

# THREE FAITHS FORUM



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## Press Release

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**The London Central Mosque arranged a special interfaith dinner with faith leaders from across the diverse range of communities in Westminster.**

Dr. Ahmad al Dubayan, Director General, Islamic Cultural Centre, cordially welcomed all guests and said that this special occasion must be used for strengthening bonds of friendship and make commitment to peace and acknowledge humanity above all. He referred to the common historical background of the three great religions and was sure that mutual cooperation would see greater benefit to peaceful community life. The Islamic Cultural Centre a large organisation can actively participate in building bridges with knowledge and mutual respect. Co existence with respect is a goal we should all strive for. Islam strongly advocates tolerance which we need to remind each other. The night coincided with the Holy Day of Yom Kippur and the leaders of Synagogue were invited as special guests.

Leader of Westminster, Sir Simon Milton in his speech reiterated his commitment to building a peaceful tolerant city.

Rabbi Mark Weiner, in his speech thanked Dr. Ahmad Al Dubayan for his kind invitation and hoped that all groups, Muslims, Jews and Christians and community leaders will be interspersed to facilitate the formation of relationships and exchange of ideas.

Sir Sigmund Sternberg congratulated Dr. Ahmad on organising such an important event and looks forward to further cooperation.

Ms Sana Saleem, Education Officer of Sternberg Foundation, gave a brief introduction to the work of Sternberg Education Department highlighting work with youth from all religious background.

To enhance the special significance of the evening, a delightful exhibition of Arabic Calligraphy and illumination from Iran was also on display in the Library Hall where all the guests were welcomed.

Dr. Helmi, Cultural Counsellor, Iranian Embassy welcomed all guests and gave a brief talk on the history of the art of calligraphy and illumination. The rich art of calligraphy represents supplication, an essential part of our spiritual nourishment. The tradition of calligraphy has a background in ancient times and reflects deep faith in the revelation by our Creator and the dependence upon His mercy and care.

The guests then were entertained to a sumptuous Mid eastern meal, amid cordial conversation.

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