



The Inayati Order

A Sufi Path of Spiritual Liberty

Annual General Meeting of the Inayatiyya UK

Saturday, October 18th, 2025, 11:30am – 13:30pm (online)

Beauchamp Lodge, 2 Warwick Crescent, London W6 2NE

Minutes

i. Attendees

Angela Gruber
Margaret Hannah
Paula Jacobs
Katalin Taylor
Kim Richardson
Heather Johnson
Selma Smyly
Hazel Denvir
Marie-Helene Dalila-Boyle
Mary Creamer
Nigel Hamilton
Kim Hanna
Eve Salomon
Wendy Rose
Lilian Chesham
Bogdan Micu

Apologies: Jenny Miller, Vivienne Brown, Sue Stothard, Margaret Nimmo Smith, Zak Waterman, Marguerite Wallis

ii. Minutes from 2024 AGM

The minutes of the 2024 AGM were accepted as a true record.

iii. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

iv. Trustees Report

The trustees' report highlighted changes in leadership, with Kim Hanna and Angela Gruber having been appointed as the new trustees alongside Eve Salomon as the chair of trustees. The report also highlighted the appointment of a new bookkeeper and a new admin manager.

The Inner School in London started holding Wednesday evening meetings, which are expected to move to Mondays next year. There was discussion about the success of recent summer retreats and the possibility of holding two retreats per year. In addition, there were a number of retreats by individual leaders each year, for example Shams (Kim Richardson) (retreats abroad in deserts) and Qalbiya (Sue Ryall) and Vayu (Selma Smyly) (for their local group). Any open retreats could be publicised in the monthly newsletter.

The group explored the challenges of balancing in-person and online activities, with varying attendance numbers across different locations. Several members shared experiences of in-person events, noting the importance of allowing sufficient time for community building through personal interaction.

v. Report from Activities

The meeting focused on the activities of those Concentrations where the Heads were present, starting with the new Head of Kinship, Heather Ferraro (Siddiqi). Siddiqi said she wanted to focus on building relationships within the Inayatiyya and would be seeking collaboration with other Concentrations. Aziz (as outgoing Head) and Shams (as the new Head) discussed Universal Worship, noting limited participation due to the lack of face-to-face meetings and challenges in training and recruiting new Cherags. Shams proposed organising a day of Universal Worship at the London Centre in the spring to re-energize participants and develop training programs. Munira reminded the group about the significance of the 100th anniversary of Murshid Urs in 2027, suggesting the need to plan a meaningful celebration, with Shams hoping to confirm plans for a Universal Worship ceremony on February 26.

The meeting discussed various activities and developments within the Healing and Esoteric schools. Farzana reported increased interest and participation in healing activities, including training programs and monthly workshops, with a growing number of Conductors and trainees. Nigel highlighted the success of summer retreats, attracting participants from the UK and overseas, and mentioned plans for a Leaders' Day in April to foster social connections among participants as well as to provide training.

Noor discussed the new Coordinator pathway program, which will launch in February next year and include 12 teaching sessions, a mentored curriculum, and a retreat. The program has received applications from various countries, including the UK, Lithuania,

Poland, and Sweden, with 7 people currently accepted and more expected to apply.

Siddiqi highlighted the commitment required to develop the program and expressed excitement about its potential to revitalise the community. Noor mentioned that the program will be opened to all leadership, allowing more people to participate in specific sessions. Siddiqi also shared that she has access to comprehensive manuals from a previous leaders training in the U.S., which could be used as teaching resources for the new programme.

vi. Report from Groups

Aziz shared information about his monthly 2-hour Zoom meeting focused on Pir Vilayat's teachings, which includes music and meditation, and is attended by about 20 people with a larger database of 100 interested participants. Farzana and Noor Alima shared updates on their Gatha group, which meets monthly and includes meditation and practices.

vii. Report from Ethics Committee

Vayu thanked Tajalli and Munira for the work they had done on ethics and the successful handover of responsibilities. The Ethics Committee, now consisted of five members: Vayu, Nicola Haskins, Alexandra Kleinschrod, and Qalbiya Sue Ryall. It will be exploring its relationship with other groups and trustees.

Munira suggested enhancing the Ethics Policy's presence on the website.

viii. Appointment of New Trustee

The group formally approved Margaret Hannah's (Shakira) appointment as a trustee, while Kim Hanna (Noor Alima) announced her temporary step back from trustee responsibilities. Shakira will also act as the treasurer.

ix. Financial Report and Accounts for 2024-2025

The financial report revealed a total income for the period in question of £51,066, of which £6,939 belongs to the Healing Activity. The balance at the end of the year is £58,492 of which the Healing Order has £8,674. Expenditure was almost the same as income. In both cases there was a small surplus.

The group discussed the desirability of having management accounts to better track income and expenditure per category of activity, implementing better tracking of overseas donations, and improving the management of bookkeeping categories.

x. Reappointment of Accountants

The reappointment of accountants was approved. Their lead auditor has changed in the meantime, which is good practice.

xi. AOB

There was no other business.

xii. Date of 2026 AGM

Date of the next AGM is Sunday 18 October 2026.