



Report from Activities for the 2026 AGM

Inner School

The Past Year

Pathway Programme (2025–2026)

An 18-month Pathway Programme for potential Coordinators has been rolled out, providing a structured route for those preparing to take on coordination responsibilities within the Inner School.

Monday Night Online Message Class

A weekly online Message Class is held on Monday nights, led by Heads of Concentration and Senior Teachers from the Inayatiyya.

First of the Month Meeting

Members of the Inner School gather on the first of each month from 7.30am to 8.15am. The gathering follows a simple structure: an attunement of appreciation for the work of Hazrat Inayat Khan and for those who carry the responsibility of his vision of unity and tolerance, a shared period of silence, and a closing prayer.

Wings of the World — Weekly Gathering

Since lockdown, the Wings group has continued to meet every Wednesday morning at 7.30am, typically drawing between 18 and 30 participants. The gathering is dedicated to the Divine Feminine and the Being of the Earth, with sessions built around simple themes of prayer, contemplation and silence, carried in the spirit of the invocation: *“May we be among those who transfigure the Earth.” — Hazrat Inayat Khan* A face-to-face gathering held in London on 5 September 2026 was attended by 22 people.

Looking Ahead: 2026–2028

Representative Training (2026–2027)

Thought is being given to developing the next level of training for Representatives, using a mentoring-based approach.

Other Avenues of Interest & Development

- Guides' Forum — a forum for Guides and Retreat Guides to share skills and experience, potentially including some structured teaching modules.
- Supporting Guide autonomy and curriculum clarity — protecting the autonomy of Guides and Retreat Guides while opening up conversation about their work. Guides need space to share what they are doing, and UK Inayatiyya needs to be clear about a basic curriculum and how Guides are supported to help their students pursue their own aspirations to be of service.
- Online Inner School Easter Retreat (“Noor with friends”).
- Summer Retreat 2027 — a new venue needs to be confirmed and a retreat programme developed; this will need further consideration, along with support for Nigel.
- A monthly Zikr Attunement session on Zoom, led by teachers from the Inner School.
- Monthly or bi-monthly Night Vigils, led by Noor with support from those currently in Coordinator or Representative training.

Kinship Activity

As the new head of the Kinship Activity, I have made my first task to articulate in simple terms, what the work of Kinship is about. I have decided to focus on relationships at all levels and Murshid's teachings on the art of friendship. This is the work that takes place in everyday life, the challenge of connecting and relating to others with love. I felt this was a good starting point, although I intend to broaden my focus in time to include the natural world and with the unseen world, the Diwan. I have taken Pir Zia's vision of symbiosis as an inspiration, and as a broad framework for what Kinship is all about. In January 2026 I started a monthly online group called "The Path of Friendship", which meets the second Tuesday of every month. I keep an email list of people who are interested, which has over 30 people. At meetings I have had between 7-15 people. There are several people who are coming regularly, and I have found the group to be deep and heartfelt. I normally begin with a theme or an idea, and then open it up to personal reflections for. I often lead a meditation related to the theme.

I met with Mary Aman, the former Head of Kinship who gave me valuable information about what has been done in the last few years. She connected me with the European Kinship group, and I met with them for the first time, which was warm and encouraging. We will be sharing ideas and hoping working together on some kind of in-person gathering in Europe, either at the Zenith Camp or another event. They were very open to my ideas about revitalising the work of Kinship within the culture of the Inayatiyya... and making more explicit an ethos of care, friendship and service. At our next meeting in November I expect we will be discussing some of these "big ideas" and how we can work together. I also plan to reach out to the North American Kinship team to share ideas.

In addition to work done under the "banner" of Kinship, I consider my work in supporting the Coordinator Pathway to be part of my Kinship work. Anything that facilitates community, connection, new ways of working together and greater engagement is part of my work to develop Kinship within the Inayatiyya. This wider work is what I feel passionate about.

Siddiqi Heather Johnson

Knighthood Activity

The Knighthood Activity explores 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 2026, we held a successful Community Day in London which combined Knighthood and Ziraat themes. At the end of the day, a Knighting Ceremony was held for four Golden Heralds who had completed all 40 Rules.

Several Knights continue to attend the monthly calls reflecting on their experiences of the Emerald Contemplations or the Adab Curriculum.

Shakira Margaret Hannah

Zira'at Activity

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 and we have had new seekers join the group.

In March this year I joined with Shakira Hannah to run a joint community day at the London Centre. I led a Zira'at session in the morning including the Lodge and Shakira the Knighthood in the afternoon. Most of the attendees were there for Chivalry but appreciated an introduction to Zira'at.

In August I ran a Zira'at community day from my home in Cambridge with the help of Yasemin Aslan. Although we were very small in number, we were recompensed by a deep sharing space and with the dry weather were able to be outside much of the time including a walk through our local nature reserve.

Maumud Waterman and I have continued to attend the European Farmers' Council meetings online when possible, which I have found of value in learning of others' activities and practice.

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.

Margaret Amina Nimmo-Smith

Universal Worship Activity

In the UK Universal Worship we currently have approximately 12 active UK cherags, some of whom conduct Universal Worship services locally, and also participate in the services we offer online on Zoom and in person at the London Sufi Centre from time to time. Some of the cherags conducted a Universal Worship in a prison, for the inmates.

We held an online service on September 15, 2025, in honour and celebration of Noor-un-Nisa Inayat Khan, whose *urs* falls on 10th September, and on February 14th, 2026, we devoted a Saturday Sufi Gathering day at the London Sufi Centre to the Universal Worship.

During this well-attended day we shared practices, chants and dances in the morning, and a Universal Worship service in the afternoon in the Universel, with five cherags officiating.

During 2026 and 2027 we plan to hold more in-person services where possible, in addition to online ones.

Shams Richardson