Welcome to this Green Up! Toolkit. In these pages you will find practical and inspiring advice on how to make your mosque a showcase of environmentally-responsible design and practice. In a time of high energy prices, and global worries about the crisis of the ecosphere, this is the perfect time to campaign for green practices which will not only save your community expensive energy bills, but will also remind the world that Allah’s religion exists to serve humanity and the world in which we all live.

Around the planet there are inspiring examples, from ancient times and from modern, cutting edge mosque communities, of superb and environmentally-sustainable practice, ranging from the choice of local and sustainable construction materials, to the incorporation of innovative recycling systems, plus technologies which not only save electricity, but actually help to generate it! Allah has made the Muslims to be His stewards on the earth, and what more noble and authentic expression of the Da’wa process could there be, than serving Allah’s beautiful and precious creation through environmental activism? And what better place to start than in His houses, which, as the Holy Prophet tells us, are the places which He loves the most.

May Allah bless us and assist us all in this sacred and inspiring mission!

Abdal Hakim Murad
Dean, The Cambridge Muslim College

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How to use the Green Up! Toolkit
If you want to help your mosque or Islamic group to adopt more environmentally friendly practices, then the Green Up! Toolkit is just what you need! Whether you want your mosque to introduce recycling programmes or set up a community garden, this toolkit aims to give you everything you need to run an effective campaign - from key statistics and Islamic references on environmental issues to guidance on how to plan and implement environmentally friendly policies and practices.

You’ll also find details of how your mosque or group can apply to join the Green Up! Award Scheme together with loads of helpful resources, inspiring case studies and creative ideas to help you get your campaign off to a running start. Remember, we’re here to help, so get in touch if you’ve got any questions – you’ll find our contact details on page 38.

Did you know?
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SHOCKING CLIMATE CHANGE FACTS!

- IN THE LAST FOUR DECADES, MORE THAN A MILLION PEOPLE IN THE WORLD’S POOREST COUNTRIES HAVE DIED IN CLIMATE-RELATED DISASTERS

- 6 IN EVERY 10 PEOPLE ARE DIRECTLY VULNERABLE TO THE PHYSICAL AND SOCIO-ECONOMIC IMPACTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE!

- THE 50 LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES ONLY PRODUCE 1% OF GLOBAL CO₂ EMISSIONS, YET 99% OF THOSE AFFECTED BY CLIMATE CHANGE LIVE IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES!

- DEFORESTATION ALONE ACCOUNTS FOR NEARLY 20% OF GLOBAL CO₂ EMISSIONS – MORE THAN THE ENTIRE TRANSPORT SECTOR!

CASE STUDY: BANGLADESH

Bangladesh is one of the countries that will be most vulnerable to the impacts of climate change over the next three decades. It’s one of the most densely populated countries in the world with a population of over 164 million people. Nearly half of those live less than five metres above sea level, making them extremely vulnerable to flooding, which is predicted to increase as a result of climate change. This means that people will struggle to continue to make a living in traditional ways, such as fishing and agriculture, and will become climate refugees. Scientists predict that loss of land through flooding could lead to as many as 20 million climate refugees from Bangladesh by 2050! The government is working with NGOs like BRAC to help people learn how to cope with and recover from disasters.

DID YOU KNOW?

Scientists predict that the changing global climate could lead to the mass extinction of several species in the near future. Melting ice caps, rising sea levels, drought and global warming will have a direct impact on the natural habitat of wild animals ranging from polar bears in the Arctic to orangutans in Indonesia!

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THE INTERNATIONAL CONTEXT

The UN Framework Convention for Climate Change (UNFCCC) was launched at the Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro in 1992. The Summit brought together 178 governments and 2400 NGO representatives to rethink the direction of economic, social and environmental activities impacting on people and our planet.

Since 2005, it has included the Kyoto Protocol, an international treaty which sets binding obligations on industrialised countries (including the UK) to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions.

Since 1995, all the countries who are signatories to the UNFCCC – also known as the Conference of Parties (COP) - have met annually to seek long-term solutions for a low-carbon and climate-resilient future.

In 2012, 20 years after the Earth Summit, world leaders met again in Rio for the UN Conference on Sustainable Development. The conference initiated an intergovernmental process of creating Sustainable Development Goals. More than $153 billion was pledged towards sustainable development initiatives.

ARTICLE 1 OF THE 1992 UN FRAMEWORK CONVENTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE (UNFCCC) DEFINES CLIMATE CHANGE AS:

“...A change of climate which is attributed directly or indirectly to human activity that alters the composition of the global atmosphere and which is in addition to natural climate variability observed over comparable time periods.”

HERE IN THE UK, THE 2008 CLIMATE CHANGE ACT COMMITS THE UK TO REDUCING ITS CARBON EMISSIONS BY 80%

THE MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS

The United Nations Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), a set of 8 goals to reduce global poverty agreed by world leaders in 2000, also played a part in putting climate change on the global agenda. MDG 7 is about ensuring environmental sustainability and focuses on the following areas:

• Encouraging countries to integrate principles of sustainable development into their policies and programmes
• Reversing the loss of environmental resources, such as rainforests
• Reducing biodiversity loss
• Halving the number of people living without sustainable access to safe drinking water and basic sanitation
• Achieving a “significant improvement” in the lives of at least 100 million slum dwellers

As the 2015 deadline for achieving the MDGs approaches, world leaders have been looking ahead to a post-2015 development agenda and a UN System Task Team has been set up for this purpose. Environmental sustainability remains high on the agenda for post-2015 development.

WHAT’S BEING DONE IN THE UK?

Here in the UK, the 2008 Climate Change Act commits the UK to reducing its carbon emissions by 80% from 1990 levels by 2050. The Department for Energy and Climate Change (DECC) is the lead agency on this and is working to ensure that the UK has secure, clean and affordable energy supplies and to promote international action to mitigate climate change.
Understanding what climate change means for us and how the way we live our lives has an impact on a global environment can be a challenge. When we talk about climate change, it can seem like something far away that doesn’t really have anything to do with us. But that attitude couldn’t be further from the truth! We’re part of a global community and we share the earth and its resources with everyone else.

Climate change affects every single one of us and, at the same time, every single one of us is contributing to the way the world around us is changing. We buy oranges from Spain and mangoes from Pakistan. Our clothes are made in factories in Turkey, Indonesia, Bangladesh and China (okay, 80% of the products we buy are made in China!). Our cars are German and Japanese. The fact is we all depend on each other.

Islam teaches us that God created balance (mizan) in the world. Our planet is a trust (amanah) from God, who has made us stewards (khalifa) over his creation. As global citizens, we share responsibility for working collaboratively to restore the balance that God created on the earth in whatever way we can. Virtually everything we do as part of our day-to-day lives, from throwing out a bag of wrinkly tomatoes to taking the car to work, has consequences for our world. At first, that can seem really intimidating. But if you look at it from another angle, it’s actually incredibly empowering. It means YOU have the power to make change!

THE PROPHET MUHAMMAD (PBUH) SAID: “THE WORLD IS GREEN AND PLEASANT AND ALLAH HAS LEFT YOU IN CHARGE OF IT, SO BE CAREFUL OF HOW YOU CONDUCT YOURSELVES.” (MUSLIM)

COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN FOR THE UK’S FOOD

Argentina
Pears
Peru
Asparagus
USA
Apples
Spain
Oranges
Egypt
Dates
South Africa
Carrots
Ghana
Pineapple
South Korea
Peanuts
China
Sweet potatoes
Thailand
Spring onions
Canned tuna
India
Bananas
Pakistan
Mangoes
Saudia Arabia
Tomatoes
Ghana
Pineapple
US
Asparagus
Spain
Oranges
Egypt
Dates
South Africa
Carrots
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South Korea
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China
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Mangoes
Saudia Arabia
Tomatoes

DID YOU KNOW?
80% of the 1.4 billion people who go hungry every day are directly involved in producing the food that we eat! Find out why - http://youtu.be/ftmX6mTmKgE or scan this QR code.
Islam teaches that human beings have been placed on the earth as khalifa (stewards) of the environment. The term khalifa (stewardship) carries with it the connotation of trusteeship – of being given something to take care of on behalf of someone else. In this instance, human beings have been appointed stewards over the earth to take care of it on behalf of its Creator and Owner, God.

In return, He has “given you the earth for a dwelling place and the heavens as a canopy” (Qur’an 40:64), while enjoining us to “eat and drink the sustenance God has provided and do not cause corruption in the land” (Qur’an 2:60).

Tawhid is a central concept in Islam and is the core of our ethical framework because it describes both the oneness of God and the unity of his creation, all of which submits to Him in worship. Tawhid is reflected in the balance (mizan) of God’s creation, which we’re responsible for taking care of. The world around us and the sustenance and benefit we gain from it are all signs (ayaat) from God.

**GREEN PROPHETS**

The stories of the prophets that we hear as children are filled with tales that emphasise the importance of respecting the world around us and ALL its inhabitants. The Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) himself was a shepherd, as were Jesus, Moses and Abraham before him (peace and blessings be upon them all). From the story of Prophet Suleiman and how he avoided stepping on an ant colony to the miracle of the Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) and Abu Bakr being saved from their enemies by a spider and a dove, Islamic traditions repeatedly remind us about the interdependency between humanity, animals and our environment.

The Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) taught us to treat animals kindly, to be moderate in our behaviour and avoid excess, both in our dealings with each other and in our interaction with the environment. He was a real environmental pioneer and his teachings are just as valid today as they were over 1400 years ago!

“IT IS HE WHO SENDS DOWN WATER FOR YOU FROM THE SKY, FROM WHICH COMES A DRINK FOR YOU, AND THE SHRUBS THAT YOU FEED TO YOUR ANIMALS; WITH IT HE GROWS FOR YOU GRAIN, OLIVES, PALMS, VINES AND ALL KINDS OF OTHER CROPS. THERE TRULY IS A SIGN IN THIS FOR THOSE WHO REFLECT.” (QUR’AN 16:10-11)

**ISLAMIC ENVIRONMENTAL PRINCIPLES**

**AMANA**
The concept of fulfilling a trust or obligation.

**KHALIFA**
Custodians, stewards – God created humanity as khalifa on Earth and made us responsible for taking care of the world and everything in it.

**MIZAN**
The concept of balance in creation (literally, it means “balance” or “scale.”)

**TAWHID**
Central Islamic belief in the unity and oneness of God and creation.

**UMMAH WASAT**
The concept of being the “middle nation” i.e. of moderation, not excess or over-consumption.

**TAKABUR**
The concept of arrogance or superiority that mankind has over nature that must be rejected; everything comes from God and to Him it must return.
BUT ISN’T CLIMATE CHANGE JUST GOD’S WILL?

The Qur’an repeatedly reaffirms that God created the world in a state of balance and made humankind His stewards (khalifa) on earth as a test to see how we behave. Climate change and its consequences are the direct result of humankind acting in excess in our dealings with the environment – we’ve been failing in our duty as khalifa.

“EACH SOUL IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ITS OWN ACTIONS; NO SOUL WILL BEAR THE BURDEN OF ANOTHER.” (QUR’AN 6:164)

Now it’s up to us, as individuals and communities, to take responsibility for our actions and work proactively as a global community to restore the balance created by God. Sometimes it might seem like the actions we take or the changes that we make in our lives are too small and insignificant to make a difference, but small actions by millions of people DO change the world! Each soul is responsible for its own actions; no soul will bear the burden of another.

“IT IS HE (ALLAH) WHO MADE YOU SUCCESSORS (KHALIFA) ON THE EARTH AND RAISES SOME OF YOU ABOVE OTHERS IN RANK, TO TEST YOU THROUGH WHAT HE GIVES YOU.” (QUR’AN 6:165)

RECYCLING SMOKE: SULEYMANIYA MOSQUE (TURKEY)

Designed by innovative architect Sinan, the 16th century Suleymaniye Mosque in Istanbul had special screens installed in the windows to capture smoke from candles to prevent it from polluting the environment. The captured smoke was then turned into ink for use in calligraphy. Fresh air was drawn through regulated vents near the floor, resulting in a temperature controlled building that required little heating or cooling.

SUSTAINABLE LAND USE: HARAMS & HIMAS (MIDDLE EAST)

Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) created conservation areas called hima and haram, where trees and plants were protected by Islamic law from exploitation and the area set aside to be used for public welfare. These were community owned grasslands, forest, wetlands and bee-keeping reserves that supported the natural resources important to the wellbeing of local communities, and varied in size from a few acres to hundreds of square kilometres. While the basic concept of hima predates Islam, the protected areas were reserved for powerful tribal leaders with other community members seeing little benefit. Islam modified the system so that the economic and environmental benefits were shared between all. Some of these reserves lasted well into the 20th century making them among the oldest continuous preserved natural habitats in the world.

BUILDING WITH MUD: DJENNE MOSQUE (MALI)

The Great Mosque of Djenne is not only the largest mud building in the world, it is also an extremely eco-friendly and sustainable building. The present structure dates from the early 20th century, it is built on the site of a previous mud mosque and follows the typical architectural style of the area. The building was constructed with mud bricks, a completely natural material, using local resources. The mud walls make for an excellent insulating material keeping the interior cool during the summers and warm during winters. The mosque is also highly sustainable over time as its maintenance only requires plastering the walls with mud once every year. The entire community of Djenne takes part in this maintenance in what has now become an annual festival.
THE NEW GENERATION OF ECO-MOSQUES

WHAT'S AN ECO-MOSQUE?

Eco-mosque is a new concept for regenerating mosques to make them more environmentally and economically sustainable – reducing their impact on the environment while contributing to the well-being of local communities.

We’ve found out about some great green initiatives taking place at mosques across the world and right here in the UK, including plans for Europe’s first ever completely eco-mosque in Cambridge. Here are a few examples of mosques leading the way into a greener, Islamic way of building our places of worship.

ECO-MOSQUE PIONEER #1

NAME: AL-MARKAZ AL-NAJMI MOSQUE
LOCATION: LEVENSHULME, MANCHESTER
OPENED IN: 2008

The mosque community started planning to replace their old prayer space back in 2003 with a brand new mosque and decided to incorporate energy-saving measures and use environmentally friendly building methods. It’s made with recycled wood and reclaimed stone, features solar panels and energy-efficient under-floor heating and a glass façade which lets in natural light. The vice-president of the mosque, Mustafa Abdulhussein, said “The eco-element arises out of what a mosque is meant to be. It is meant to be friendly in every aspect, which includes being friendly to the environment. We should set an example… It hasn’t really been any more costly than if we were to do it in any other way and there is much greater gain to be had with a mosque which creates its own energy.” The mosque opened in 2008 and has been praised for helping to build bridges between communities.

ECO-MOSQUE PIONEER #2

NAME: THE CAMBRIDGE NEW MOSQUE
LOCATION: MILL ROAD, CAMBRIDGE (PROPOSED)
OPENED IN: DATE TBC

Billed as Europe’s FIRST totally eco-mosque, the Cambridge New Mosque is a truly inspirational project which aims to create a space that, according to Shaykh Abdal Hakim Murad, Chairman of the Muslim Academic Trust, will be “inclusive, sustainable, safe, secure and respectful of the neighbourhood… of which the local and wider Cambridge community can be proud!”

The mosque will be naturally lit throughout the year thanks to large skylights integrated into the design. It will be well-insulated to ensure energy efficiency and heated by locally generated energy from ground source heat pumps. The mosque designers have also made real efforts to encourage worshippers to think about the environment when travelling to the mosque by incorporating plenty of bike parking and ensuring that the mosque is easily accessible by foot. Find out more at www.cambridgemosqueproject.org/

ECO-MOSQUE PIONEER #3

NAME: UNIVERSITY OF SALFORD MOSQUE
LOCATION: MANCHESTER
OPENED IN: DATE TBC

The mosque will be run using ambient radiant energy, solar panels, a bio-garden for recycling and geo-thermal energy. “What makes this mosque unique is not just that it will be built with the intention of being an environmentally and economically sustainable building but the fact the whole project has been student led. The students of the University of Salford from all backgrounds have had free reign to use the minds of the future to develop and design a framework that I am sure many will follow. Watch this space… To say I am excited is an understatement!” Usman Ali, Chair.

DID YOU KNOW?

Qatar is currently in the process of developing guidelines which will mean that all new mosques in the country will be more environmentally-friendly!
OTHER INSPIRING ECO-MOSQUE INITIATIVES AROUND THE WORLD:

BUYUKCELEI MOSQUE (TURKEY) – In protest against Turkey’s first nuclear plant, local villagers teamed up with Greenpeace to fit the local mosque with enough solar panels to meet all its energy needs.

PARK51 COMMUNITY CENTRE, NEW YORK (USA) – Also known as the “Ground Zero Mosque”, Park51 will be the first mosque to comply with strict US LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Standards.

BOBO DIOULASSO GRAND MOSQUE (BURKINA FASO) – Was built in the late 1800s, using nothing but timber and clay! It’s an example of traditional Sudanese mud architecture – a very sustainable method of construction.

ECOMOSQUE, NORDERSTEDT (GERMANY) – Architect Selcuk Ünyilmaz is designing a mosque that harness the power of the wind through wind turbines installed within its minarets. The wind-power generated will provide one-third of the buildings’ electricity.

AL-MAWADDH MOSQUE (SINGAPORE) – Built in May 2012, Singapore’s first eco-friendly mosque features solar tubes that also function as skylights, a rooftop garden, motion sensor lights and taps fitted with regulating devices to reduce water wastage.

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PRACTICING YOUR GREEN DEEN

That’s enough theory - now it’s time to get practical! We’ve established that caring for the environment is a fundamental Islamic principle.

So how do we go about getting greener in our day-to-day lives? The Green Up My Community! campaign has come up with 5 key areas to focus on...

SAVE ENERGY

Wasting energy is expensive and it has major negative impacts on the environment, because it means more and more energy has to be produced to meet our needs, which leads to increasing dangerous carbon emissions. There are often times between prayers when prayer rooms are not in use - simple things like turning the lights off if you’re the last person to leave will reduce waste and the cost of your electricity bill!

CONSERVE WATER

Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) advised us not to waste water “even if you are doing wudu’ on the banks of a fast-flowing river.” Virtually everything on our planet depends on water for survival, yet it’s becoming an increasingly scarce resource. 780 million people in the world still do not have sustainable access to clean drinking water (ONE). When water levels in rivers fall, oxygen levels also fall, reducing the numbers of fish and plant life, which in turn means there are fewer food sources for other sealife and birds! Making small changes like not leaving the tap running while you do wudu’ (ablution) can make a significant difference.

EAT OF THE GOOD THINGS

God tells us to “Eat and drink the sustenance God has provided and do not cause corruption in the land” (Qur’an 2:60). Around one-third of all food produced is thrown away – that’s a ridiculous statistic in a world where we produce more than enough to feed everyone, yet over one billion people go to bed hungry every day. Overconsumption in rich countries pushes up the price of food and has a serious impact on the environment as more land is cleared for farming and agriculture. Destroying large areas of rainforest means animals lose their habitat and global warming speeds up, as there are fewer trees to take carbon dioxide emissions out of the atmosphere.

We can make a difference by rethinking our consumer habits. Many mosques and Islamic groups host iftars and community events where food is served. Carefully calculating the amount of food you need to buy for such events will reduce wastage. You could also think about offering Fairtrade tea or coffee and using locally sourced ingredients.

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THE GREEN UP! AWARD SCHEME
FOR MOSQUES AND ISLAMIC GROUPS

The Green Up! Award Scheme is an opportunity for mosques and Islamic groups to showcase their environmental achievements. It supports your mosque or group to make a commitment to work towards becoming more environmentally friendly.

As part of the Green Up! scheme, you’ll be joining a nationwide community of Muslims who are working hard to live up to Islam’s high environmental standards.

WHY SHOULD I BE PART OF THE GREEN UP! AWARD SCHEME?

• Keep up to date with a regular Green Up! newsletter highlighting some of the most exciting initiatives happening in the Green Up! community of mosques and Islamic centres
• Access to fantastic FREE resources like this toolkit
• Individual tailored advice and support from the MADE in Europe team to support you in your Green Up! journey
• Receive a beautiful, ethically produced Green Up! Award to display in your premises once you’ve successfully carried out your green initiatives!

HOW DOES IT WORK?

The Green Up! Award works on a points-based system. As you’ll see from the table on the next page, we’ve got a list of initiatives which have points allocated to them. To achieve an award, you’ll have to demonstrate that you’ve earned enough points.

There are 4 categories that you can work towards for the Green Up! Award.

100 POINTS = BRONZE AWARD
200 POINTS = SILVER AWARD
300 POINTS = GOLD AWARD
400 POINTS = SUPER GREEN DEEN AWARD

1. REGISTER
Go to www.madeineurope.org.uk/greenupmosque to register your mosque or Islamic group.

2. ASSESS YOURSELF
As part of your registration, we’ll ask you to complete a simple assessment form. This will let us know a little bit about your mosque’s current environmental efforts and what you’d like to achieve by working towards a Green Up! Award.

3. PICK YOUR GREEN UP! INITIATIVES
The assessment form will also ask you to pick the initiatives you’d like to work on (see Green Up! initiatives on pages 24-25 of this toolkit for ideas). If you have ideas of your own, please tell us about them before you get started so we can make sure they fit in with the scheme and allocate points to them.

4. COLLECT EVIDENCE
For every initiative, you’ll need to collect evidence that you can send to us to show that you’ve achieved your goal. This can be in the form of photos, videos, or a written statement. It’s easiest if you keep a record as you go along.

5. SUBMIT EVIDENCE
Once you’ve got all the evidence you need for your award, you can email it to us. Please submit ALL evidence at the same time – so for example, if you’ve set up a litter-picking squad, planted a community garden and installed solar panels, tell us about all of these in one submission.

6. EXTERNAL ASSESSMENT
We’ll contact you to arrange a time to send out a Green Up! assessor, who will visit your mosque or Islamic group to evaluate your success and confirm that you’ve achieved a Green Up! Award!

GOOD LUCK & BISMILLAH!
And remember, we’re here to help so don’t be shy – if you have any questions or need help, just pick up the phone or drop us an email at greenup@madeineurope.org.uk.
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- **Switch to an environmentally-friendly energy supplier**: 150
- **Integrate solar panels**: 200
- **Ban on distributing plastic bottles**: 50
- **Install a mains-fed water cooler**: 100
- **Introduce touch-sensitive taps in Wudu’ areas**: 150
- **Organise a community trip to an ethical farm, such as Willowbrook Halal Farm in Oxfordshire**: 70
- **Achieve the Fairtrade Mosque Award**: 100
- **Set up a community garden to grow vegetables and herbs**: 150
- **Organise a clothes swap event**: 30
- **Use recycle bins to separate rubbish**: 30
- **Use washable/bio-degradable cups and plates at events**: 50
- **Organise talks, film screenings and events on environmental issues**: 30
- **Allocate an outdoor space for prayer and contemplation**: 30
- **Madrassa sessions on environment**: 50
- **Host a green fair**: 70
YOUR A-Z GUIDE TO THE GREEN UP! INITIATIVES

CLOTHES RECYCLING

There are lots of organisations which collect second-hand clothing to recycle, sell in charity shops or to send to people in need in the UK and around the world. Contact info@madeineurope.org.uk if you have space to host a clothing bank at your mosque or centre.

COMMUNITY GARDEN

We live in a globalised world where we’ve become used to having the food we want, when we want it – regardless of whether it’s in season or not! Transporting food across the world can be very harmful for the environment. It’s also costly and results in loads of wastage – strawberries don’t stay fresh for long! Setting up a community garden will give your local community a chance to learn more about the environment and God’s creation.

DRINK TAP

We’re really blessed in the UK to have access to drinkable tap water. Bottled water is really wasteful and damaging to the environment – for every gallon of water bottled, two gallons of water are wasted in production! And most plastic bottles end up on landfill sites rather than being recycled. The solution? Drink tap water! As a mosque or Islamic group, you can start by providing jugs of tap water rather than bottled water at events, and you can encourage people to bring in their own refillable water bottles instead of providing plastic cups at dispensaries. A long-term, cost-effective solution is to invest in mains-fed water coolers. Find out more at http://www.madeineurope.org.uk/learn/bottled-water

ECO-OFFICE

Creating an eco-friendly office environment is a lot easier than it might sound! Offices use a lot of energy – computers, printers, lights, modems… it’s all go, all the time! Simple things like remembering to turn off printers and computers completely at the end of the day can cut a significant amount off your energy usage. Using recycled paper and avoiding unnecessary printing is another simple way to reduce your mosque’s carbon footprint. If you have to print, try to print double-sided, or reuse old documents as scrap paper. Put up posters to remind staff not to waste electricity.

EDUCATION

Whether it’s giving a khutbah (sermon) on environmental issues, running a madrassah session for young people about the way the prophets took care to live balanced, sustainable lifestyles, or getting the local community involved in a garden project or Green Fair, education is key to increasing our level of consciousness about our responsibility to the environment and God’s creation.

FAIR TRADE

Fair trade is all about a fair deal for the farmers and producers who make the products that we buy every day – from coffee, tea, dates and chocolate to clothes and furniture! In Islam, we’re encouraged to eat food that is both halal (slaughtered correctly) and tayyib (“good” and ethically produced). Fair trade is a good way to start. You can easily introduce fair trade to your mosque by providing fairly traded Palestinian dates for iftar in Ramadan. You can buy dates and other products at www.madeineurope.org.uk/shop Learn more about fair trade at www.fairtrade.org.uk

GREEN RAMADAN

Ramadan is the month of charity and good deeds – it could be the perfect opportunity to combine some of these initiatives and get people thinking about how we can interact with our environment in a more ethical way! Prepare in advance by growing your own food for iftar or finding sustainable local sources, link up with a local soup kitchen to donate any extra food or set up your own and encourage people to travel to the mosque together for iftar or night prayers.

GREEN TRAVEL

This is a simple and effective way of saving petrol (and money!) and reducing our carbon footprint. Many people attend the mosque every day for prayers – why not set up a carpool system so that people living in the same area can travel to the mosque together? Those who live close to the mosque could walk or cycle to prayers with their friends – saving energy, getting fresh air AND increasing their reward from God!

GREEN FAIR

Nothing beats a community fair for family-friendly fun! Hosting a Green Fair at your mosque will give the community a chance to learn more about the environment and get involved in mosque initiatives in a fun, informal atmosphere. You could have clothes swaps, give people a go at planting flowers or herbs in pots, sell locally produced or Fair trade products… the options are endless!

MOVEMENT SENSITIVE LIGHTS

They respond to movement and turn themselves off if there is no movement for a period of time. They can be a costly investment, but it will save you lots of money in the long run!

CASE STUDY: PALMERS GREEN MOSQUE, LONDON

Youth groups at Palmers Green Mosque have been getting their hands dirty helping out with the mosque’s community garden, set up with help from MADE in Europe. They’ve just replanted for this year and made some beautiful signs for the different plants. The mosque hopes to have some fresh home-grown herbs and vegetables ready in time for the end of Ramadan 2013!
NATURE WALKS/LITTER PICKING
Depending on the location of your mosque, there’s a good chance that you’ve got plenty of natural wonders right on your doorstep, whether it’s plants, flowers, insects or other wildlife. Why not get a group together to go and explore? This could be a fun, educational activity for youth groups or young members of the community. An alternative would be to have a litter picking drive to help clean up your local area while raising awareness of the importance of responsible waste disposal and recycling.

OUTDOOR PRAYER SPACE
In our busy lives, it’s can be hard to find the time to take a step back and contemplate the world around us. Often, we’re distracted when we’re praying, or in a rush to get back to whatever it was we were doing before. Having an outdoor prayer space can give people a chance to take time out to connect with nature and contemplate the world around them in a serene atmosphere, away from other distractions.

RECYCLING BINS
These make the process of separating waste for reuse, recycling or disposal much more efficient. Nowadays most councils have facilities for recycling glass, cardboard, paper and most plastics. You can make it easier for your congregation to recycle by providing separate bins inside the mosque for paper, glass and plastic, and general waste. Check your local council’s recycling guidelines and get in touch with them if you need any assistance.

SOLAR PANELS
They capture the sun’s energy through photovoltaic cells which convert the sunlight into energy. They don’t need direct sunlight to work and can even generate some electricity on cloudy days. In the long run, installing a solar panel can save you a significant amount of money on your energy bills. As an added incentive, the UK government currently pays for the electricity you generate even if you use it yourself, through Feed-in Tariffs which allow you to earn a fixed income for every kilowatt hour of electricity you generate and for every kilowatt hour of electricity you sell back to the grid. Find out more at www.fitariffs.co.uk

SOUP KITCHEN
As Muslims, we’re encouraged to give to charity and look out for those who are less well off than ourselves, whether they’re Muslim or not. A soup kitchen can be a way to provide much needed meals for the homeless or deprived, while building an atmosphere of love and community. You could use produce from your community garden to make the soup! Ramadan would be a good time to start an initiative like this, as many mosques already provide iftar for their congregations – all you need to do is expand the service to everyone.

TOUCH SENSITIVE TAPS
They turn themselves on when they’re touched and then turn off after a few seconds, reducing water wastage. This is a great way to prevent people leaving taps running when doing wudu’ for example.

CASE STUDY: EAST LONDON MOSQUE, LONDON
The Maryam Centre at East London Mosque is home to thousands of bees as part of an initiative to increase dwindling bee numbers in the capital. “Honey bees have a vital role to play in our environment, one which we often take for granted, by pollinating the trees, flowers, fruits and vegetables. These industrious insects are mentioned in the Qur’an – indeed, a chapter is called ‘The Bees’ (An-Nahl). Also honey, which has numerous benefits, is mentioned in sayings of the Prophet (peace be upon him),” Khalil, East London Mosque Beekeeper.
GETTING YOUR MOSQUE OR ISLAMIC GROUP INVOLVED WITH THE GREEN UP! AWARD

Let’s start from the beginning. You’ve spent loads of time reading up on environmental issues, you’ve got lots of ideas for how your mosque can start getting more eco, you’re brimming full of passion and raring to go! That’s brilliant… but stop for just a second.

Imagine that you’re a member of the mosque committee at your local mosque. You’ve got a full-time job and help out with the mosque in your spare time. There are always a million-and-one things on your to-do list. How are you going to react to someone coming in and telling you that the mosque needs to start recycling and set up a garden and go fair-trade and install solar panels? You’d send them packing, right?

Like all successful campaigning, working with mosques and religious leaders starts with getting your tactics right. And 99 times out of 100, there’s no need to run in all guns blazing! The Prophet Muhammad’s (pbuh) example shows the value of taking things step by step to ease people into change – even the Qur’an was revealed bit by bit in response to the specific needs and questions of the Muslim community!

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KNOW YOUR AUDIENCE
If your mosque is already quite environmentally aware, you’re probably in a strong position. What you need to do now is work out how can you encourage those involved to take that extra step forward. On the other hand, your mosque might still need help with basics such as recycling!

KNOW YOUR FRIENDS
Remember, mosques are community hubs where people gather to pray, learn and meet friends. This potentially gives you lots of options for engaging with the mosque community through youth groups or Islamic circles, as well as working with mosque committees and community leaders – after all, successful campaigning is all about building a movement for change. If people who use the mosque support you, it’s more likely that that the people in charge will take notice.

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Jamia Masjid Anwar-e-Madina in Huddersfield provides iftar meals for worshippers during Ramadan. The mosque is meticulous about avoiding any wastage - the amount of food needed is carefully calculated and, if anything is leftover, it’s distributed among the mosque community. Water wastage is reduced by wiping and soaking dishes before washing, using cold water to save energy.

The mosque has also started looking into ways to recycle the plastic cups and cutlery used during iftar! Individually, each of these changes might seem small, but collectively they can make a big difference.

More importantly, they’re a great way to get the local community thinking about wastage and the environment and will hopefully encourage them to reduce wastage of food, water and electricity in their own day-to-day lives.

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DO’S & DON’T’S

DO...

DO MAKE SURE THAT YOU APPROACH MOSQUE LEADERS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS IN A RESPECTFUL AND APPROPRIATE MANNER.

For example, women may prefer to take a friend when going to meet an Imam, in order to maintain Islamic etiquette. It might be a good idea to send a letter first and then follow up with a phone call or face-to-face meeting.

DO BE PASSIONATE

Do your research so you can explain why this is an important issue! Check out the “Islam and the Environment” section for Qur’anic verses and hadith that add support to your cause! You can also tell your mosque about the benefits of joining the Green Up! scheme (see p 22).

DO USE YOUR PERSONAL CONTACTS

If you know someone who’s involved with the mosque committee for example, ask them to help you out. This is a great way to build trust and adds credibility to your campaign.

DO LOOK FOR ALLIES

Whether it’s an Imam, a prominent member of the community, a group that meets at the mosque or a local councillor, anyone who is willing to support you publicly is a massive asset, so make the most of their support and make sure they know you appreciate it!

DO USE YOUR CREATIVITY

Your most useful resources are the skills, experiences and ideas YOU have – make the most of them!

DON’T...

DON’T GET FRUSTRATED

Aggression or hostility is not a good approach. You’ll just put people off and that’s not going to help you achieve change.

DON’T FORGET TO MAKE A CAMPAIGN PLAN

This will help you decide what steps to take in your campaign and set out clear objectives for your campaign. The Islam in Action! Ultimate Campaign Toolkit has loads of tips to help you develop a great campaign plan.

DON’T GIVE UP

Change rarely happens overnight. Be patient, persistent and, if things don’t seem to be going to plan, take a step back and see if changing your approach might help.

DON’T FORGET TO OFFER CONCRETE IDEAS OF WHAT YOUR MOSQUE CAN DO

At the same time, make sure they know that they’ll be the ones making final decisions – you’re just there to help them along. It’s important that mosque leaders and communities feel a sense of ownership over the campaign if you want to create long-term change.

HELP!

I CAN’T GET A MEETING WITH THE PERSON IN CHARGE

Don’t worry! It’s often quite hard to organise a meeting with the people in charge straight away – after all, they’re busy and have plenty of other things to think about too. Try to look for people who support you within the mosque and outside – you’re likely to find allies who can put in a good word for you with the management and help you set up a meeting! You can get a lot done just by working with small groups of people without having to bother the committee – the added bonus of this is that when you do need help from the mosque committee, you’ll already have the support of other mosque users!

MY MOSQUE DOESN’T HAVE MONEY FOR NEW INITIATIVES

Not everything has to cost money – there are lots of things your mosque can do for free, such as organising a nature walk or giving an environmental khutbah. On the other hand, hosting a Green Fair can be a great way to fundraise for specific initiatives such as a community garden or solar panels! There are also local pots of funding available from councils and other charities for community environmental initiatives which you can look out for.

MY MOSQUE DOESN’T THINK THE ENVIRONMENT IS A PRIORITY

This can be a real challenge, as it’s really important not to let yourself get frustrated. You could try to gently introduce small changes, such as putting up signs in the wudu’ area to encourage people not to waste water, or getting permission for a walk to the mosque day! Try to get support from other mosque attendees and members to encourage the management to take notice of your campaign.

CASE STUDY:

MARTYNA SLOWIKOWSKA

“There’s no magic formula for getting a mosque on board! It takes energy, patience and time but it’s very rewarding to see how mosques start to change the way they think about the environment. For me the best approach has been to keep the mosque committee involved the whole way through but not to expect too much in terms of time commitment as they’re very busy. I recruited a few volunteers from the mosque by putting up posters and asking the Imam to make an announcement after jum’ah. I also approached the Saturday youth club to get involved. It’s really important to bring the community with you to create a truly sustainable and active eco-mosque!”
RESOURCES

ISLAMIC ENVIRONMENTALISM
GREEN UP MY COMMUNITY www.letsgreenup.org
MADE IN EUROPE www.madeineurope.org.uk
THE ECO MUSLIM www.theecomuslim.com
IFEES www.ifees.org.uk
WISDOM IN NATURE www.wisdominnature.org.uk
KHALEFA www.kholeafa.com
GREEN DEEN www.greendeenblog.com

ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE
UK YOUTH CLIMATE COALITION www.ukycc.org
GREENPEACE www.greenpeace.org
FRIENDS OF THE EARTH www.foe.co.uk
STOP CLIMATE CHAOS www.stopclimatechaos.org
UK CLIMATE CHANGE AND MIGRATION COALITION www.climatemigration.org.uk
THE FAIRTRADE FOUNDATION www.fairtrade.org.uk

POLICIES, TREATIES AND GOVERNMENT
UN EARTH CHARTER www.earthcharter.org
UN FRAMEWORK CONVENTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE www.unfccc.int
INTERGOVERNMENTAL PANEL ON CLIMATE CHANGE www.ipcc.ch
UK DEPARTMENT FOR ENERGY AND CLIMATE CHANGE www.decc.gov.uk

CAMPAIGNING TOOLS
ISLAM IN ACTION! THE ULTIMATE CAMPAIGN TOOLKIT http://www.madeineurope.org.uk/learn/resources/ultimateToolkit
UN CALENDAR DAYS http://www.un.org/en/events/observances/days.shtml
GREEN KHUTBAH www.kholeafa.com/greenkhutbah/
GUARDIAN ENVIRONMENT http://www.guardian.co.uk/environment/series/the-ultimate-climate-change-faq
WHO CLIMATE CHANGE FACTS http://www.who.int/features/factfiles/climate_change/facts/en/

KEY CALENDAR DATES
WORLD FOOD DAY 16 October
EARTH HOUR 8pm, last Saturday in March
WORLD WATER DAY 22 March
EARTH DAY 22 April
FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT end February - early March
WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY 5 June
WORLD OCEANS DAY 8 June
WORLD POPULATION DAY 11 July
ENDORSEMENTS

“Allah created this earth with sufficient resources for all mankind to live honourably but without waste or extravagance. We are entrusted to conserve the earth’s resources; and if we do not do so we are infringing on our children’s share. To go green is to make the conscious decision not to steal from our children. Being Muslim is being friendly and peaceful not only towards fellow man but also towards the environment. I applaud the efforts made by MADE in Europe to educate our Muslim communities about the environment as it is one step forward towards the true understanding of what being a Muslim means.”

Dr. Waleed Basyouni, Vice President, Al Maghrib Institute

“The Green Up! Toolkit is a great initiative that helps us all lead a life of greater consideration for others and makes us more conscious of conserving our ecosystem which are some of the basic teachings of Islam. Whilst the globe is awakening to the importance of conservation in this day and age, Islam has enshrined laws in this regard for over 1400 years. I’m sure a great number will benefit by implementing whatever they can from the Green Up! Toolkit. The reward achieved is absolutely unlimited. Alhamdulillah.”

Mufti Ismail Musa Menk, Mufti Zimbabwe, Majlisul Ulama Zimbabwe

“I’m delighted to be able to support the Green Up! Toolkit. Islam gives us so much guidance on how we should interact with the world around us in a responsible and respectful manner. We have so much wisdom in our Islamic heritage that we can use to help tackle the crisis of climate change alongside our brothers and sisters of all faiths. I hope all mosques and Islamic groups make use of this timely and unique resource. The environment is an Amanah and as Muslims we have a duty.”

Farooq Murad, Secretary General of the Muslim Council of Britain

“MADE in Europe’s Green Up! Toolkit is another revolutionary guide from Britain’s coolest campaigners. This Toolkit is a must-have resource for all mosques, youth centres, universities and Islamic schools. More people are becoming aware of Islam’s ecological principles but everyone is asking how to put them in practise. Backed by Qur’an and Prophetic references, the green guide prepares readers interested in ‘Eco-Islam’ with ready to install plans, some of which I have successfully implemented myself at my local mosque in Huddersfield.”

Ustada Zaufishan Iqbal, www.theecomuslim.com

“Well done to the MADE in Europe team for such a fantastic initiative! What I love about this toolkit is that it goes beyond the theory and right to the heart of social action. Taking the teachings of Islam, taking what we know from science and then giving us the tools to make changes, to do good work, to make a difference to the world. Muslims should be known for being the greenest, the most environmentally friendly and the most helpful to their neighbours locally and in the world at large. This effort is a fantastic way towards a lot of that.”

Julie Siddiqi, Executive Director, Islamic Society of Britain
MADE in Europe aims to inspire and mobilise young Muslims in Europe to take action against global poverty and injustice through campaigning, education and volunteering.

We believe that as Muslims, we can and must play a part in the search for solutions to global poverty. Whether through raising awareness in our communities, lobbying decision-makers, volunteering in the UK and overseas or choosing a career in international development, we believe that we can empower young Muslims to be at the forefront of the global poverty debate, to challenge global norms that keep people in poverty and to become leaders of social change.

This project is supported by the City Bridge Trust. The City Bridge Trust aims to address disadvantage by supporting charitable activity across Greater London. One of its priorities is the environment and it supports work to increase knowledge and understanding of the issues affecting the nature and quality of the environment, the maintenance of biodiversity and a reduction in London’s overall carbon footprint.

“IT IS HE (ALLAH) WHO MADE YOU SUCCESSORS (KHALIFA) ON THE EARTH AND RAISES SOME OF YOU ABOVE OTHERS IN RANK, TO TEST YOU THROUGH WHAT HE GIVES YOU.”

(QUR’AN 6:165)
"THE WORLD IS GREEN AND PLEASANT AND ALLAH HAS LEFT YOU IN CHARGE OF IT, SO BE CAREFUL OF HOW YOU CONDUCT YOURSELVES."

(MUSLIM)