



UKIM NORTH ZONE AWARDS CEREMONY 2026



Celebrating Service, Leadership and Community Impact

Welcome Message

Asalamualaikum



On behalf of the UKIM North Zone, it is our great pleasure to welcome you to the UKIM North Zone Awards 2026.

This special evening has been organised to recognise and celebrate the outstanding dedication, service and achievements of individuals, volunteers and branches across the North Zone. Our communities are built on the commitment of those who give their time, energy and talents for the sake of Allah and for the betterment of society.

This year we received over 160 nominations across a wide range of categories, reflecting the incredible work taking place across our branches in areas such as youth development, community service, education, leadership and volunteering.

Tonight we honour those who have gone above and beyond in serving their communities and inspiring others through their actions.

We pray that Allah accepts the efforts of all those nominated and those who continue to serve quietly behind the scenes.

Jazakum Allahu Khairan to all our volunteers, organisers, sponsors and guests for being part of this special evening.

Muhammad Iqbal
President North Zone UKIM

About UK Islamic Mission (UKIM)



The UKIM is one of the oldest and most established Muslim organisations in the United Kingdom.

Founded in 1962, UKIM works to strengthen faith, develop leadership, support communities and contribute positively to wider society.

Through its network of branches, mosques and community centres across the UK, UKIM delivers programmes in areas including:

- Youth development and mentoring
- Education and Qur'an learning
- Community service and charitable initiatives
- Social welfare and support for vulnerable people
- Interfaith engagement and community cohesion
- Leadership development and volunteering

The North Zone brings together branches across northern England, supporting collaboration, capacity building and community initiatives that benefit thousands of people each year.

About the North Zone Awards



The UKIM North Zone Awards celebrate the individuals, volunteers, teams and branches who are making a significant contribution to their communities.

These awards aim to:

- Recognise outstanding service and dedication
- Celebrate youth achievement and leadership
- Highlight impactful community initiatives
- Encourage excellence across UKIM branches
- Inspire the next generation of volunteers and leaders

This year we received over 160 nominations from across the North Zone.

After a review process with independent judges, a number of finalists were selected, with winners announced at the awards ceremony.

Itinerary



5:00 pm – Registration & Networking

6:00 pm – Programme Begins with Qur'an recitation, welcome,

6.05pm– North Zone video

6.10pm– UKIM North Zone introduction to awards– Dr Shahzad Amin

6:15pm – Opening Awards session 1 (Youth Awards)

6:35 pm – Maghrib prayer & Starters Break

7:15 pm – Nasheed Performance Girls

7:25 pm – Awards Session 2 (Adult Individual Awards)

7:55 pm – Nasheed Performance

8:05 pm – Awards Session 3 (Branch and Team Awards)

8:50 pm – Closing Address, note of thanks and key note speech– Muhammad Iqbal – North Zone President.

9:00 pm – Group Photo

9:05 pm – Dinner Served and deserts

9:45 pm – Isha Prayer & Close



Menu



Starters (Served at 6.50pm)

- Vegetable samosa (V)
- Seekh kebab
- Chicken drumsticks

Main Course (served 9.05pm)

- Chana pilau
- Lamb karahi
- Chicken curry with palak
- Daal curry (V)
- Naan (V)
- Salad and chutney (V)

Dessert (served after main course)

- Gajar halwa (V)
- Vanilla ice cream (V)

Post-Event (served after main course and desserts)

- Pink tea to be served at the end





Award categories

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Youth Recognition Awards

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These awards recognise a number of individuals for their outstanding contributions, dedication and achievements across the North Zone.

Ali ibn Abi Talib Award for Outstanding Youth Volunteers

This award recognises young volunteers who have shown initiative, responsibility and integrity in service serving their branch and local community.

Ibn Sina Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement

This award recognises strong academic achievement at GCSE and A level exams in the summer of 2025.

Abu Huraira Award for Qur'an Hifz Completion Award

This award recognises students who have completed memorisation of the whole Qur'an in the last 12 months.



Individual (Adult) Recognition Awards

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Maryam Award for Outstanding Sisters Volunteer

This award recognises sincere, consistent and often unseen service by sisters to their local branch and community.

Bilal ibn Rabah Award for Outstanding Brothers Volunteer

This award recognises reliable and dedicated voluntary service delivered with humility and perseverance at the local branch towards the branch and local community.

Asiyah Award for Long Service Member

This award recognises individuals who have served consistently over many years, often through challenge or difficulty.

Community Ally Award for Special Recognition

This award recognises one or more individuals whose service and partnership have made a positive difference to local communities and community centres or branches, through ongoing involvement, meaningful support and strong working relationships.



Individual (Adult) Recognition Awards

A'ishah bint Abi Bakr Award for Best Teacher

This award recognises an outstanding madrassah teacher who has demonstrated exceptional commitment to teaching, nurturing students, and upholding high standards of Islamic learning and character development.

Khadijah bint Khuwaylid Award for Foundational Impact

This award honours an individual whose actions played a decisive and pioneering role in establishing, transforming or securing the future of a centre, branch or major initiative. It recognises those whose vision, courage and commitment at a critical moment created lasting benefit for the wider community.



Branch & Team Recognition Awards

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Branch & Team Recognition Awards

The following awards recognise outstanding achievement in key areas across the North Zone. Each category has one overall winner.

Umar ibn al-Khattab Award for Best Branch

This award recognises the UKIM North Zone branch that has demonstrated outstanding all-round performance over the past year — combining strong governance, fair leadership, effective management, active programming and positive community impact.

Abu Bakr Award for Best Initiative

This award recognises a standout initiative, campaign or project delivered by a UKIM North Zone branch or team that demonstrates exceptional leadership, reliability and positive impact. It celebrates creativity, teamwork and delivery excellence over the past year.

Abu Ayyub al-Ansari Award for Best iCare Team

This award recognises an iCare team that has shown outstanding compassion, responsiveness and dignity in supporting individuals and families.

Mu'adh ibn Jabal Award for Best Outreach Team

This award recognises thoughtful, respectful and knowledge-based outreach that reflects Islamic values positively and engages wider society.



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Abdullah ibn Mas'ud Award for Best Madrassah

This award recognises a madrassah or Islamic education programme that has demonstrated outstanding quality in teaching, safeguarding, curriculum delivery and student development.

Usamah ibn Zayd Award for Best Youth Team

This award recognises a youth team demonstrating leadership, responsibility and trust in planning and delivering activities making an impact locally within their branch and community.

Asma' bint Abi Bakr Award for Best Sisters Team

This award recognises a sisters' team that has shown initiative, resilience and leadership in serving women, families and the wider community.



Judging Process & Panel

Independent Judging Panel

- 3 independent Judges

Process

- All single award categories were reviewed independently
- Judges assessed nominations against clear criteria
- Each category was shortlisted to 3 finalists
- A final winner was selected through careful deliberation

Our Approach

- Fair
- Transparent
- Consistent

Acknowledgements



We would like to express our sincere thanks to everyone who made this event possible.

Our gratitude goes to:

- All nominees and finalists
- Volunteers and organisers
- UKIM branches across the North Zone
- Our sponsors and supporters
- The judging panel
- Our guests and community members

Your dedication and service continue to strengthen our communities and inspire future generations.

“The best of people are those who are most beneficial to others.”



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