

Inayatiyya UK – Trustees' Annual Report 2025/26

This was the first full year the new trustees (Munira, Tajalli, Noor Alima [until December 2025] and Shakira) held office, with the assistance of our new Admin Manager, Bogdan. Our intention is to increase participation in the organisational leadership of Inayatiyya UK through greater transparency and opportunity for involvement. As part of this, we hold regular (every 2-3 months) meetings with the Activity Heads to share information and concerns. In addition, a new marketing group was created from volunteers, led by Noor Alima, which proposed improvements to our website, social media and other marketing activities.

As a result of our refreshed governance arrangements and enthusiasm, we have seen a growth in the number of our events and offerings.

Our regular Monday nights have continued online, so that more teachers can offer classes, and more people can attend who would otherwise be unable to travel all the way to London. The London Sufi Centre continues to offer a monthly gathering in person on a Saturday as a way of recreating a sense of community and enjoy shared time together reflecting on Hazrat Inayat Khan's teachings. During the year we reintroduced (for the first time since Covid) weekly meetings in London. This has attracted a number of new people.

Our annual Inner School Retreat was held in the summer led by Nigel and Noor-un-Nisa. It is always sold out.

September saw the biennial visit of Pir Zia to London where he led a wonderful weekend workshop on the Archangels, preceded by a stunning concert organised by the IIB in London and hosted by Pir Zia.

Some small initiatives were taken during the year: in Bristol, we held a multifaith concert for peace, raising money for the Abrahamic Reunion, as well as a separate one day in-person introduction to the Inayatiyya Sufi Path. Shams and Munira also held an online morning introductory session and, having put together a template which other leaders can use, propose this is offered several times a year.

As follow-up to the global General Assembly initiative, four Conversations were held online to discuss our culture, governance, communication and innovation. These were open to anyone and offered a great opportunity to share ideas and improve our transparency.

Universal Services, Zira'at Lodges, Healing Circles, Knighthood and Kinship circles continue to be offered both online and in person with a number of generally-focused local groups meeting weekly and monthly across the UK.

Leaders training continues to unfold thanks to the tireless work of Noor-un-Nisa Jacobs, Tajali Gruber and others. A separate in-person day for leaders was led by Nigel in London. In addition, a new one-year training programme for Co-ordinators

started, which took a lot of work to put together and which will involve a large number of Leaders to deliver, all through the organisational efforts of Tajali and Siddiqi.

The Secretariat in London continues to share information on the Inayatiyya UK and its activities via regular monthly newsletters, the website and via our Facebook and Instagram channels.

The Healing Activity also circulates a monthly newsletter and has been holding a weekly on-line Healing Service, monthly workshops mostly offered by Conductors, as well as regular forums for Conductors and trainee Conductors. There was a Healing retreat held in Portugal over the summer.

At the end of the year, we welcomed Siddiqi as the new head of Kinship, following the retirement of Mary Aman. In addition, Shams replaced Aziz as the Head of Universal Worship.

We also supported a visit by Pir Zia, through the International Inayatiyya Board, to Glastonbury in April.

For 2026/27, the Inner School's summer retreat will be held again.

In Kinship, Siddiqi is planning to introduce an initiative to encourage people to reach out within their communities and to help build an ethic of care within the Inayatiyya, which she calls "Love in Service."

Ruhiya is planning on starting a new UK Music Activity in the Autumn and will hopefully be planning concerts with musicians inspired by the work of Murshid.

Shams is planning a large Universal Worship to mark Murshid's Urs.

The Healing Order will continue their monthly workshops and hold a week-long retreat in the Autumn.

Together with the other UK Sufi Orders (tariqas) stemming from Hazrat Inayat Khan's influence, we will be jointly celebrating the centenary of Sufi Khan's death over a weekend in April 2027.