



Al-Emaan Centre “10 Pathways to Transforming Community” Strategy

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The mosques of Allah are only to be maintained by those who believe in Allah and the Last Day and establish prayer and give zakah and do not fear except Allah, for it is expected that those will be of the [rightly] guided.

Quran 9:18

You are the best nation produced [as an example] for mankind. You enjoy what is right and forbid what is wrong and believe in Allah.

Quran 3:110

The Prophet Muhammad (saw) said: "A leader is a shepherd of his flock, and he is responsible for his subjects."

Sahih Al-Bukhari

The Prophet Muhammad (saw) said: "The believers in their mutual kindness, compassion, and sympathy are just like one body. When any part of the body suffers, the whole body feels pain."

Sahih Muslim

Prophet Muhammad's (saw) mosque in Medina, played a central role in the early Muslim community. Similarly, the mosques established during the caliphates of Abu Bakr, Umar, Uthman, and Ali (ra) served as centres for worship, education, justice, and community engagement and development. They played a crucial role in shaping the spiritual and social fabric of the early Muslim communities, contributing to their unity, justice, and overall well-being.

Al-Emaan Centre has the potential to significantly transform the lives of our community in Bromley and beyond, by serving as a hub for spiritual, educational, and social development. And we have a responsibility to ensure we serve the community well.

The transformation envisioned through our 10 Pathways Policy at Al-Emaan Centre holds the promise of **enabling a thriving, cohesive, and resilient community.**

10 Pathways to Transforming our Community:

1. Spiritual Development:

Through heightened **spiritual development**, we aim to provide the arena within which a community can become deeply connected to its faith, finding solace and strength in shared prayer, knowledge, and ethical principles.

- Regular Prayer and Worship: The mosque can serve as a place for regular congregational prayers, fostering a sense of community and spiritual connection.
- Islamic Education: Offer classes and programs for all age groups to enhance their understanding of Islam, including Quranic studies, Prophetic teachings, and Islamic ethics.

2. Community Building:

Community building initiatives will foster strong social bonds, creating a network of support and understanding among diverse individuals. This **enables** other Pathways to be effective.

- Social Events: Organize regular social events, such as community gatherings, picnics, and celebrations, to strengthen community bonds.
- Community Forums: Create a space for open discussions, forums, and support groups to address the diverse needs and challenges faced by community members.
- Collaborating: with other Masajid, Faith organisations, businesses, charities, service providers, governmental bodies, research bodies, and academia. This should empower the sharing of best practices and enable service provision.

3. Educational Empowerment:

Islamic and other Educational empowerment initiatives will result in a more informed and enlightened community, contributing positively to societal development. This **enables** other Pathways to be effective.

- Adult Education: Offer workshops and seminars on various topics, including personal development, financial literacy, and health and wellness.
- Language Classes: Provide language classes to help community members enhance their language skills, particularly in English.
- Religious education: offer sound knowledge and teaching to adults and youth alike.

4. Charitable Initiatives:

Our **charitable** endeavours will lead to a tangible impact, addressing the needs of the less fortunate and fostering a culture of giving and belonging for both contributors and beneficiaries. This **enables** other Pathways to be effective.

- Community Outreach: Engage in local charitable initiatives and community service projects to address the needs of the less fortunate and promote a culture of giving back.

5. Outreach:

Outreach efforts will bridge gaps, promoting understanding and harmony and enabling our community to further integrate into society whilst enabling the serving of “good” within our wider community.

- Societal service: Engaging and benefitting the wider community around us.
- Interfaith relationships: Engage and build relationships with the broader community to foster understanding, gain insights and value and promote harmony.
- Education: Provide resources and speakers for dawah stalls, schools, community and other organizations to provide education about Islam.

6. Crisis Support:

In times of **crisis**, our community will stand united, offering immediate support and assistance. This **enables** other Pathways to be effective.

- Emergency Relief: Establish a system for providing immediate assistance to community members facing emergencies or crises.
- Counselling Services: Offer counselling services for individuals and families dealing with personal challenges.

7. Inclusivity and Diversity:

Inclusivity and diversity initiatives will create an environment where every member feels valued, enriching our collective experience. This **enables** other Pathways to be effective.

- Inclusive Programs: Ensure that programs and services are inclusive and cater to the diverse backgrounds and needs of the community.
- Cultural Exchange: Facilitate cultural exchange programs to celebrate and appreciate the diversity within the community.

8. Youth Engagement:

Youth engagement will empower the younger generation, inspiring leadership, empathy, and a sense of responsibility; ultimately creating stable and grounded next generation to carry on and develop further not only what the masjid has achieved, but also contributing to the wider society.

- Youth Programs: Develop programs and activities specifically tailored to engage and empower the youth, addressing their unique needs and concerns.
- Youth Leadership: Encourage and mentor young leaders within the community, providing opportunities for them to take on responsibilities and contribute positively.

9. Health and Wellness:

Improved **health and wellness** will contribute to the overall physical and mental well-being of our community members. This **enables** other Pathways to be effective.

- Health Workshops: Conduct health awareness workshops, screenings, and fitness classes to promote physical well-being.
- Mental Health Support: Collaborate with professionals to provide mental health resources and support to community members.

10. Technology and Innovation:

Technology and innovation will enhance accessibility and communication, ensuring our community remains connected and informed. This **enables** other Pathways to be effective.

- Digital Resources: Leverage technology to provide online resources, live streaming, and a mobile app to enhance accessibility and communication within the community.

Enabling effective working within all 10 Pathways:

Focus on Touch Points:

The most significant connections and, therefore transformations, can be made at significant points of people's lives: births, marriages, redundancies, illness, divorce and especially deaths. Supporting community members effectively and sensitively at these times can have a lasting significant impact.

Customer Service Mindset:

Implementing all the Pathways with a "customer service" attitude, can enable the provision of an effective service.

3-Phase Delivery:

Ensure theory is Islamically sound + nurture/attach emotional connection + encourage practical outputs/actions.

RED Events:



R: religious, **E:** Educational, **D:** Developmental. All events should be aligned to one or more of these categories.

Measurements and Outcomes:

Transformational success will be measured through increased community engagement, educational achievements, charitable impact, health improvements, and the fostering of an inclusive and harmonious environment. Ultimately, this transformation benefits our community by creating a space where individuals flourish spiritually, intellectually, mentally, physically and socially, contributing to a stronger, compassionate, and interconnected society.

Conclusion:

By delivering transformation, Al-Emaan Centre can become a dynamic force, enabling positive impact in the lives of community members, and contributing to the overall well-being of the broader society.

Regularly seeking feedback from the community will help in refining and expanding these initiatives based on their evolving needs.

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