK's trustees, Soraya has also been volunteering her weekends at a supplementary school to support 20 8-10 years olds with maths and English tuition. There are also plans to deliver another YLEAD programme for young people in London in the near future which Soraya is leading on.



Distribution of donations

Donations are distributed on a needs by basis as decided by the board of trustees. MY UK uphold a transparent and efficient monitoring system whereby vulnerable individuals and families are identified and their needs and circumstances assessed. MY UK's treasurer makes frequent trips to Morocco to visit sponsored families to ensure there have been no changes to circumstances. The treasurer also regularly meets with the providers such as food wholesalers and pharmacies who supply aid like medication and food packages to ensure they continue to work in keeping with our agreements.

The cultural and social context of Morocco is very important when deciding how to distribute the funds raised. Ramadan and Eid Al-Adha are key events in the year that most Moroccans partake in. In order to ensure that identified families in need are also able to celebrate and commemorate these annual occasions, the provision of Ramadan food packages and Udhiyat Eid Al-Adha is a significant and essential output provided by MY UK.

This year, money raised from the fundraising events and sponsored donations have been used to:

- benefit almost 30 families with monthly food packages consisting of food, sugar, flour and other necessities
- provide up to 400 families in Larache, Boujad, El Jadida and Sefrou with Ramadan food packages
- provide rent for three widows and their children
- provide Udhiyat Eid Al-Adha for over 100 families in Larache, Meknes, Boujad, El Jadida, Fes and Sefrou

- contribute towards a high risk eye operation for a young boy in Tetouan
- provide regular medication for over 10 terminally ill patients
- provide A-level tuition for over 30 students
- provide regular tuition for six 10-11 year old children
- provide nursery care for 10 children to enable their mothers to work
- furnish a room for a family in need
- provide warm clothing to remote villages in Morocco

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. The charity continues to welcome interested sponsors to visit the families that benefit from donations and fundraising efforts.

