



DAWAH DEPARTMENT

spreading the message...



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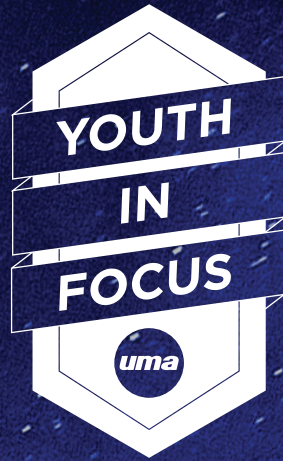
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What is the Dawah Department?

Being one of the foundation programs within the UMA, the Dawah Department, comprising of both brothers and sisters' teams was established with the vision to serve the community. To accomplish our religious duties of spreading the message of Allah and the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) within the Australian community to both Muslims and Non-Muslims, we aim to always expand, upskill and fill as many gaps as possible within the community's needs.

The Dawah Department revolves around 4 main principles:

- 1 Developing outstanding Brotherhood and Sisterhood within the UMA community.
- 2 Promoting the message of Allah and His Final Prophet to all members of society in a respectful and honest manner.
- 3 Developing zeal, passion and knowledge to become better worshippers and to support others in improving their worship.
- 4 Continuously explore opportunities for growth, development and enhancement to offer new programs to meet the demands of the community.

The Dawah Department focuses on reaching all members of the community to provide an opportunity to give back, develop a clearer perception and deliver a solid understanding of Islam for both Muslims and Non-Muslims

This has been achieved through the following...

- Developing programs and frameworks to educate others on the Islamic faith.
- Building social cohesion and a greater understanding of the authentic teachings of Islam.
- Delivering a comprehensive system of inviting and educating people about Islam.
- Working with other like-minded organisations to achieve common goals.
- Sourcing, publishing, and distributing free Islamic material.
- Meeting the needs of Muslim youth through specifically tailored programs while providing an Islamic setting that fosters learning, creativity, spirituality and fun.
- Community engagement where volunteers regularly visit Muslims of all ages to overcome social and spiritual challenges.
- Activities also include holding regular camps, family activities, including BBQs and social events, as well as participating in international educational courses.

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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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ENGAGING THE WIDER AUSTRALIAN COMMUNITY

The Community Engagement Division was established with the vision to engage the wider Australian community to build bridges, clear misconceptions and provide education about Islam using authentic sources. We achieve this through the following initiatives:

ANMA – Australian New Muslims Association

- ANMA is an avenue to provide insight, awareness and foundational education to the wider Australian Community relating to the message of Islam, it's authentic teachings, morals and a perfect way of life.
- ANMA facilitates courses throughout the year including 'Towards Understanding Islam', 'Prayer & Purification', 'In Preparation for Ramadan', 'Foundations of Islam' and more.
- Some of the services ANMA offers include Revert Support, Events, Learn to Pray, Open Mosque Days, Eid Event, Ramadan Iftars, Social Gatherings and more.
- ANMA aims to be the leading initiative offering a package of services for the Non-Muslim and Revert in Australia.

Sydney Street Dawah

- The SSD team engages the wider Australian community in various locations across Sydney including Bankstown, Revesby, Newtown, Hyde Park, Sydney City, Circular Quay, Glebe and more.
- The primary focus of the Sydney Street Dawah initiative is to convey the correct message of Islam to the public through interacting with the Australian people, developing a trust in Muslims, building bridges, removing misconceptions, and sharing accurate and authentic literature.
- Various theme days and exhibitions are held throughout the year to clarify misunderstanding on topics including Jesus, Shariah, Hajj, Halal, Women in Islam and more.

Islam's Logical Message

- The ILM initiative was established to counter the ever-increasing ideologies and movements that are affecting the Muslim community and directly attacking the Islamic identity. We recognise that the threat is present on all fronts and all walks of life.
- To counter this, ILM focuses on demographics including Primary School, High School, University, Public Sphere, Parenting & The Home and Social Media.
- Some of the strategies incorporated in ILM include training for parents & teachers, workshops/courses/conferences, publications, Islamic education, curriculums, public events, nationwide campaigns and more.

Rural Engagement Project

- R.E.P networks with Muslims in rural Australia with the aim to establish a relationship to offer our services and training as well as offering programs for the wider community including engagement with the Aboriginal community.
- Some of the activities we offer on the trips include presentations on Islam, Street Dawah, sporting competitions, Dawah training (for local Muslims), BBQs and more.

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SOCIAL SERVICES

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OVERCOMING CHALLENGES TOGETHER

In a time where social issues are rampant, Muslims are being exposed to many challenges. In a fast-moving society, where yesterday's bad is today's norm, Muslims are being swept by the wave of change and influence. We aim to offer a solution to overcome these challenges through several avenues including:

Muslim Outreach

- Outreach offers troubled Muslim youth a lifeline to improve their life and be productive Muslims in the future.
- The team mentor the youth, offering their services with flexibility to ensure the youth have an 'older brother' figure to turn to when in need for support.
- Outreach hosts a variety of activities including Masjid visits, cemetery visits, homeless runs, dinners, 4WD trips and many other activities.

Community Awareness Seminars

- CAS hosts regular events whereby we source the most suitable speakers for each social issue depending on their profession and expertise to provide the community with an insight on the existing challenges and how to deal with them.
- Covering various topics including substance abuse, gaming, social media, criminal culture, sexualisation, pornography addiction, mental health and more.
- We facilitate discussion circles during the event where brothers and sisters can further understand the topic discussed and learn from experienced facilitators.

Psychology & Counselling Services

- PACS is a free professional service offered at the UMA for the Muslim community.
- Both male and female clinicians available.
- Booking appointments necessary.

Support Network

- Offering case management and client support.
- Both brothers and sisters available.
- Managing cases across a wide range of social issues.
- Referral process with support and guidance from Mashayekh and professionals.

Chaplaincy

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BROTHERHOOD

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IT ALL BEGINS WITH THE BROTHERHOOD...

A vital aspect in one's steadfastness in their Islam is to achieve Islamic excellence in their environment and circle of friends, hence the objective of the Brotherhood Division. With the aim to facilitate this objective, we offer a variety of programs catering for brothers of all ages including:

The Hub – Brotherhood Gatherings

- The Hub is a program inviting all brothers for a platform where they can mingle and socialise with other Muslim males in the best of environments, the Masjid.
- The program comprises of a reminder delivered by Mashayekh and/or brothers followed by a split of smaller circles where brothers are able to interact, remind, or seek advice from one another in a non-judgemental environment.
- The Hub also facilitates a pathway into the Dawah Department by regularly offering intakes into the foundation courses established by the divisions.

RAHME – Recreational and Halal Muslim Entertainment

- RAHME offers Muslim males, aged 12years and over an exciting, fun and challenging program where the brothers gather every second Sunday after Fajr and participate in an activity together with the objective to strengthen the brotherhood in an Islamic, fitna-free environment.
- RAHME also offers life & Islamic skills programs teaching matters including how to find the Qiblah, determining the time of prayer, how to find water and many more important skills.
- RAHME activities include but are not limited to; swimming & hiking, kayaking, boating, archery, horse riding, escape rooms, sports and much more.

Itikaf

- Once a month, the Itikaf program is held in the UMA Masjid. This program offers a night full of spiritual uplifting, strengthening your personal connection with Allah SWT , with the Masjid and with your brothers. The program is strictly for brothers 16 years and over.

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YOUTH

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THE YOUTH ARE OUR FUTURE...

The Youth Division offers various programs and services to connect the Muslim youth to their Islamic roots. We focus primarily on instilling the Islamic identity and developing Islamic-minded youth to continue to uphold Islam, be proud of their religion and pass it on to the next generation. Some of the programs include:

Sydney Muslim Youth

- SMY program offers a fun, exciting and spiritual environment where the youth get to enjoy being around young Muslims in an Islamic environment. We focus on establishing brotherhood/sisterhood, mentoring and producing Muslims who prioritise Islam.
- The SMY is a competitive program offering various engaging activities whereby the youth are divided into teams competing for the title of season champions. Some of these activities include mentoring halaqa, sports, PlayStation, arcade games and more.
- The boys program caters for youth aged between 12-14 while the girls program focuses for youth aged between 10-13.
- Holiday programs and youth camps and just some of the additional activities offered in SMY.

Youth in Focus

- YIF was established to cater for the needs of boys aged 15-21 years. We recognised that young Muslims living through their teenage years are faced with many challenges and are exposed to much of the world.
- YIF aims to be a platform where young Muslim boys can socialise in an Islamic, relaxed & comfortable environment and share their concerns with the mentors and one another.
- Offering activities including sports, arcade games, food and more, establishing a safe haven for young Muslims for support and advice is the core of YIF.

Youth Development Program

- Islam is a religion which promotes forward thinking and that is why we have mentoring programs. We identify young Muslims who are excelling in their behaviour, education and possess traits and qualities that stand out from the crowd.
- Our vision is to produce young Muslims who think Islamically and want to serve Islam.
- Our program currently caters for youth ages 9 to 20 with the vision to start our intake at 9 years old.
- The mentoring program covers many topics including Tafseer, Fiqh Al-Seerah, Arabic, Aqeedah, History, Sociology and Policy.

Sports Competitions

We offer various sporting competitions throughout the year to attract brothers to the UMA Centre and an Islamic environment. The sports include soccer, basketball and oz-tag with competitions for both youth and adults.

Future Programs

- 9 to 11 year olds.

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TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

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The Training & Development (T&D) branch of the Dawah Department contributes greatly towards the sustainability of the programs and volunteers due to the skillsets, knowledge and experienced developed during this phase. All members of the Dawah Department begin their journey through Foundation Courses delivered by the T&D teams. The T&D teams deliver Foundation Courses which focus on developing essential knowledge and skills in participants and injects them into the Dawah Department as officially trained members who serve the community with confidence and wisdom.

Foundation Courses are held twice a year and span over 15 lessons in a 6 months period. Participants are also expected to partake in practical training within the initiatives of the chosen division. Guests' speakers are invited to deliver specialised subjects across all courses.

Currently, the Dawah Department Training & Development offers four Foundation Division:

- Community Engagement
- Mentoring
- Social Services
- Youth

PREPARING TOMORROWS DAEES...

Community Engagement

The Community Engagement Foundation Course focuses on training its participants on portraying Islam to the wider community. The content is designed to equip participants with both knowledge and tools to deliver the message of Islam in a logical/rational manner backed by evidence from the religious text. The course will empower participants to confidently engage with Non-Muslims, New Muslims and those who leave Islam in a bid to clarify misconceptions, educate on the fundamentals and develop a strong connection with Allah SWT.

Mentoring

The Mentoring Foundation Course focuses on training its participants in key areas of mentoring and communication to better serve the Dawah. Participants develop knowledge and skills that enhance one's ability to mentor while utilising emotional intelligence, negotiation skills, conflict management and resolution. Links are drawn to the teachings of the Prophet PBUH to demonstrate the Islamic discourse specific to mentoring. The knowledge and skills taught are implemented through a range of practical demonstrations and role plays giving the participants the confidence they need to mentor an individual prior to joining the Dawah Department.

Social Services

The Social Services Foundation Course encompasses a range of lessons on social issues challenging the Muslim community with the objective of developing individuals who possess the knowledge and skills to deal with these issues from an Islamic and professional perspective. Case management is introduced to participants and practical cases across a range of social issues are presented to enhance their knowledge and skills. The committee engages with professionals to deliver specific topics in the course ensuring participants are receiving quality practical content as well as relevant and current information.

Youth

The Youth Foundation Course is designed to equip participants with essential knowledge & skills when dealing with youth in the Dawah Department Youth Division. Participants are taught the importance of Youth in Islam and are introduced to Youth Psychology and primary challenges that youth face in our day and age. Participants are presented with tools necessary to enhance their ability to work with youth through theoretical and practical demonstrations. The course focuses on the importance of communication, case management as well as working in a team environment to prepare the participants for their integration into the Dawah Department.

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YOUTH EVENTS

AUSTRALIAN MUSLIM YOUTH DAY

The 'Australian Muslim Youth Day' is a biennial event to inspire and support the Australian Muslim Youth. This event aims to empower the youth through providing positive role models and presenting career opportunities to the younger generation, in the hopes that they grow and become successful members of society, with strong ties to their Muslim identity.

With over 70 professionals across a vast range of industries, university & TAFE representatives, community leaders, sports icons, food and market stalls, children's entertainment and amusement rides, this event appeals to every facet of the Muslim family.

Although this initiative is one of the youngest, its positive impact on the Muslim community ensures it is one not to be missed!

BIG YOUTH NIGHT

The BYN is biannual event to connect the Muslim youth to an Islamic environment. The event aims to establish a strong brotherhood between young Muslim boys with the hope of committing to a youth initiative at the UMA.

The BYN is held mid-year and on New Years' Eve, offering the Muslim youth an alternative environment and a safe haven to protect themselves. We offer a sports competition with prize money, halal raffles with giveaways, prayers and reminders, recreational activities, gym access, Gaming competitions, other comps, food and much more.

With hundreds of boys attending this event, the opportunity to make a change in one's life and leaving a positive impact makes the event one of it's kind.



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DAWAH DEPARTMENT BROTHERHOOD CAMPS

STRENGTHENING THE BROTHERHOOD...

UMA Brotherhood Camps

The UMA Brotherhood Camps are held twice a year, reaching out to over 400 Muslims. The aim of the camps is to revive the Muslim spirit, strengthen the brotherhood and embed the Muslim identity within the youth.

Running over three days, the camp program is packed with spiritual reminders, sporting competitions, food, social gatherings, and of course the brotherhood bond all in an Islamic environment.

For many brothers, these short camps have been life-changing.

UMA Father Son Camp

Dads are invited to bring their sons, aged between 10 and 14 years, for a few days away to spend some time quality time together away from all distractions.

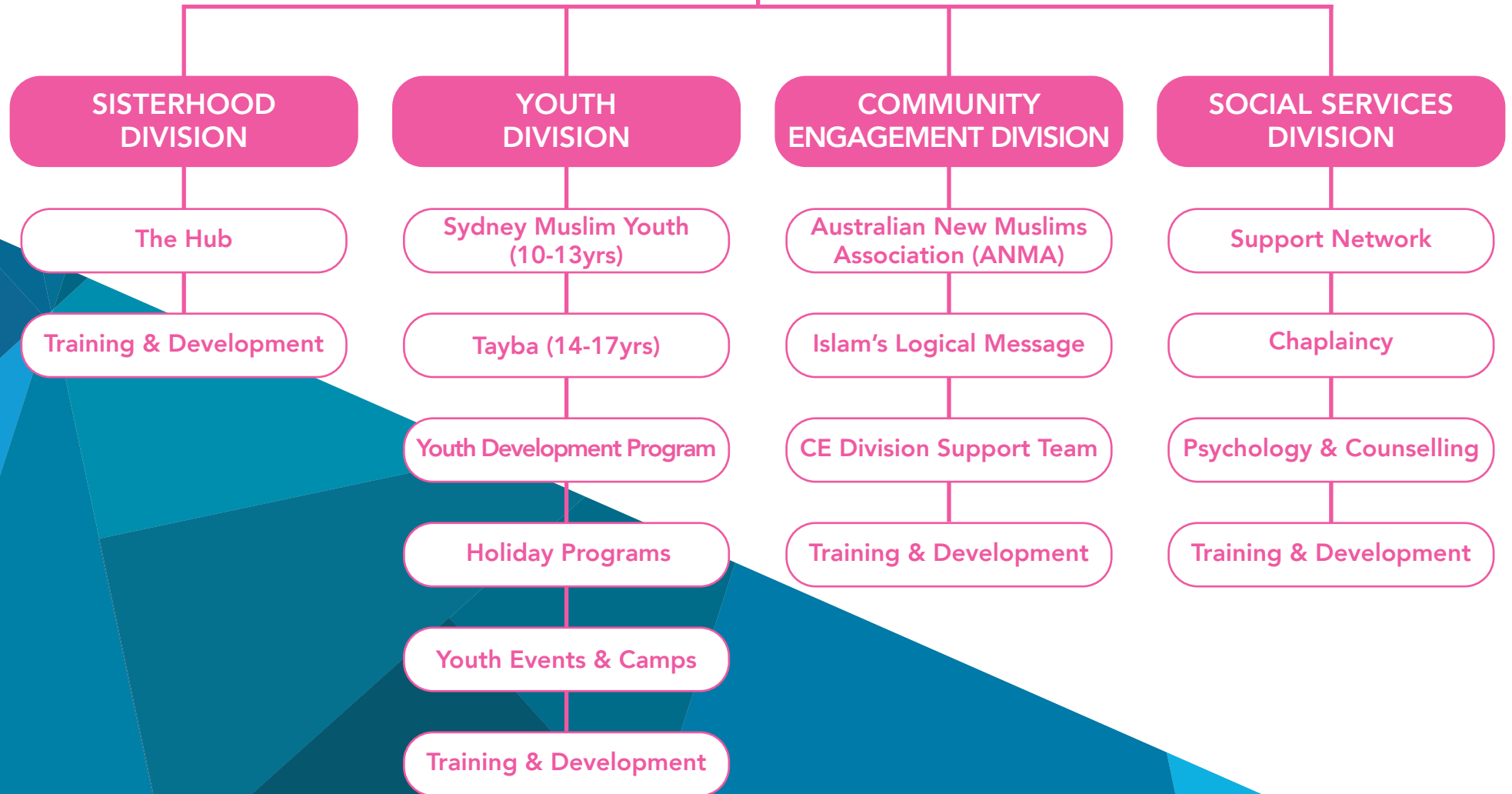
While away, fathers have the time to further develop and build their relationship with their sons while strengthening that bond they share as well. As the facilitators, we plan and organise lots of fun activities and entertainment for everyone to do together. These camps are appreciated and enjoyed because of the nurturing and friendly Islamic environment we provide.

UMA Family Camp

Being a volunteer, or having several members in the family volunteer at the centre, can at times be demanding, so a short getaway is always loved. UMA Family Camps are held once a year to help families connect and spend quality time together. These camps are dedicated to family time.

The environment at the family camp is loved by everyone because it's very relaxed yet still spiritual. It's a time where we can get away from the volunteering role and really enjoy each other's company. It's a time where new friendships are made and existing bonds are strengthened.

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