

My First Iftar Experience

Hi, my name is Lea and I started working for ACH Wolverhampton in April 2016. I am a support worker. So far the job has been a little challenging but very enjoyable.

I look forward to the next few months ahead as we expand in Wolverhampton.

On the 11th June ACH was invited to an Iftar organised by the UKIM Madina Masjid in Wolverhampton. Before receiving the invite personally, I had never heard of Iftar! It was a great experience for me to learn a little more about the month of Ramadan and the practice of fasting.

The event was organised by a group of warm and friendly Muslims to encourage and educate non-Muslims in Wolverhampton on the Islamic beliefs and practices during Ramadan. Three short presentations were made to introduce Ramadan to the guests. At 9.35pm there was the call to prayer and the fast was broken with a plate full of fresh fruit and dates. A further prayer was made by the Muslim attendees and then the main meal was served. It was delicious!

Besides the great learning experience and delicious food, the event was also a great networking opportunity for me as an ACH representative. I was able to get to know the Mosque's president, Akhmed Hussain and the event organisers. I also had the opportunity to discuss the work of ACH with Rob Marris MP and various members of Wolverhampton's City of Sanctuary group.