



2025 ACTIVITY REPORTS

Inayatiyya Inner School

The Inner School has been very active this year thanks to the dedication of our teachers and retreat guides with offerings to the general public, initiates and leaders. For simplicities sake, the activities will be listed below.

Seminars

Pir Zia Inayat Khan, the President of our Inayatiyya Order will give a two-day seminar in September. This will be an in-person and online event where we expect up to 120 people will be in attendance.

Classes and Meditation Groups

- Weekly online Message classes and meditation groups are offered in various locations in the UK. The Monday Message class has an outreach to participants in Europe.
- In person groups are offered within various locations within the UK. A much-needed group in London was re-established after a long break since the Covid epidemic and now offers weekly classes.
- A weekly meditation session entitled 'The Wings of the World' is offered with a particular attunement to the feminine.
- A monthly Sobhet group.

Retreats

- The annual Summer in person six-day silent retreat was once more oversubscribed with participants able to turn deeply within to explore their inner life.
- Retreat guides continue to offer individual retreats varying in length either in-person or via zoom.
- Retreats/pilgrimages are offered to various locations such as the Moroccan desert, the Himalayas and Peru.

Leadership Training

- An in-person leaders training day was held in London on the theme of 'The world is getting worse. How do we deal with it?' The topic was chosen to develop within leaders the capacity to support participants who feel troubled by distressing world events.
- Each first of the month, the leaders gather online for a silent meditation.
- The leadership group had meetings to envision what they needed as leaders. Out of these meetings, a small group formed to spiritually explore the themes that arise from death and dying.
- An Inner School Committee met several times to plan a new UK based training for established members of the Inayatiyya who wish to train to become teachers and leaders. Exploratory meetings were held with both established teachers who it is hoped will be able to lead teaching sessions and, with potential participants on the programme. The training is due to begin in February 2026.

With gratitude to all of the dedicated teachers within the Inner School.

Healing Activity

The Healing Activity has had multiple offerings for the public and the Inayatiyya UK community. Firstly, we have had a number of monthly online events, open to the public.

The Haywanat group, aimed at young adults, has had an average of 4 attendees throughout the year. The Prayers for World Healing events, co-organised with the School of Christian Mysticism, have had an average of 6 attendees, with each monthly event focusing on a different theme. The monthly gatherings consisting of workshops or talks by experienced members of the Healing Activity have ranged from 2-6 people in attendance, with some attendance from the wider public but mostly from the Inayatiyya UK community. The Conductor-only weekly healing service has continued to offer free distance healing to several people on the weekly lists as well as a second healing service every other week.

The Healing Activity also hosted an in-person day-long at Beauchamp lodge on the Dances of Universal Peace as a contribution to the monthly Inayatiyya UK Sufi Gatherings.

This year, the Conductors have had a total of 12 new trainees that are currently at different stages of their learning process, some towards initiation into the Healing Order as Conductors.

The monthly newsletter has been evolving both aesthetically and in substance. In 2025, we added the Community Board to the newsletter, showcasing healing stories or writings from members of the community. These have ranged from accounts of a mureed's first contact with the Inayatiyya lineage, to healing experiences, to insights about the healing practice of Mukabele turning ceremonies (whirling dances), which have received positive feedback from mailing list subscribers. Compared to last year, our subscriber count has increased by 11.7% (21 new subscribers) and our paid member count has increased by 20.4% (5 new members).

Kinship Report

In May, after more than a decade of service to Kinship, Mary-Aman stepped down from her position as Head of Kinship. We are grateful to Mary-Aman for the time and loving care she gave to those whom she worked with over these many years.

Until Mary-Amann's departure, a Kinship group met monthly. The group has subsequently disbanded. Each of the four members were met with to identify areas within the Inayatiyya in which they might like to get involved.

The European Kinship Council keeps in touch via emails and regular Zoom meetings. Kinship Council (Europe) has been running the Nayaz project for ten years, which murids from many different countries participate in. In addition, the Council is scheduling a bi'annual pilgrimage to Faz'l Manz'l next year.

We are very glad to announce that Heather (Siddiqi) Ferraro will be taking up the position of Head of Kinship in the very near future. Welcome Siddiqi!

Knighthood Report

Shakira Hanna is the Head of the Knighthood Activity, which exes the teachings of Hazrat Inayat Khan on futuwwa or spiritual chivalry. It begins with a journey through 40 rules in four groups of ten: Iron, Copper, Silver and Gold. Each rule is reflected on daily for 40 days.

During this journey the follower of these rules may apply for the designation of Iron, Copper, Silver and Gold Herald and on completion of all 40 rules, the Golden Herald is qualified to receive the accolade of Knight of Purity.

During the last year, Heralds and Knights from across the UK and some from further afield have met monthly on-line to share their experiences of working with the Rules.

In March 2025, an in-person Community Day on the Knighthood Activity in London which included a Knighting Ceremony for two Heralds who had completed all 40 Rules.

Universal Worship Report

This year Aziz Dikeulias stepped down as Head of Universal Worship, after holding this position for more than a decade. We are very grateful for the commitment and mastery he has brought to this activity for so long. And it is with joy that Shams Richardson has taken on this position from Aziz.

A service for the Urs of Pir Vilayat and Murshid on-line, and an Urs for Noor-Un-Nisa is planned for some time in the future.

A new Cherag initiate, Khalisa-Sundari, who trained with Suhrawardi on line from the USA, is a new addition to the team! As numbers increase, there is a plan to have a face-to-face Universal Worship in London.

Aziz has participated in several international meetings representing the UK.

Zira'at Report

Zira'at Report 2024-2025 from Margaret Amina Nimmo-Smith

The work of Zira'at, using the metaphor of the farm to connect and deepen our souls on their journey, has continued with monthly sessions on the evening of the full moon on Zoom. This enables a variety of people to attend from all parts of the UK and often from abroad. New seekers are coming forward and others wish to deepen their commitment to the Zira'at path. The meetings have been attended by about 6 to 8 regulars with others attending when they can. Unfortunately it is not possible for me to commit to running any in-person sessions at present due to my family situation but other leaders sometimes include Zira'at themes in their sessions.

I have not attempted to lead the lodge ceremony but have used the nature meditations, the element breaths, readings and a guided meditation followed by breakout rooms for sacred listening. This has worked well: incorporating practice and meditation with the opportunity to meet and talk to each other in a deep and meaningful way. Themes this year have again been based around the cultivation of the soul using the Zira'at processes of ploughing, harrowing, sowing etc. throughout the cycle of the seasons.

Maumud and I have continued to attend the European Farmers' Council meetings online where there is discussion on curriculum and resources, reports of varying activities in different countries and possible in-person meet-ups.

Meanwhile Zira'at North America and Oceania are presenting a course this autumn on Zira'at Roots and Shoots: Exploring 100 Years of an Agricultural Mystery School. Recordings will be available as it is at 10 to 11.30 pm our time second Friday evenings.

My gratitude goes to Maumud and Tajalli for their support and to all those who have attended the Zira'at sessions. Anyone who is interested in Zira'at is encouraged to get in touch and warmly welcomed to the meetings.