

Newsletter

A welcome from Dr. Abdalla Mohamed OBE – Chairman and Operations Director



Dear Reader,

I am delighted to introduce this first edition of the Onyx Link Foundation newsletter. We intend to make it a regular publication and to use it to keep you in touch with news and developments.

If you have ideas on what you would like to see included in our newsletter, then please let us know. In the meantime, I hope you enjoy this first edition.



If you're reading this newsletter, you'll already know about our brand-new website! Here at the Onyx Link Foundation (OLF), we've all been working hard to make it something special.

What are the benefits of the new website?

- It lets you know about the OLF in depth - Click 'About Us'
- If you want to know the work we do – Click on the 'OLF Model' to find out more
- It brings people together and focuses on how 'we' can make a difference – Click on 'Our Programmes'

Here's what Magdi had to say about the website...

"I'm really excited about our new website. When we started creating it, our goal was to provide our readers with information about what we do at the Onyx Link Foundation. We have tried to make it as user friendly as possible and we hope you agree. A lot of hard work has gone into creating the website, and I would like to thank our amazing staff who donated their time and energy to make this site what it is. I hope you enjoy our website as much as we do."



"And, who is Magdi?" I hear you say!

Well, before we go any further, we think it would be nice for you to meet the people who work at the OLF. So, in no particular order, here's the team!

- **Ibrahim Yassin** – IT Extraordinaire (That's what we call him but Ibrahim's professional job title is IT Advisor).
- **Dr. Abdalla Mohamed OBE** – The Sage (Also professionally known as the Chairman and Operations Director)
- **Hager Jacksa** – The Multi Task Master (Puts her hand to anything as our Volunteer)
- **Magdi Ibrahim** – The God Father (Oversees the office and is also known as the Managing Director)
- **Jen Buss** – The Juggler (Supporting the team as the OLFs Administrator)
- **Sadia Qamar** – Super Woman (Sadia works her socks off as our HR Manager)

TEAM WORK

EVENTS

Want to know more about who works at the OLF? Today Magdi Ibrahim, Managing Director is under the spotlight.



We like to get involved with what's happening and we've already attended some great events this year.

- 22nd March 2017 – Inter-Faith Network for the UK Practitioners Day Event, Bristol.
- 12th -13th July 2017 - Inter-Faith Symposium at the University of Wales, Trinity Saint David.
- 20th July 2017 - Peace Mala International Inter-Faith Liturgy for World Peace at Llandaff Cathedral Wales UK.

Featured Story

We are working in partnership with many groups and organization and we recently joined the Coffee and Laughs group at Community House, Eton Road, Newport. Community House is a Christian centre where people of all faiths and cultures are welcome. It is dedicated to encouraging caring both in individuals and communities and to developing peace, reconciliation, and renewal.



Q. How long have you worked at the OLF?

A. “We originally set up the business in 2011 under the name Khadijah Ltd. In 2015, we changed the name to ‘The Onyx Link Foundation’.”

Q. What made you decide on the name The Onyx Link Foundation?

A. “The Onyx is a family of gemstones which are diverse in shape and color, and has a long history of use in jewellery and ornamentation. Despite its many variations, Onyx is a valuable, precious stone of one origin. Mirroring our namesake, the Onyx Link Foundation recognises and celebrates the variations and multitude differences in our communities and between people, and we seek to link them all together into a valuable whole.”



Q. We all know you like a cup of coffee. How many cups do you drink a day?

A. “I do enjoy coffee and I probably drink more than I should!”



Press Release

We published our first press release on “Challenging Radical Ideology” in August 2017 titled “What does Islam have to do with it?” It is on our website!

Future press releases are planned, so please keep visiting the website for updates.

We would like to say a big **THANK YOU** to Marilyn Priday and Ingrid Wilson for making us feel so welcome during our visit. We think they do an amazing job in helping communities come together. Their support whilst working with us has been superb!

We'd love to hear from you!

Do you have a question or a view you would like to share? If so, please contact us at info@onyxlinkfoundation.org

