



NOTTINGHAM TURKISH COMMUNITY ANNUAL REPORT 14 th NOVEMBER 2019 SUMMARY OF ACTION

Following our last General Annual Meeting we had a successful year, I would like to thank you all for being a part of our growing community. In the last year we have enjoyed together, we organised regular trustee meetings to ensure that every step we made and every event we took part in together was decided democratically by all of our trustees and from time to time our wider members. Decisions that were made strengthened our togetherness and cohesion.

Likewise, NTC Turkish Language and Culture School had a fruitful year with the leadership of our teacher Bahadır Han Degirmenci. On 14th September 2018, we hosted an open day and registration to introduce new members to our community, answering any queries and many new pupils joined us, we now have 55 registered students. Because of high demand we have started Turkish classes on Sunday. Unfortunately our lead teacher returned to Turkey in the summer holidays due to end of his five-year term and we now have a new lead teacher Mr Ergin Omac. We also would like to show our appreciation to for our volunteer teachers and helpers; Kübra Ağar, Meliha Sakin, Sercan Aslantaş and others who contributed to teaching our pupils. Once again we participated in the annual competitions organised by the Education Counsellor of the Turkish Embassy to London. We began by participating in the Annual Book Reading Competition and General Knowledge Competition, in which we gained second place. Pupils in Class 1 and Class 2 also exceeded our expectations; our youngest students also shared their part with a performance in the National Children's Day Celebration organised by the Consulate General to the Republic of Turkey.

The recognition we have created has helped to increase our profile within the Turkish Diaspora in the UK as well as Turkey's diplomatic mission in England. I thank our members, teachers, volunteers and pupils once more and wish them success in the years to come.

As we do every year, we celebrated our national days and religious festivals. All celebrations, including; Eid-al Fitr and the summer picnic at Colwick Park, were organised by our trustee members. Most recently, we also celebrated our the 96th Anniversary of Republic of Turkey with a wide and enthusiastic audience on 27th October 2019. The gatherings we made strengthened our sense of solidarity and togetherness whilst providing an environment for new members to join the Turkish Community living in Nottingham to unite and socialise.

As you know, our charity was founded not only to serve the Turkish community but also members of wider communities. In line with our aim of achieving this goal, this year we built a stronger relationship with the general public by managing a stand at the Hemlock

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Happening Festival organised by Broxtowe Borough Council. We participated in the festival with a one-day program; opening with an ebru (Turkish water marbling art) demonstration. Students invited from Dr. Fazıl Kucuk School in London performed a traditional Anatolian folklore dance. Due to the busy timetable and publicity we generated, a message of gratitude was sent to our organisers from the festival organising committee. With this success, we have gained more experience to take part in wider festivals in the years to come.

Following a joint decision by the trustee board we applied for the “Weekend Schools Support Grant Programme”, “Weekend School Strengthening Project for 2018-2019” and “Preschool Bilingual Education support programme” opened by the Presidency for Turks Abroad and Related Communities (YTB) just before the close of the 2017/18 academic year. Within a few weeks a written reply received accepting our application for all projects was submitted. Criteria of these programmes were met and a final report has been submitted to the YTB.

Furthermore, we applied to 2 new programmes administrated by the YTB for the 2019-2020 educational year. The first being “Çok renkli kimlik bahçesi” for children aged 0-6 years. The second; “Çok dilli, özgüvenli bireyler için Türkçe” project pupils that attend Class 2 and Class 3. Both of them were authorised and accepted by the YTB in the October 2019, we have already begun to implement the projects into our Language and Culture School.

We have continued our Turkish school in the 2018-2019 academic year with many new pupils joining us.

With regards to news outside of Nottingham, I am proud to announce we are now providing Turkish classes at Derby to children 5-15 years old. We have a classroom in the Bosnia & Herzegovina Cultural Centre in the Derby. We have started lessons and 12 pupils have enrolled already, we are expecting this number to increase at during the course of the year.

On behalf of the trustee board, I have briefly outlined our activities from the beginning of the year as necessary for the 2019 Nottingham Turkish Community General Assembly. I would like to thank our founder and current trustee members for sacrificing their time to getting to the point we are at today; I hope these are the milestones of further success that we will see together in the future.

Kind Regards,
Ali Topaloglu
14th November 2019

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds		-	-	-
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	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
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	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
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	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
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	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
Ali Topaloglu	MR ALI TOPALOGLU	15/02/2020
	Mr. Mehmet Aydinbas	15/02/2020