

Holistic Education in the Islamic Spirit: A 'Quest Foundation for Learning' Course for Educators with Elma Harder, Noor Iqbal, Fatima D'Oyen and Saahera Motara

Date: Saturday and Sunday 29-30 March 2008

Time: 10 am to 5 pm (both days)

***NEW Venue: The Gower School, 10 Cynthia St (near Kings Cross), London N1 1JF**

Are you looking for creative and authentic ways to Islamise your early years or primary curriculum? Would you like to gain additional insights from other professionals in the field? In response to the demand expressed by participants during our 2007 conference on 'Educating the Young Child,' we invite you to explore some of the key issues in greater depth with leading proponents of holistic Islamic education. Join the Quest Foundation for Learning and our special guests from Canada for a unique weekend of sharing knowledge, experience and practical tips for creating an Islamic ethos of teaching and learning. The course is aimed at teachers, headteachers and programme leaders of children ages 3-11 at Muslim independent or state-funded schools, nurseries, playgroups, and home education co-operatives.

Part A of the course is based on the notable book, 'Concentric Circles: nurturing awe and wonder in early learning, a foundational approach' by Elma Harder (2006). Sister Elma (B.Ed, MSc.) is co-founder of 'Sakinah Circle,' a state-funded Muslim school in Edmonton, Alberta. She and her daughter Noor Iqbal will be presenting six workshop sessions on key topics including:

*Qur'anic foundations of educational principles and practice * Sanctified Space, Sanctified Time * The 'Sakinah Circle' approach * Adapting to Learning Styles * Critiquing our Resources, Environment and Approach * Developing cross-curricular units centred around Islamic themes * Islamic perspectives on reflective practice**

Part B will be presented by the Quest Foundation for Learning team:

- ❖ *Adapting Principles and Methods of Classical Islamic Education for Today's Classrooms (Fatima D'Oyen, MA, Adv. Dipl. Ed)*
- ❖ *The World in Numbers: An Introduction to Realistic Mathematics Education (Saahera Motara, M.Sci., PGCE)*

Course fees are £95 (£75 concessions), and include:

- ❖ One copy of 'Concentric Circles' (a 287-page book, rrp £30) and additional workshop materials.
- ❖ Lunch and refreshments.
- ❖ A certificate of course participation (attendance on both days is required).

The course is limited to 30 participants and will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. A limited number of concessionary places are available. A non-refundable deposit of £50 is required to reserve a place. Those who register and pay early may request a copy of the course materials in advance. For further information, contact quest_learning@yahoo.co.uk or phone Shamaila on 07939 917104.

**To register, please complete the attached form and send it with your payment to
The Quest Foundation for Learning, Holistic Education Course, 111 Princes Ave,
Watford, WD18 7SQ, UK**

REGISTRATION FORM

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NB: Fields marked by * are required; thank you.

*Name..... *M / F

*Organisation/School

*Position *Years/ Ages taught

*Email *Phone

*Address

*Town/City *Postal Code

What do you hope to gain from the course?

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How did you hear about this course?

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Did you attend Quest's 2007 conference on 'Educating the Young Child'? Yes / No

***Payment**

- Full course fee of £95
- Non-refundable deposit of £50 (remaining balance of £45 due in cash on the day)
- I would like to receive the course materials in advance for an additional fee of £5.
- I would like to apply for the reduced concessionary rate of £75. (Please explain your circumstances below):

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- *TOTAL: £ _____

Kindly submit this form, along with your cheque made payable to 'The Quest Foundation for Learning', to arrive no later than 21 March, 2008, to:

Quest Holistic Education Course
111 Princes Ave
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Confirmation of places will be made by email on Sunday 23 March. Payment for late registration may be made by online payment or bank wire transfer if places are still available. Healthy, vegetarian meal options and refreshments will be provided. Men and women will be seated separately within the same room. For more information, contact: quest_learning@yahoo.co.uk