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## **Quest for Integration (Q4i)**

### **London Project Report**

#### *The Baitul Futuh Mosque, Morden*



#### **About QED Foundation**

QED Foundation is a national leading ethnic minority led social enterprise which aims to improve the economic and social prosperity of ethnic minorities across the UK and work towards a harmonious society in which opportunity is not dependent on ethnic origin, race, religion, disability, sexuality or gender.



#### **About The Loop Global Management**

The Loop Global Management bridges the gap between local communities and new businesses. It works with Diaspora-led Communities and creates a niche brand for creative inter, multi-cultural and social activities.

The Loop Global acting as a delivery partner for Q4i London project ran 3 courses in South London region. One course was delivered at The Baitul Futhu Mosque, Morden.

## Project Summary

Quest for Integration (London) will provide English language and integration training to 150 eligible third-country women to aid their better integration into mainstream economic and social activity in Britain by June 2015. It will provide English language at pre-entry and entry level 1,2,3 through a ten week programme of accredited English language training and confidence building; communication skills; personal finance, banks, bills, credit and insurance; shopping, cultural and leisure facilities, health, housing, education services, heritage visits and integrated IAG. In addition it undertook award ceremonies, case studies, heritage and Employer/World-of-Work visits to employers, providing crèche facilities to ensure participation.

## Objectives

Q4i was primarily conceived to assist in the integration of third-country nationals (TCNs) who are legally in the UK with a potential route to settlement: Supporting eligible migrants to become integrated and active members of UK society through provision of ESOL, pre-employment advice, generic employability skills and signposting to vocational training, voluntary and community activities and mentoring opportunities.

## Course Outline

Each course was 10 weeks long; week one being the assessment week to determine the learners eligibility and ESOL entry level. The 10th week was the exam week.

Each course was spread over three half days for example, classes ran from 10am – 12.30pm every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Two of the half day sessions were ESOL and one half day was for Integration class.

Each student was also given three sessions of 1:1 IAG (Information, Advice & Guidance) during the classes.

## Open Day @ Baitul Futhu Mosque

An open day was held at The Baitul Futhu Mosque to register ladies for the course to commence on 17<sup>th</sup> March 2015.

With all the excellent support and cooperation of the Mosque management a whopping number of 30 ladies turn up on the open day.

12 ladies were selected fitting the criteria set by funders to enroll on the course.

### Free English Classes For women in Morden

**Classes starting from Tuesday 13th March 2015  
From 10:00 AM To 12:30 PM**

If you have been in the UK for less than 10 years and are a Non-European national then you can join the course for **FREE**

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## Course Outcome

The journey throughout 10 weeks of the course duration proved to be an exhilarating experience for both the learners and the tutors. New friendships were formed in a most riveting environment where learning became rewarding as well as fun for the ladies who seemed quite uneasy in the very first week's classes.

As the weeks progressed it became quite apparent that there is a huge need for similar initiatives as the ladies became more and more confident and start taking interest and enjoyed what they were learning especially about their surroundings e.g. London Boroughs and how the Councils work, Government System, particularly House of Lords & House of Commons etc.

## Heritage Visit

The class was taken out on a heritage visit to the British Museum in Central London.

This was the most pleasurable experience for some of the ladies had never ventured out to Central London or travelled by the tube. They were shown around the museum and were treated with English Afternoon Tea including sandwiches, fresh scones with clotted cream etc.



## Employer Visit

Another important aspect of the course was pre-employment advice, generic employability skills and signposting to vocational training, voluntary and community activities and mentoring opportunities. Keeping the needs and family obligations of most of the ladies in view, a special talk was organised at the Mosque for the ladies to learn about career opportunities (or starting their own business) in the field of Child Care and Creche facility.

Ms. Shantel Brand, who runs her own Mobile Creche / Child Care business briefed the class on how to become a trained child minder, volunteering opportunities within her company and the courses available.

The ladies showed a keen interest in working with Shantel / her company Relief Creche Care and asked her relevant questions in this regard.



## Award Ceremony

An award ceremony was held by QED Foundation on 02 June 2015 at Fairlop Waters, Essex, to acknowledge the efforts and dedication of all the ladies who participated in this project.

Once again this proved to be quite a unique and cheering experience for the Morden Mosque ladies to be transported on a specially hired coach to take them across to the other side of London never ventured before. It was a huge gathering of some 80 plus learners from across the centres in London running the same course.

A couple of learners from Morden Mosque were invited to share their experience with the audience. They spoke with such confidence making the tutors so very proud of them.



All the learners were awarded Integration Certificates by QED Foundation. Dr Mohammed Ali OBE, CEO QED Foundation, Mr Peter Ilmolelian from the Home Office and Mr Simon from European Fund awarded the certificates.

## English Speaking Board (ESB) Exam

*ESOL Skills for Life Speaking and Listening*

Exams were held at the end of week 10. 8 of the 10 ladies passed their E3 exam.

## Project Outcomes

A new community organisation with the name of The WISE Initiative, where WISE stands for Women in SOCIETAL Enterprise is formed.

After gauging the success of QED's 'Quest for Integration' project and seeing the need of such initiatives and the support needed beyond this project, that will help encourage new migrant women to train them to start their own businesses and become active members of the community.

WISE will provide training to women on how to become self-reliant and self-sufficient with a focus on societal entrepreneurship.

WISE will support teenage moms to get financial independence, female BME societies as well as female entrepreneurs. Our movement aims to help female species in the world get an efficient peer to peer training and equip them with the knowledge and skill needed in the entrepreneurial career.

A free Employability Confidence Building workshop is organised by The WISE Initiative for Q4i ladies group on July 6.

For more details please see here: <http://thewiseinitiative.com/>

## Acknowledgment

Our special thanks to The Baitul Futhu Mosque management, especially to Mr Asad Malik for providing us with the utmost support and care throughout 10 weeks of the project.

Without his unyielding support and dedication it would have not been possible to deliver this project.

It was also heartening to see how things run systematically within the mosque and how Mr Asad Malik is so keen and determined to help making a difference to his community by offering not only just the mosque space but also exploring ways and means to start new initiatives that could help the community in general and these ladies in particular.

We look forward to working with you again in future.

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