



Muslim Sisters of Éire

Community Activity Newsletter

January – July 2026

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This newsletter brings together all activities conducted by Muslim Sisters of Éire across our Dublin, Limerick and Cork branches between January and April 2026. From interfaith iftars and cultural outings to youth clubs and professional training, each branch has been working tirelessly to serve, connect and empower communities across Ireland.

MSOÉ Dublin Branch

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Cultural Outing — Chester Beatty Library

28th January 2026

On Wednesday 28th January, Muslim Sisters of Éire organised a wonderful cultural outing to the Chester Beatty Library in Dublin, bringing together women from the community to explore one of Ireland's most treasured collections of manuscripts and sacred texts.

The tour began in the library's cinema with a short film on the life of Sir Alfred Chester Beatty, followed by a visit to the Manuscripts of the Mind exhibition and the Sacred Texts gallery — home to ancient and early Islamic manuscripts alongside writings from Christianity, Buddhism and Hinduism. The group then gathered at the Silk Road Café for refreshments and conversation.

We were also delighted to meet Dr Moya Carey, Curator of Islamic Collections, and look forward to an ongoing partnership for future community visits and reading-room sessions.



World Hijab Day 2026

1st February 2026

For the first time ever, MSOÉ celebrated World Hijab Day simultaneously across all three branches — Dublin, Limerick and Cork. The Dublin event brought Muslim and non-Muslim women together for a day of awareness, education and celebration, promoting understanding of the hijab as a symbol of faith, identity and empowerment.



Better Together - Sisters Iftaar

28th February 2026

On Saturday 28th February, MSOÉ hosted a Ladies Dinner Gala at the Hilton Charlemont, bringing together 74 women and 3 children for an evening of sisterhood, celebration, and fellowship. The evening unfolded smoothly from welcome to dinner service. The gathering fostered genuine connection among attendees, providing a warm and inclusive space for meaningful conversation, networking, and relationship-building. Overall, the evening served as a positive reminder of the strength and joy that comes when women come together to celebrate community.



United for Gaza - Iftaar

7th March 2026

On Saturday 7th March, MSOÉ hosted the United for Gaza Fundraising Iftar at the Hilton Charlemont, bringing together 120 attendees for an evening of solidarity, advocacy, and charitable giving in support of the people of Gaza.

The event featured a four-course meal and a charity auction, enriched by six exceptional speakers.

TD Richard Boyd Barrett spoke on advocacy and solidarity, while Palestinian journalist **Abubaker Abed** from Deir al-Balah offered a moving account of life on the ground. **Faress Arafat**, a trauma nurse from Al Shifa Hospital, shared the harrowing realities of providing medical care under conflict. They were joined by **Fatin Al Timimi** of the IPSC, **Niall O'Keefe** of the Irish Red Cross, and activist **Claire Molloy**, who brought further humanitarian and firsthand insight.

The evening raised an outstanding €41,000 for Ummah Welfare Trust, an organisation operating a 100% donations policy. The generosity of attendees, combined with the powerful testimonies shared, demonstrated the strength of collective action. The event successfully raised awareness, inspired giving, and served as a powerful reminder of what a community can achieve when united for a just cause.



MGOÉ

Youth Department of MSOÉ

Youth Club — Cooking Up a Storm!

15th February 2026

On Sunday 15th February, the Youth Club had a full house as both the Junior group (ages 7–12) and Senior group (ages 12+) came together for a special combined cooking session. The room quickly transformed into a live MasterChef set as young members rolled up their sleeves to prepare homemade pizzas, cupcakes and brownies.

Working in teams, the young people measured ingredients, kneaded dough and decorated their creations with plenty of laughter along the way. The session ended with everyone sitting together to enjoy the results; the pizza earned a unanimous 10 out of 10!



Revert Support Gathering

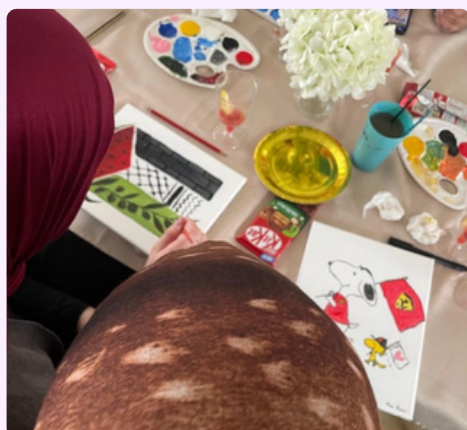
22nd February 2026

On Sunday 22nd February, MGOÉ hosted a Revert Sisters event focused on connection, learning and support. The small group of sisters engaged in Quran translation, discussions on women in Islam and Salah, and welcomed the introduction of a buddy system for ongoing support. The afternoon ended with handing out our revert packs and deep gratitude, highlighting the vital need for safe spaces where revert sisters – even those who had embraced Islam years ago – can share their struggles and belong.

Sip and Paint

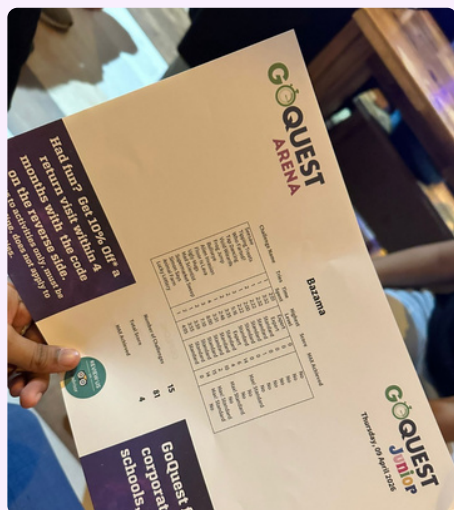
February 2026

MSOÉ's Youth Department hosted a relaxed and creative Sip & Paint session with the senior members of our youth group, offering them a meaningful space to connect, reflect, and support one another. The young people painted freely from a blank canvas while enjoying mocktails and snacks, creating a warm, welcoming and expressive atmosphere.



Spring Break Fun — Easter Holiday Programme

8th, 9th & 12th April 2026



What a week! From bouncing off the walls to testing our teamwork and going for gold, our Easter break lineup delivered. The action started on April 8th and 9th with Jumpzone – energy, air, and non-stop laughter. On April 12th, we moved indoors for GoQuest, where puzzles and friendly competition took centre stage. We wrapped up with Olympic Day back at the youth club, running, jumping, and cheering each other on like true champions.

A huge thank you to every child who showed up with enthusiasm and spirit. You made this break unforgettable.



Clay, Chat & Chill

14th June 2026

From molding clay to making new mates, our "Clay, Chat & Chill" evening delivered exactly what it promised.

The older girls got their hands dirty shaping little clay figurines, chatting away the whole time about everything and nothing. No pressure, no experience needed, just good vibes and a bit of mess.

A huge thank you to everyone who came along with an open mind and easy energy.

Kid's Summer Adventures

1st July - 5 July 2026

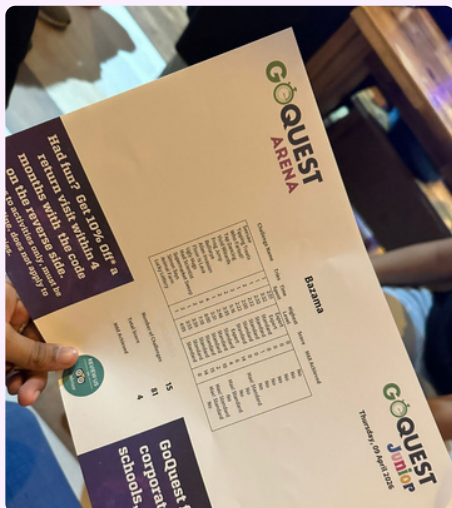
What an incredible time we had together on our Kids Summer Adventures! From feeding giraffes and exploring Dublin Zoo, to horse riding and zip-lining through the trees, to cheering each other on at sports day — this summer had it all.

The action started with a wild day out at Dublin Zoo, getting up close with the animals and soaking in the sun. We kept the adventure going with horse riding and zip-lining through the trees, testing our nerve and having a blast doing it. We wrapped things up with Sports Day, running, jumping, and cheering each other on like true champions.



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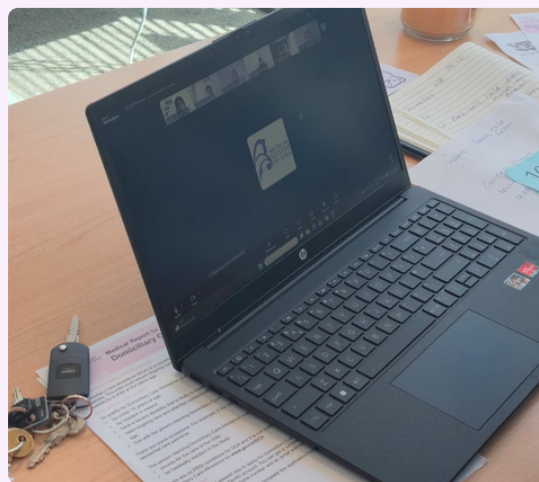
Cultural Awareness Training for EXTERN Ireland

21st April 2026 | Facilitators: Lorraine & Hafsa

MSOÉ Dublin delivered a Cultural Awareness Training session for staff of EXTERN Ireland. Lorraine shared powerful insights drawn from the lived experiences of women and children who use MSOÉ services, offering a first-hand perspective on their needs and challenges.

Hafsa then guided staff through practical strategies to enhance cultural awareness, address unconscious bias, and respond more effectively in real-world scenarios.

Together, the training fostered a deeper, more empathetic understanding of how to support vulnerable individuals with dignity and respect.



School Visit — St Joseph's College, Lucan

23rd April 2026

MSOÉ Dublin's Vice Chair visited St Joseph's College in Lucan for an engaging and warmly received session with a group of students. The visit forms part of MSOÉ's ongoing school outreach programme, promoting diversity, inclusion and intercultural understanding among young people across Dublin.

Multi-Cultural Family Fun Day

29th May 2026

An afternoon of food, fun, and community spirit

MSOÉ's Multicultural Family Funday took place on 29 May 2026, bringing families together for an afternoon filled with food, activities, and joyful connection. After Jummaḥ at 1:30 pm, guests enjoyed a lively programme from 2–6 pm, featuring food stalls, henna, face painting, and a bouncy castle — all creating a warm, welcoming space for families to meet, relax, and celebrate together.



Garda Memorial Day

16th May 2026

Honouring service, sacrifice, and the families who carry their legacy

MSOÉ was honoured to attend the Garda Memorial Day, a moving ceremony dedicated to the 90 Gardaí who lost their lives in the line of duty. The event included wreath-laying, moments of silence, and interfaith prayers, offering a powerful reflection on unity, service, and sacrifice.

Meeting the families of those who served was deeply humbling. Their strength, dignity, and enduring love will always be remembered, and the day stood as a poignant reminder of the courage and commitment shown by those who protect our communities. A solemn and heartfelt tribute to those who gave everything.



Community Advisory Group – Chester Beatty

20th May 2026



MSOÉ was honoured to join the inaugural Community Advisory Group meeting at the Chester Beatty, where representatives from diverse communities came together to explore how museums and cultural spaces can become more inclusive, accessible, and community-centred. The discussion reflected a genuine commitment to listening to community voices and building meaningful partnerships.

It was inspiring to contribute to conversations that support diversity, heritage, and belonging in Ireland. The openness in the room and the shared vision for collaborative change made the session especially impactful.

Visit to the Palestinian Embassy

2nd June 2026

We were honoured to receive an invitation from the Palestinian Ambassador to Ireland, Jilan Wahba Abdalmajid, to visit and discuss our work in detail. She had heard so much about Muslim Sisters of Éire and expressed how inspired she was by the work we do.

It was a beautiful and meaningful morning, giving us the opportunity to speak in depth about our initiatives — especially our youth department. We were delighted to have our youth leaders present, and it was incredibly powerful to hear their perspectives and contributions.

A huge thank you to Ambassador Jilan Wahba Abdalmajid for her time, warmth, and support. Moments like these remind us why the work we do matters.



Women's Activities - Starting back again!

July 2026

We're back again with our weekly women's activities! This month brought a coffee morning, a self-care morning, and two weeks of poetry and creative writing.

The women came together to share ideas, hopes, and the activities they'd love to see in the months ahead. Together, we planned an exciting programme based on what they asked for, including hiking, creative writing, poetry, swimming, and crochet classes. Most importantly, this remains a safe and welcoming space where every woman is valued, every voice is heard, and meaningful friendships can grow.

We're so excited for the journey ahead and can't wait to see this community continue to grow and flourish.



Women and Girl's Swim Sessions

July 2026



Our weekly swim sessions continue to be a favourite, bringing the women together for fun, fitness, and a bit of well-deserved "me time."

Each week, the pool becomes a space to relax, build confidence, and enjoy some laughs with familiar faces and new ones. From beginners finding their feet to strong swimmers pushing themselves further, everyone is welcomed and encouraged just as they are.

MSOÉ

Outreach Work

Homeless Outreach Work

Ongoing Activities

Serving Our Community, One Friday at a Time

For over a decade, Muslim Sisters of Éire has shown up for Dublin's homeless community every single Friday — rain or shine, without fail. What started as a simple act of compassion has grown into a steady, trusted presence on the streets, built on consistency and genuine care for every person we meet. Each week, our team sets up to welcome anyone who needs support — offering a warm meal, a friendly face, and dignity to people from all walks of life. Over the years we've come to know many of the faces who return week after week, and we've welcomed countless new ones too. No two Fridays look the same, but the mission never changes.

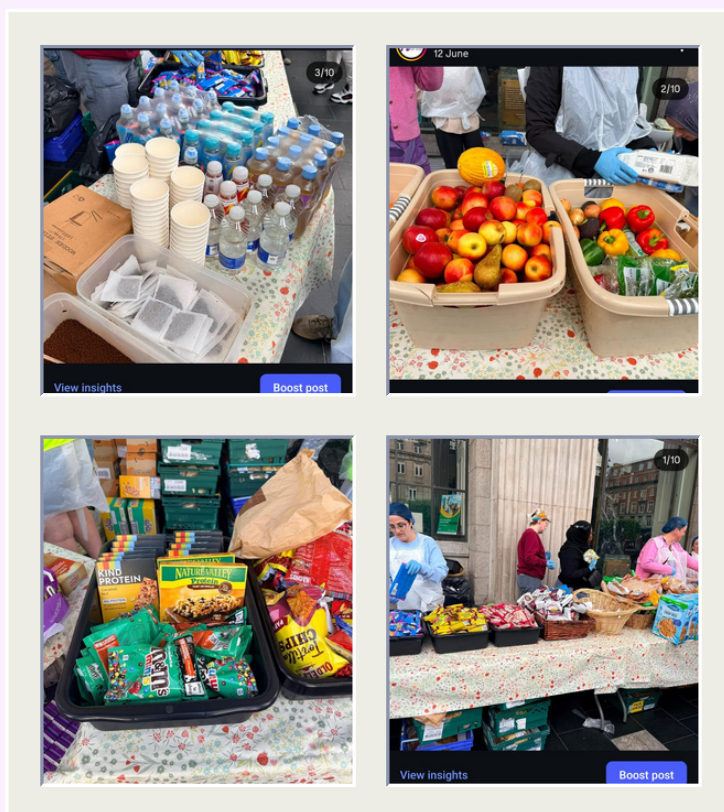
In just the past six months alone, our impact speaks for itself:

- **8,500** hot meals served
- **1,200** food hampers distributed
- **480** hygiene packs handed out
- **180** referrals made to vital support services

Behind every one of these numbers is a real person — someone who left with a full stomach, clean essentials, or a pathway toward the help they need. We keep a detailed record of everything we provide, not just to track our progress, but to make sure every donation and every hour of volunteer time is being put to the best possible use.

None of this would be possible without our incredible volunteers. Week in and week out, they give their time, energy, and hearts to this work — and it shows. Their dedication is the quiet engine behind everything we do.

Ten-plus years in, our commitment hasn't wavered: every Friday, we'll be there.



MSOÉ Limerick Branch

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From January to July 2026, Muslim Sisters of Éire Limerick hosted a vibrant series of community-centred events that brought people together through learning, creativity, culture and celebration.

Coffee Morning — “Me Time”

January 2026

The year opened with a well-attended coffee morning featuring a local councillor and psychotherapist speaking on the importance of taking “me time.” Zita beautifully complemented the session by sharing Islamic perspectives on self-compassion and gentleness.

The morning ended with a lively ice-breaker that helped attendees connect and get to know one another in a warm and welcoming setting.



World Hijab Day Celebration

1st February 2026

February brought incredible energy and colour to Limerick. At Istabraq Hall we celebrated World Hijab Day with an outstanding turnout from both the Muslim and wider community. Many women tried on hijabs for the first time, asked thoughtful questions, and enjoyed free henna and refreshments. The event created meaningful dialogue and fostered understanding across communities.



Fun Fact! MSOÉ Limerick

Even though it is a well-established community group, MSOÉ Limerick was only founded in **2024**. Despite being quite new, they are already making a significant impact by running activities like Family Fun Days, Women's Wellbeing Mornings, and Mother and Toddler groups!

Dua Board-Making Workshop

13th February 2026

A cosy pre-Ramadan workshop where participants reflected on meaningful duas, decorated their boards, and enjoyed tea, coffee and refreshments in a warm, intimate setting. The workshop offered a moment of mindfulness and spiritual preparation ahead of the blessed month.



Pure Limerick Festival — Henna Stall

22nd February 2026

MSOÉ Limerick volunteers participated in the Pure Limerick Festival at the Hunt Museum, offering free henna tattoos to visitors throughout the day. This vibrant presence introduced the organisation to many new community members and showcased Muslim cultural traditions in a joyful, accessible way.



Ramadan Potluck Dinner

6th March 2026

In March, we welcomed a large gathering for our interfaith iftar at the UL Access Campus. Community members and guests from diverse backgrounds came together to share food, traditions, and stories from around the world. The evening created a heartfelt sense of unity and strengthened bonds during the blessed month of Ramadan.



Spring Festival

10th April 2026

We closed the season with a colourful Spring Festival featuring a variety of stalls offering exquisite products and delicious food, alongside a lively cake-decorating competition with six outstanding entries. All participants generously donated their cakes for auction. Families enjoyed face painting, popcorn and candyfloss, making it a joyful and memorable day for all who attended.

Coffee Morning

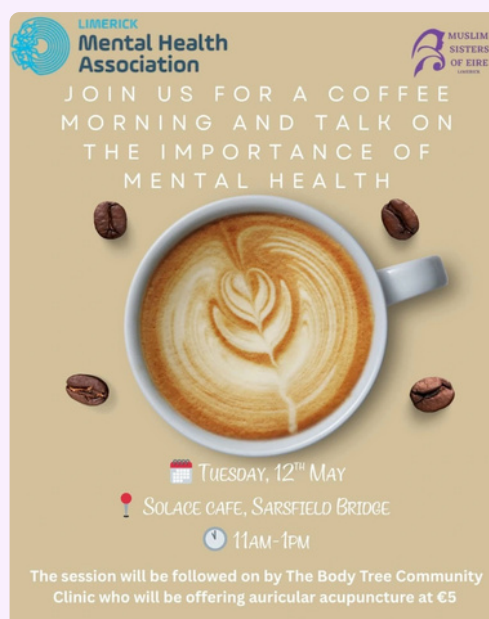
12th May 2026

A gentle space for connection, wellbeing, and community care. MSOÉ Limerick, in collaboration with the Limerick Mental Health Association, hosted a cosy and meaningful Coffee Morning at Solace Café, where women gathered to enjoy a warm cuppa and hear from an experienced professional about the importance of mental health and wellbeing. After the discussion, the Body Tree Community Clinic offered auricular acupuncture, adding a calming element of care and relaxation to the morning.

Henna Night — Eid Preparation

18th March 2026

Our Limerick Branch hosted a special Henna Night for the ladies of the community in preparation for Eid. Our talented volunteers offered beautiful henna designs, filling the room with joy, warmth and festive spirit. The atmosphere was full of excitement, and the evening added a meaningful and memorable touch to the Eid celebrations this year.



Multicultural Fest

31st May 2026

MSOÉ Limerick's Multicultural Fest, celebrating Eid, was nothing short of incredible. From India to Pakistan, Somalia to Brazil, Palestine to Ireland — our stalls represented the beautiful diversity of our community, all in one vibrant space.

We were honoured to welcome Cllr Azad Talukder, representing Mayor John Moran, who joined us in celebrating this wonderful occasion.

3 Bridges Walk

11th June 2026

Our community walks stronger when we walk together. We joined historian Sharon Slater for our Three Bridges Walk, exploring Limerick's stories side by side.

Coffee Morning & Board Games

7th July 2026

At the MSOÉ office space, we had a fabulous turnout for our Coffee Morning with Board Games. Between laughs over Uno and 5 Second Rule, mindful colouring, jigsaws, and chats over a cuppa, the room was full of joy and connection. With summer in full swing, a few kids even joined in the fun

2 Year Anniversary

23rd June 2026

On the 23rd of June, we celebrated 2 years of MSOÉ Limerick, and what a milestone it was to mark. We were absolutely delighted with the turnout and the incredible interest from women eager to volunteer, support our work, and join our growing MSOÉ Limerick family.

Our celebration opened with a heartfelt welcome from our co-ordinator, Sarah, followed by a presentation from our chairperson, Shabnam, reflecting on the past two years of community, creativity, and compassion. We are so proud to share the amazing work our volunteers have done, and even more grateful to have some of them with us on the day.

From humble beginnings to a thriving community hub, these past two years have been a true testament to what women can build when they come together with purpose and heart. Here's to many more years of growth, connection, and impact.

Neurographic Art for Beginners

16th June 2026

We stepped into creativity and calm with our Neurographic Art for Beginners session, led by Attera Nazeer. A guided practice blending mindfulness, neural activation, and artistic flow — perfect for beginners.



Special Highlight!



MSOÉ Cork Branch

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MSOÉ Cork is a dynamic and growing branch committed to supporting and empowering the local Muslim community through outreach, youth activities, wellbeing initiatives and charity events.

Ramadan Market

30th January 2026

MSOÉ Cork hosted a vibrant Ramadan Market celebrating culture, creativity and community. Free stalls were made available to local community groups, creatives and individuals, creating a festive atmosphere that welcomed people from all backgrounds to experience the spirit of Ramadan together.

Ramadan Preparation Session

Early 2026

MSOÉ Cork hosted a special Ramadan preparation session with guest speaker Hamza Belfedhal, bringing youth boys and girls together for an afternoon of reflection, learning and spiritual renewal. The session provided a faith-centred space for young people to reconnect with their faith and prepare their hearts for Ramadan with purpose and intention, reinforcing MSOÉ Cork's commitment to nurturing faith, identity and community among young people.



Basant Festival 2026

4th July 2026

MSOÉ Cork volunteers were delighted to be a part of the Basant Festival 2026. It was a wonderful day of community, culture and connection. Our volunteers enjoyed supporting the event, meeting people from diverse backgrounds and contributing to such a vibrant celebration.



World Hijab Day 2026

February 2026

Cork joined the nationwide MSOÉ World Hijab Day celebrations, marking the first time all three branches hosted simultaneous events across Ireland. The Cork event brought together Muslim and non-Muslim women for a day of awareness, education and dialogue, celebrating the hijab as a symbol of faith, choice and identity.



Coffee, Cake and Sisterhood

25th April 2026

A huge thank you to everyone who joined our Cork team at our beautiful Coffee Morning! It was truly heartwarming to see such a strong sense of sisterhood — from meaningful conversations and laughter, to fun Kahoot games and creative floral spring crafts. The atmosphere reflected the beauty of the season and the strength of our growing community.

MSOÉ Carlow Branch

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First Introductions

May 2026

We had our very first training session with a group of incredible women in Carlow to begin setting up our new branch there.

Big things are on the horizon - so keep an eye on our website and their Instagram for updates!



Coffee Morning

22nd July 2026

Coffee Morning in Carlow — and what a lovely first event it was! A warm and welcoming space for the women to come together, chat, and get to know one another over a cuppa.

Here's to the first of many gatherings for our newest MSOÉ Carlow community.

Thank You to All Our Volunteers & Supporters

The activities in this newsletter are made possible only through the extraordinary dedication of our volunteers across Dublin, Limerick and Cork. From soup runs in the rain to henna nights filled with laughter, every single act of service matters deeply. If you would like to volunteer, donate or get involved, please visit msoe.ie or email muslimsisterofeire@gmail.com.