

# Press Release

Celebrating 5 Years of Achievements was the title of the event conducted by North London Central Mosque Trust on the 5th of February 2010 to celebrate 5 years of change and positive engagement of the mosque with local and national organizations and communities.



The event, which lasted for more than two hours on a Friday night, was well attended and well received by members of local council, metropolitan police, community organizations, Muslim community

representatives, local MPs, researchers and the guest of honour for the event his Rt. Hon. Sadiq Khan, MP, Minister of State for Transport.

The program commenced with a recitation of some verses from the Holy Qur'an followed by a translation of the meanings. A line up of short talks followed; Dr. Robert Lambert (the retired head of the Muslim Contact Unit at the Metropolitan police and the Co-Founder of the European Muslim Research Centre at the University of Exeter) spoke on how he was involved in bringing the change and expressed his happiness to see the fruit of 5 years of hard work.

This was followed by a few words from Dr. Daud Abdullah Deputy General Secretary of the Muslim Council of Britain who highlighted the importance of working together to bring about success. Cllr. Terry Stacy (Leader of Islington Council) spoke about how the mosque is working closely



with the council and is helping in the delivering of many projects. Mr. Barry Norman (the former Borough Commander of Islington) also said a few words about his involvement in the change and wished the mosque more success.



A short documentary of the mosque over the past five years and its activities followed by a short talk by Mr. Mohamed Kozbar, the Secretary Trustee who highlighted the importance of partnership and collaborative efforts in bringing success to community initiatives and thanked all those who made this change feasible whether by direct involvement or through their continuous support and encouraged everyone to continue their support for the mosque.



Then, local MP Jeremy Corbyn also spoke about his continuous support of the mosque and the surgeries he conducts for the local community and how happy he is to see this change happening since he witnessed the building of the mosque, its difficult times and now its good times. Finally, the guest of honour his Rt. Hon. Sadiq Khan talked about how he sees the experience of the mosque and thanked the trustees and the staff for their hard work and success.

Dinner was served at the end of the event and allowed time for the guests to share views and all of them congratulated the mosque for the achievement and showed willingness to attend another five years of achievement.

