

# CORPORATE BROCHURE



ISLAMIC COMMUNITY  
MILLÎ GÖRÜŞ



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*“And let there be [arising] from you a group of people inviting to [all that is] good, enjoining what is right and forbidding what is wrong, and those will be the successful.”*

*(Surah ‘Āli ‘Imrān, 3:104)*



## PREFACE



Dear Friends,

IGMG Islamic Community Millî Görüş acts on the principle of "I love the created for the Creator's sake" and is a religious community which calls for promoting charity and good deeds and which adopts the principle of serving all of humanity. Our community exerts effort to serve in charity, self-sacrifice, unity, solidarity and justice, adopting as a principle the hadith of our Prophet (pbuh), "The most beneficent of people is the one who is beneficial for the people" and hopes to earn Allah's approval.

Spreading its activities worldwide since its establishment, our community desires to increasingly continue its services in many European countries and the Balkans as well as in Australia, Japan, the USA, Turkey, Kyrgyzstan and Canada with 40 regional units, 3 of which being enterprising units, 640 communities and 2440 branches. Our community, in this context, is an organization which spreads its services day by day in primarily religious, educational, cultural and social fields.

On the other hand, starting from the awareness that we cannot be a mere spectator in front of the events in the world as a requirement of religion, our community acts with the effort to eliminate the violation of rights, defence of justice and spreading human services for the oppressed and the aggrieved.

We believe that you will be able to witness our services and goals closely with this advertising catalogue that we have prepared and we expect support from you, dear friends, in our activities.

With salam and love, and regards...

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Kemal Ergün | President



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# ISLAMIC COMMUNITY MILLÎ GÖRÜŞ

## WHO ARE WE?

Islamic Community Millî Görüş (IGMG) is an Islamic community that gives comprehensive religious, social and cultural services. In this respect, our community presents various activities with the purpose of teaching, learning, introducing and practicing Islam and transmitting it to future generations, while fulfilling Islamic duties. IGMG represents its members in social, cultural and political areas, deals with all kinds of matters of Muslims, and carries out activities necessary for managing their living conditions and ensuring protection of their basic rights.

Quran and Sunnah are the fundamental sources which are decisive in IGMG's understanding of Islam. In social and individual frameworks, Islam is a religion whose influence does not

end when one exits the mosque and which, imposes a personal and social responsibility on believers regarding certain moral principles in all walks of their lives. IGMG has a perception that practicing Islam should be experienced not according to certain regional or cultural traditions but to the Quranic criteria and Sunnah of our Prophet (pbuh), which considers variety in religious practices based on religious proofs (Quran, Sunnah, Ijma and Qiyas) as richness for religious and social life. Our members see themselves as basic elements of the society with which they live without neglecting the importance of keeping relations alive with their homeland. With the awareness of this, IGMG considers itself responsible regarding the peace and welfare of the societies in which it carries out activities. IGMG, being a part of

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the Islamic ummah at the same time, accepts responsibility, itself, to act sensibly regarding any problem faced by the ummah.

IGMG sides with the oppressed and the aggrieved with cognition of the responsibility for all mankind and encourages the improvement of basic human virtues such as good deeds and solidarity in opposing all kinds of oppression. This takes place within the midst of the search for solutions to the economic, political and social problems that people find themselves in the middle, and calls for a dialogue for exchanging ideas with political and social institutions in an effort to derive solutions for these problems. Acting with the Prophetic principles "Compete in doing good, and devotion to Allah," "The most beneficent of people

is the one who is beneficial to the people," and "Make things easy, not hard" our organization wishes to take these points, rather than controversial ones, as a shared basis, in social relations.

In the religion of Islam, there are collective obligations as well as individual ones and some can only be performed collectively. In parallel with this, protection of the poor and the aggrieved, struggling against injustice, elimination of evil by spreading goodness, and performing all kinds of social relations on the basis of justice renders necessary a collective effort, thus forming a community. The necessity of being a community also became an incentive factor in Muslims' gathering under the roof of IGMG in Europe.









## FELLOWSHIP AND SOLIDARITY DAY

Our programs of "Fellowship and Solidarity Day" where love, respect, fellowship and solidarity are consolidated has now become a tradition which brings together tens of thousands of IGMG lovers.



## MEANING OF THE PHRASE “MILLÎ GÖRÜŞ”

According to Islamic belief, all human beings originate from Adam (pbuh), the first human being and prophet, and Eve, his spouse. Since Adam (pbuh) onwards, Allah (jj) sent prophets and books in order to show the right path to the mankind. As a ring in this chain of prophets, Abraham (pbuh) is the ancestor of followers of the belief in the unity of Allah (monotheist belief). In this respect, the name of our organization makes direct reference to Abraham (pbuh). The word “millî” derives from the word “millah” as a Quranic concept. Following verses are sources for usage of this concept (millah of Abraham) which is frequently cited in many places in the Holy Quran: Surah Nahl verse 123,

Surah Al-i ‘Imran verse 95, Surah Nisa verse 125.

According to the Holy Quran, millah describes a community which believes in a prophet and gathers together around the values, ideals and practices brought by that prophet.

Therefore, the phrase “Millî Görüş” that describes the organization must be understood as a world view of an Islamic community, which accepts itself as belonging to the millah of Abraham (pbuh) in terms of outlook and belief and follows the path of Mohammed (pbuh), as an endeavour for peace of mankind.

## HISTORICAL DEVELOPMENT OF IGMG

In the 1960s, millions of Muslims from Turkey as well as other countries immigrated to Europe in order to work in Germany and other European countries. From the beginning of the 1970s, workers of Turkish origin gathered in small masjids in which they would perform prayer by grouping small communities. When coming to the 1980s, these small communities established regional units and federations by congregating. It became necessary for these organizations to establish a “head office” in order to fulfil various religious obligations such as carrying out mosque constructions, hajj and umrah organizations, procurement and education of officials like imams and those responsible for guidance. Faced with these necessities, Islamic Community Millî Görüş, was established in 1995, and outlined various programs according to social realities throughout the process

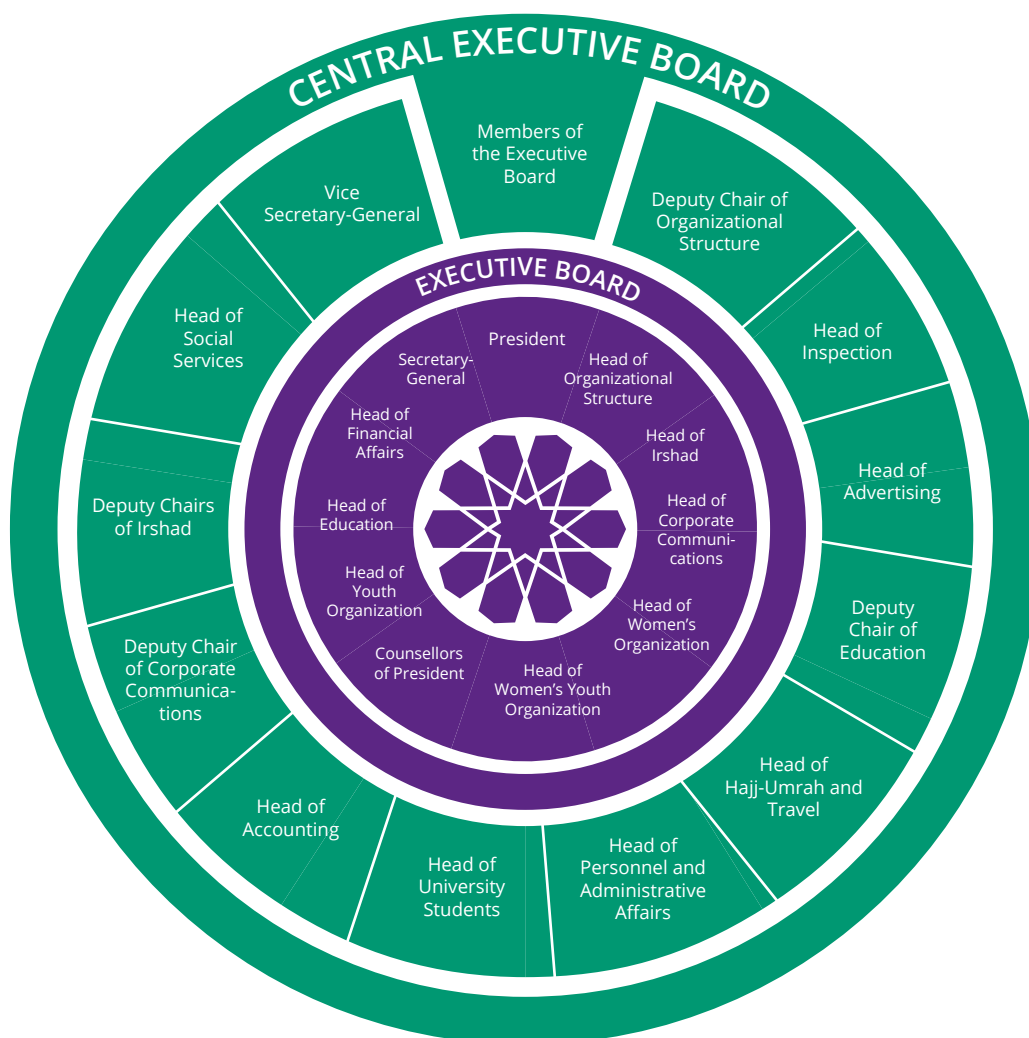
which was shaped by economic and social developments in its time. Today, IGMG has obtained its place among the biggest non-governmental organizations in Europe, increasing in the number of regions, branches and members to which it delivers services through activities carried out in the framework of these plans and programs. As an organization that serves young and old alike, IGMG has 2440 branches today, including Women’s Organization, Youth Organization, University Students and Women’s Youth Organization. Being a long-established organization that serves in many European countries as well as in Australia, Japan, the US, Turkey, Kyrgyzstan and Canada, continues its services non-stop with 40 regional units, 3 of which are enterprising ones, and over 500 thousand members in total, including around 20 thousand managers and 170 thousand members.

## STRUCTURE OF HEAD OFFICE

The Executive Board is the highest decision-making and administrative body, which assembles under the chairmanship of the President, consisting of the Counsellors of the President and nine heads of division including Secretary-General, Head of Organizational Structure, Head of Financial Affairs, Head of Irshad, Head of Education, Head of Corporate Communications, Head of Women's Organization and Head of Youth Organization, and Head of Women's Youth Organization. Central Executive Board is responsible for carrying out the decisions taken by the Executive Board within the statutory rules and orders. It includes Secretary-General, deputy

chairs of Organizational Structure, Irshad, Education and Corporate Communications, Head of Social Services, Head of Hajj-Umrah and Travel, Head of Advertising, Head of Accounting, Head of Personnel and Administrative Affairs, Head of Inspection and Head of University Students as well as the heads of divisions attending the Executive Board.

IGMG divisions are constituted in terms of activities served in different fields and for different audiences; mentioned divisions sustain activities in cooperation with sub-divisions formed within their own body.







## IGMG HEAD OFFICE

The works carried out by the Islamic Community Millî Görüş are coordinated by the Head Office located in Cologne.





# IGMG Head Office

## Regions



## ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

According to their respective tasks, services of the IGMG are either offered by the central administration or by the regional or local communities. The smallest units of our religious community are the local mosques. They provide basic necessities for the daily religious practices as well as comprehensive religious services. Beyond that, they serve not only for carrying out several educational and social activities but also meeting specific needs of target groups related to the Women's, Youth and Women's Youth departments.

The IGMG maintains its organizational services in Germany, France, Switzerland, Italy, Austria, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, the Netherlands, Belgium and the UK, as well as in Canada, Australia, Japan, Turkey, Kyrgyzstan and the US.

The local communities are structurally bound together under a total of 40 regional organizations, 3 of which are enterprising regions. 15 regional organisations are located in Germany. They are Hamburg, Bremen, Berlin, Hanover, Northern Ruhr, Ruhr-A, Düsseldorf, Cologne, Hessen, Württemberg, Rhein-Saar, Schwaben, Freiburg-Donau, Northern and Southern Bavaria. Giving service in five regions (Paris, Lyon, Alpes, Eastern France, Southwest France and South France) in France, IGMG gives services with three regions (Vienna, Arlberg, Linz) in Austria and two regions (South and North Holland) in the Netherlands. IGMG also has regional units in Switzerland, Italy, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Belgium, the UK, the Balkans, Canada, Turkey, Kyrgyzstan, Japan and Australia.

On the one hand, our regional units constitute a linkage between the IGMG Head Office and local units. On the other hand, they coordinate the

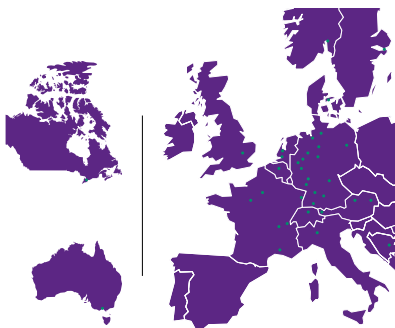
work of the affiliated local communities. Besides this, they are responsible especially for the coordination of religious guidance and educational services and for the arrangement of cultural events. Our Head Office ensures coordination of all services, at both local and regional levels, and determines strategies in fundamental matters by preparing general work programs.

Head Office realizes follow-up of delivery of IGMG's activities, which are extended to large masses, young and old alike, even to the branches, the smallest units, by planning and designing them. In this way, a maximum standard is obtained in services of religious guidance and education, and social and cultural activities carried out by regional units and branches. Moreover, with support of the regional units, central administration organises services which cannot be accomplished locally or regionally alone. Hajj (pilgrimage to Mecca), umrah, Udhiyyah campaign (sacrifice), fitrah and zakah organizations, prayer calendars are among such services. It is also Head Office that executes funeral services so as to carry out burial transactions in solidarity, and arranges appointment and education of imams. Furthermore, Head Office meets with the bibliophiles by way of a Book Club through which books on religious, cultural and social subjects are presented.

On the local level, the IGMG is active in 640 communities, 324 of which are in Germany. Adding women's, youth, student, sports, cultural and educational associations to this number, IGMG maintains a total number of 2440 facilities and has 170.000 members. Taking into account the number of people congregating for Friday prayers, IGMG has a community consisting of 550.000 persons.



## FIGURES



40 Regions



2440 Branches

640 Mosques



Women's  
Associations



Youth  
Associations



Educational  
Associations



Sports  
Associations



Cultural  
Associations



Student  
Associations



Over 170.000 members

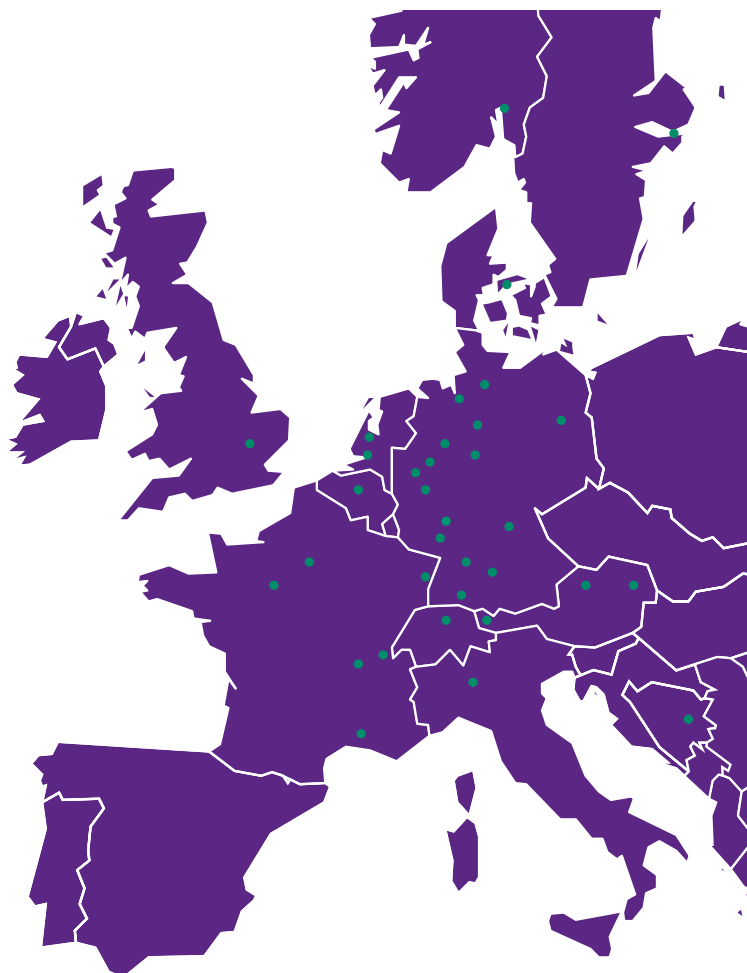


A community of more than 550.000 members

## REGIONS



- Berlin
- Hamburg
- Bremen
- Hanover
- North Ruhr
- Ruhr-A
- Düsseldorf
- Cologne
- Hessen
- Württemberg
- South Bavaria
- North Bavaria
- Freiburg-Donau
- Schwaben
- Rhein Neckar Saar
- Wien
- Arlberg
- Linz
- Switzerland
- Belgium



- Northern Holland
- Southern Holland
- Paris
- Lyon
- Alpes
- East France
- Southwest France
- Denmark
- Sweden
- Norway
- Italy
- The UK
- Australia
- Canada
- The Balkans
- South France
- The US
- Turkey (Enterprising Region)
- Japan (Enterprising Region)
- Kyrgyzstan (Enterprising Region)

# IRSHAD

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*Invite to the way of your Lord with wisdom and good instruction, and argue with them in ways that are the best and most gracious.*

*(Surah Nahl, 16:125)*

IGMG considers its primary duty to guide Muslims in religious issues and to place emphasis on the notion that religion leads people forth in all walks of life. In accordance with this, irshad (guidance) activities that lead people the right paths, bringing them closer to Allah, facilitate Muslims' sustaining a daily life according to their belief and produce religious solutions for challenges they face in daily life are of the highest priority within the body of IGMG.

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## EDUCATION OF IMAMS AND HATIPS

IGMG provides courses of Islamic religion, religious education and irshad programs either in mosques or outside. Besides these activities, our organization gives importance to raising imams and hatips (orator) who possess required qualifications to maintain communal religious services faultlessly such as daily prayers, Friday prayers, eid, funeral, taraweh prayers and are eligible to take active part in all programs of irshad. Accordingly, courses and programs of diverse contents are held.

With tekamül (development) courses given within the framework of education of imams who will be appointed to mosques and masjids, the aim is both to improve knowledge and experience of imams and keep their knowledge

up-to-date by being aware of current social, cultural and political changes so that they can answer Muslims' questions in a satisfying way, despite all their various different cultural backgrounds.

Thus, with completion of necessary efforts to educate students of theology we meet our organization's need for the imam-hatips, and the procurement of orators who will conduct irshad activities at our communities will be ensured. By the same token, irshad orators who will work during hajj and umrah duties are chosen and given the required education and training. Courses are also organized to educate female orators and preachers who will guide women of the community regarding religious issues.





## CONVERSATIONS

Conversation circles that are formed in unity by people bonding around the same soul, the same feeling and the same ideal add richness to a person's world of sensation and consciousness. In conversations organized in our houses and mosques with this awareness, besides recitation of Quran, informative courses on religious subjects are given in order to increase productivity of conversations, and thus people benefit from the spiritual atmosphere of these platforms to the utmost level. Conversations are held regularly for male and female adults and young males and females under different names such as the youth conversations of local (facilities), youth conversations of branches, house and mosque weekly conversations with participation of imam-hatips, outstanding young people or specialists in their field of work. Readings of prayers either in our mosques or other platforms of conversation are a precious means that strengthens the spiritual life of those who join in conversation circles.

## BOARD OF RELIGIOUS CONSULTATION

In order to give answers from a religious perspective to the questions that Muslims face now or in their future daily life, a Board of Religious Consultation (BRC) was constituted. In BRC's work, specialists in the field of religion and in other fields are asked for their opinions when evaluating matters. That facilitates examining the issue under focus in a comprehensive and solution-oriented manner. Moreover, BRC publishes its jurisdictions made regarding the subjects dealt with in books and offers them to the service of Muslims.



## IRSHAD PANELS AND CONTESTS

IGMG encourages learning and reading Quran by the Europe Contest for Recitation of the Holy Quran. The contest, of which the 32th was organized in 2020, confirms that IGMG is the host of the oldest and the most rooted contest in the field.

Recitation contests of the Holy Quran are also organized for women. The 16th women's contest for European Muslims was held in 2020.

Hosted by our Organization, irshad panels are organized with the participation of specialists in their field. Through these organizations, different dimensions of religious matters are dealt with and thereby an informative environment of knowledge and discussion is formed, which enables people to gain new points of view.

Apart from this, Mâide-i Kur'an (Table of Quran) programs, are organized with the purpose of encouraging learning and reading of the Holy Quran, and activities of the Holy Birth Week are amongst those activities that people take part in on a large scale in our many regions and follow with admiration.









## QURAN MEMORIZATION COURSES

Quran Memorization Courses are held for those who want to be one of the people whom our Prophet heralded as "the most honourable among you are those who memorize Quran". (Jami al-Saghir)







# RECITATION CONTEST OF THE HOLY QURAN

In 2020, the 16<sup>th</sup> Recitation Contest of the Holy Quran for Women was organized.











## MOSQUES

Besides being the places of daily worship for Muslims, mosques are special sanctuaries in which believers also solidify the feeling of fellowship by gathering together and express their religious values and identity through social and cultural activities. IGMG mosques that were constituted with the enormous efforts of those who set their hearts on their organization with limited resources are the living forms of those precious values. Mosques that were built with modest contributions from guest labourers currently serve in many parts of the world such as Europe, Australia and Canada. Showing at the same time that Muslims are permanent in Europe, and Islam is part of Europe, they also undertake the duty of representation of Islam in the countries it is found in by meeting the Muslims' religious, social and cultural needs.

Considerable amount of IGMG activities are actualized in mosque meetings. Activities organized for different age groups have a wide range that is able to meet a person's needs in all lifetime periods stretching from childhood through to adulthood and death.

In this respect, children are offered useful services to internalize religious and cultural values at an early age within the scope of pre-school education in mosques. Kids Club activities that are realized in parallel with pre-school services guide children as regards gaining awareness of being part of a community and showing this realization in all aspects of their life, opening new windows in the children's world by means of games, books and curriculum. The number of children who receive weekend education





in mosques every year has exceeded seventy thousand.

Children who start their education in mosques with pre-school education learn religious rudiments and also how to perform them in mosques, and again they learn to show effort to increase their educational success with supplementary courses for school classes. Conversations and lectures given in mosques encompass large gatherings consisting of young and old alike. Mosques as places in which old and young generations meet each other in this sense also have the feature of being places in which life experiences are transmitted to the youth and they are advised against evil and mischievous things.

Teaching recitation and memorization of the Holy Quran and society's coming closer with the Holy Quran start first in mosque. Mosques as basic meeting places of Muslims with Friday and eid prayers are also places in which both joyful and sorrowful occasions like weddings or funerals are experienced. Activities are organized within the body of mosques in different fields of social life with various courses such as sports clubs, ebru (Turkish Marbling Paper Art) and needlecraft. Events such as Open Mosque Days, Ramadan iftars, charity sales organized for different purposes, charity markets and festivities ensure coalescence both within the community itself and between their neighbours, other segments of the society and themselves.





## OUR MOSQUES

Hamburg Rendsburg Central Mosque, one of hundreds of IGMG mosques that serve the Muslims.





# EDUCATION

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*Recite!*

*(Surah Alaq, 96:1)*

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*... Are those who know equal to those who do not know?*

*(Surah Zumar, 39:9)*

IGMG believes that good education is the key to building Islamic identity and successful social integration for all age groups. In this context, departing from the principle of “lifetime learning and teaching” educational services are offered within the framework of “Educational Curriculum” which is prepared in accompaniment with specialized staff while IGMG units provide a variety of educational activities appropriate to their target groups.

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## AREAS OF EDUCATION

01

### PRE-SCHOOL SERVICES

- 3-6 age group
- "Basics for Kids"
- Alef Baa colouring books
- Story and colouring books
- Posters
- Memory games and puzzles

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### BASIC EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

#### 1. Preparatory Classes

- 7-8 age group
- Alef Baa Quranic passages Alef Baa (Arabic Alphabet) Workbook
- Basic Information Preparatory Courses 1-2
- Turkish Preparatory Courses 1-2

#### 2. Basic Education 1st Level

- 9-12 age group
- Basic Information 1-2
- Basic Information Turkish 1-2

#### 3. Basic Education 2nd Level

- 13-15 age group
- Basic Information 3

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### EDUCATION FOR ADULTS

- Courses of Islamic Sciences
- Courses for educators, women preachers and orators
- Vacation Courses
- Parenting educational seminars
- Parenting Conferences
- Pre-marriage educational seminars

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### IN-SERVICE EDUCATION

- Courses for Parenting Educators
- Education for Educators
- Courses of Special Education

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## EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

- “Okul Sis” project
- Pre-school activities
- Institutes and colleges, academy of administration
- Activities for high school and imam-hatip high school

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## SUPPLEMENTARY COURSES FOR HOMEWORK AND VACATION COURSES

- Kids attending primary and secondary schools
- Courses for homework assistance
- Institutes of Assistance for Classes
- Summer Schools

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## PARENTING EDUCATION

- Services of Consultation and Guidance
- Parenting Consultation
- Marriage Consultation
- Private Consultation
- Consultation for the Disabled
- Educational Consultation

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## ACTIVITIES FOR PARENTS

- Memberships of Parent-Teacher Associations
- Parents’ Associations

## EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

IGMG attaches great importance to institutionalization of educational activities, and is conscious that European Muslims have an enduring presence and future in these lands. In this respect, the increase in the current capacity of the educational field, and activities of opening official schools and pre-schools are among the issues that are continuously on the agenda and followed up with diligence. In the context of educational institutions, institutes, colleges and imam-hatip high schools in which Islamic sciences are taught in the form of formal learning are among the important points that should be mentioned besides pre-school, primary school and high school education. Pre-schools in some regions were established on the basis of a bilingual educational model so that, from their early ages, children have good knowledge of both their mother tongue and the language of the country they live in and use both languages in a correct and effective way. Educational work is carried out in 143 educational facilities accompanied by experienced staff in an environment of peace and safety.

Launching educational centres, the project of "Okul Sis" is one of the institutionalization works. As a databank system, the project is an exceptional one that is implemented by the medium of the organization in an attempt to increase the quality of educational centres and supported by experienced educational institutions.

## BOARD OF EDUCATION

A Board of Education was constituted in order to sustain, systematically, activities in the fields such as following up of education, framing unity in education and ensuring coordination and flow of information between educational units in a healthy manner. In this context, specialist educators living in Europe are invited to Education Forums and activities are organised in committees.















## PRE-SCHOOL SERVICES

Pre-schools have been prepared for our children aged between 3-6 in 320 branches, in 32 regions. In our pre-school classes, children living in Europe are given education within the framework of the curriculum "Religious Basics for Kids" which was prepared with the intent that they get to know their religion, language, identity and culture. Moreover, alef-ba colouring books, various story and colouring books, posters, memory games and puzzles are published and presented for the use of our children by our organization.

## SUPPLEMENTARY COURSES FOR HOMEWORK AND VACATION COURSES

The education of children attending primary and secondary schools in particular is supported through supplementary courses for their homework. In our many branches, assistance courses for school classes and homework are given for many years.

Taking vacations of our students into consideration during activities at the Head Office and regions, various courses are held for them to spend this time in the most fruitful way. At these courses, students are offered an environment in which they can have recreation and entertain through diverse social activities while they improve their basic knowledge of religion.

At the courses, IGMG Basic Educational Curriculum prepared for all ages and levels are used. Students making new friends as well as developing a sense of sharing by getting know of each other while participating in vacation courses also ranks among the goals particularly of summer schools and courses. These courses are very important with regards to children's identity and personality formation and their adaptation to society by learning where to belong. Children's knowledge of history and culture is also ensured to increase through travelling and sightseeing while participating in summer schools and courses in different places, such as Bosnia and Istanbul.







## BASIC EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

They are made up of three levels of preparatory classes, 1st level and 2nd level. In the preparatory classes intended for children aged 7-8, alef-baa booklet, alef-baa workbook and Basic Information Preparation 1-2 books are used; additionally, Turkish Preparation 1-2 books are in the process of being made. At Basic Education 1st Level encompassing students aged 9-12, Basic Information 1 and 2 books are used. Basic Information Turkish 1-2 books are also in the process of preparation for these classes. Basic Education 2nd Level encompasses students of age group 13-15. Students of this group receive education within the scope of curriculum scheduled for them using the book, Basic Information 3.

## IN-SERVICE EDUCATIONAL COURSES

In-Service Educational Courses are held for the further qualification of educators who give services in the areas of pre-school, family education and basic education. In-Service Educational Courses are given under three different categories as Courses for Parenting Educators, Education for Educators and Courses of Special Education.

## PARENTS' ASSOCIATIONS

Parents' associations were established to follow and coordinate students and parents in official schools where IGMG branches are found. In countries where this practice is not carried out, people are directed to parent-teacher associations at schools and representatives are appointed.

## EDUCATION FOR ADULTS

Courses for Islamic Sciences including mother tongue education is an important activity in the field that comprises of positive sciences such as sociology and educational sciences besides diverse Islamic sciences like the Holy Quran, interpretation, hadith, Arabic and biography of the Prophet. Besides Courses for Islamic Sciences, educational services such as vacation courses and courses to train educators, female preachers and orators are among activities organized regularly. Activities like seminars on family education, conferences for conscious parenting, seminars for the youth on diverse subjects and pre-marriage educational seminars are also from our activities that aim at strengthening the institution of family as the fundamental building block of society.

## FAMILY EDUCATION

They are among the projects with which the purpose is to carry out activities that give information, guide and provide solutions to matters about family education with the help of experts in the fields like services of consultation and guidance, family counselling, marriage counselling, private counselling, counselling for the disabled and educational counselling. Various activities, such as organization of educational camps for the visually and hearing impaired in accompany with their families and projects of "Protecting Family" are carried out with the purpose of giving support to the disabled and their families about disabled personality development, and facilitating their daily lives and their adaptation process to work and the environment.

# YOUTH

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*Allah loves that young person who spends her or his youth in the way of obedience to Allah.*

*(Ibn Omar (may Allah be pleased with him))*



IGMG encourages young people to spread fundamental humanitarian virtues like beneficence, solidarity and justice by embracing the Islamic religion and values and realizes activities for young Muslims from secondary school to university to improve themselves morally, scholarly and professionally and to gain self-confidence. Acting in accordance with the principle of raising “generations who gain Allah’s consent and are beneficial for the humanity” IGMG organizations aim at young Muslims’ being raised with an Islamic identity and social responsibility, and become socially beneficial individuals. In this respect, irshad and educational activities form the basis of activities for the youth. IGMG reaches about 80,000 young people with its services.

- 46 Educational Seminars and Courses
  - Educational Programs of “Yıldız Genç” and “Hilal Genç”
  - Youth Conversations
- 47 Sports Activities and Cultural Trips
  - Social I Aid Projects
  - Sisters and Brothers Activities
  - Professional and Educational Fairs
  - Contests



## EDUCATIONAL SEMINARS AND COURSES

Boarding Educational Seminars are organized especially on weekends or during vacations, which aims at informing the youth about religious and current subjects and raising their awareness. Youngsters who sustain their education within the framework of these seminars, spend time in a fruitful and entertaining way with social and sports activities besides receiving education and developing themselves morally by meeting other young people participating in the seminar from different mosques.

Basic Educational Courses and Youth Educational Courses are major services carried out within the framework of educational activities. Islamic essentials are taught to girls younger than 15 years at Fundamental Educational Courses. Moreover, with Youth Educational Courses, the aim is to raise young girls as regional and branch administrators.

## YILDIZ GENÇ AND HILAL GENÇ EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

With Yıldız Genç (for boys) and Hilal Genç (for girls) educational programs that are organized for youngsters at the age of secondary school, the goal is to give necessary education in order to raise outstanding young people who will take responsibility in significant fields of activities and projects of the organization in the future.

## YOUTH CONVERSATIONS

Home conversations are realized weekly hosting by members of the conversation circle respectively. Contents of conversations are determined in advance. Home conversation circles are always open to youngsters who would like to participate.

Scholarly conversations are realized weekly in mosques and youth places affiliated with mosques with participation of our prominent youngsters as irshad officials of the place or of specialists in their own fields. Within the scope of the scholarly conversations, various social activities are carried out from time to time for the young participants of conversation circles.



## SPORTS ACTIVITIES AND CULTURAL TRIPS

With tournaments in different branches of sports, the youth have the chance to enter contests in a friendly environment across Europe, while simultaneously entertaining in sports contests. Trips to different cities and places aim at making a positive impact on personality development of the youth and having them contemplate these places. The goal of commemorative programs and youth fests appealing to large audiences is to contribute to cultural development of the youth.

## SOCIAL AID PROJECTS

With the purpose of raising awareness of social solidarity and cooperation in our youth, various projects such as "Cataract Project," "Ramadan Project," "Charity Race Project," "Blood Donation Project" and "School Bag Campaign" have been prepared. Youngsters are encouraged to take active part in these projects carried out in different fields.

## SISTERS AND BROTHERS ACTIVITIES

In the activities of Sisters and Brothers realized in our branches, older university students and young people of secondary school age are appointed as brothers and sisters to each other. Thus, university students give attention to youngsters, regarding different matters such as school, family, organizational work or friend circles.

## CONTESTS

Contests appeal to different talents of the youth such as quiz shows, recitation of athan (Azan), articles, poems, short films, photography and oratory; and many youngsters participate and are organized across Europe and thereby the youth is encouraged to improve their talents in these areas.

## PROFESSIONAL AND EDUCATIONAL FAIRS

Secondary and high school students are offered counselling services to assist them in choosing university and department in organized fairs and seminars.



## EDUCATIONAL SEMINARS AND COURSES

Educational seminars and courses are organized with the purpose of giving information to and raising awareness of the youth.



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- Arşivleme











YOUTH IS OUR FUTURE

We are reaching thousands of young people  
with our activities for them.

## UNIVERSITY STUDENTS

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*Read a lot and don't quit reading. One who has a struggle reads, one who does not obtains a struggle by reading. The main point is to have a struggle.*

*(Rasim Özdenören)*



Various services are offered for young Muslims who prepare for, attend or complete university in order to enable them to defend their opinions with self-confidence and be individuals taking responsibility within the society by designing their religious, historical and cultural identity. In parallel with this, student communities are organized so as to ensure Muslim students come together and act in solidarity and brotherhood in their universities. One of the principal goals of IGMG is to raise generations who have something to say in the society they live in, and have an object and vision without limiting themselves to their specialization areas. IGMG reaches about 7,000 university students through its services.

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## ORGANIZING AT UNIVERSITIES

Bringing Muslim students together at the universities they attend and ensuring they act in solidarity and brotherhood forms the basis of activities carried out for university students. For this reason, student communities are formed with the purpose of guiding them in organizing collective activities by analysing religious, social, cultural and political issues together. Fields of activity are developed besides conducting active collective works by improving relations with other student communities at universities.

## CONSULTATION SERVICE

The Consultation Service came into being with the intention of helping prospective students by listening to their problems and assisting them in their first steps at university. In this way, students equip prospective students, who intend to follow the same path, with useful information regarding university or department which they intend to attend, and provide a genuine guidance for them.

## SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

The group, selected from students who aim at studying PhD is offered a Special Education Project that enables them to enrich their vision by having an education in a variety of fields particularly as Islamic Sciences, history, philosophy and economics. The study is a program of education and training, helping them open the doors of knowledge, insight and wisdom besides university education.



## SYMPOSIUMS, PANEL DISCUSSIONS AND SEMINARS

Various symposiums and panel discussions are organized with the purpose of contributing to the intellectual development of students. Academics participating in programs which are held in an attempt to give place to new and diverse opinions are selected from among those who are experts and outstanding personalities in their field and homeland.

Organized in different parts of Europe, Boarding Education Seminars enable students to gather and get to know each other, and also provides the possibility to discuss many issues deeply.



## EVLIYA CELEBI LANGUAGE COURSES

Evliya Celebi Language Courses offer the opportunity of learning foreign languages abroad. Courses organized in cities where the target language is spoken aim to explore different traditions by exploring the city where the language is spoken. In this respect, besides language education, seminars on the subject of the history, politics and culture of the places visited are available in the curriculum of Evliya Celebi Language Courses.

## COMMEMORATION DAYS

Programs are held at different times and places to introduce personalities who left a mark in history and can be role-models for university students.


## CULTURAL TRIPS

Excursions to different cities and places are organized with intent of university students' observing the places and reflecting upon them, which is important for their positive individual development.

## ADABI

Graduation programs held under the name of ADABI are programs through which young high school graduates can be awarded. With ADABI, youngsters are also motivated to attend university, and given information and orientation about university education.





## HOUSES OF WISDOM AND GHAZALI GRANTS

A variety of activities are conducted so as to support university students studying in Europe throughout their educational life. By giving services of accommodation in university houses and dorms, the aim is that the student life of those who study away from their families can be more fruitful in a religiously and culturally sensitive environment. Moreover, students who sustain academic careers are supported through scholarships for scientific research, contributing to the numbers of qualified individuals.

## STUDYDAY

STUDYDAY is a consultancy fair for high-school graduates who intend to study at university. University students or graduates provide prospective students with useful information, such as which university offers the best education in their desired study program.






# THE COME OF JESUS INTO MARIA

The 1st Year of the Islamic Republic of Iran







## UNIDAY

Students' day, referred to as UNIDAY, is one of our events with broadest participation and gathers the young members of our community studying in different parts of the world. Convinced that relationship with the

past will enable establishing a healthy future, the program functions as a bridge and brings students together with some exemplary personalities who can serve them as role models.





UNIDAY

*Dünya'nın yeni başlangıcı...*

Hoşgeldiniz Willkommen Welcome Bienvenue أهلاً وسهلاً

UNIDAY

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# FOREIGN RELATIONS, ADVERTISING AND FIGHTING AGAINST DISCRIMINATION

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*...Give good tidings, don't promote hatred.*

*(Bukhari, 'Ilm, 12; Muslim, Jihad, 6)*



With the purpose of improving institutional communication, IGMG is in an endeavour to reach all strata of society by systematically conducting relations with the public, religious communities, public institutions, non-governmental organizations and the media. Encouraging equal participation of Muslims in Europe in all walks of life, IGMG carries out a range of activities for obtaining equal rights and fighting against discrimination.

IGMG, which deals with not only the problems of its members, but also the problems of the society in which they live, keeps close contact with related organizations in areas of immigration, human rights and non-governmental civil society. Believing that participation is crucial, IGMG promotes the social participation by Muslims in any place and issue. Along with the muslim congregations, IGMG encourages communication with the non-muslim congregations. IGMG develops strategies, organizes programs and events in accordance with its research and development studies in social, political and judicial areas in an effort to render a healthier relation with the organizations and institutions mentioned above.

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## FOREIGN RELATIONS

IGMG is represented in Islamic umbrella organizations as well as many social platforms in the countries where it functions in terms of developing inter-institutional relations. While periodical meetings are held in order to improve communication among Muslims and negotiate the agenda collectively, an intensive political dialogue with public institutions is also conducted.

IGMG deals with matters closely related both to its members and the society to which it belongs in a dialogue with relevant institutions and organizations in the fields of immigrants' organizations,

human rights organizations and civil society activities. Believing in the fact that social participation is essential, IGMG encourages Muslims' participation at the highest level in all platforms. In addition to Muslim communities, IGMG encourages establishing communication with non-Muslim communities in the countries where its branches function. IGMG develops strategies and prepares plans and programs in accordance with research and development activities that it conducts in social, political and legal fields with the purpose of improving relations in a healthier way with all of the mentioned institutions.







## ADVERTISING

In the sense that IGMG activities reach as many people as possible and communication with the public continues in a regular manner, advertising strategies are developed and various advertising campaigns and projects are carried out. By means of periodicals, IGMG's activities and approaches to different matters are conveyed to the society. Development and implementation of aforementioned advertising strategies are ensured cohesively by the departments of Head Office, affiliated institutions and institutional coordination with regions in the presence of the Head Office and regional branches. With this respect, educational programs are prepared and implemented for regions and branches in order to develop their capacity of advertising works. IGMG works are extended to larger parts of society thanks to presentation of advertising brochures which are translated into many languages. Furthermore, other printed materials translated into different languages, such as banners, brochures and leaflets are among heavily used advertising tools.

A great deal of importance is given to advertising activities taking place in both print and visual media. In this context, press releases expressing IGMG's opinion as regards different subjects are frequently shared with the public, and the organization stays in touch with the media and is actively represented on internet and social media. Besides all these works, video clips are extended to people by means of sharing on digital platforms just as they are broadcasted in different programs.

As a religious community, IGMG puts a lot of effort to introduce and represent Islam in the best way. In this sense, series of introductory materials about Islam are prepared on subjects such as Islam, Allah, Quran, salah and the five pillars of Islam and such materials are translated into German, French, Dutch and English and are easily accessible sources. Various events organized due to the occasions such as the Holy Birth Week and Open Mosque Day are among the steps taken in order to introduce, better understand and increase the level of recognition of Islam and our prophet Mohammed in the societies in which we live.



## INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIA

Symposia are held in which subjects related to Islam and Muslims are discussed openly and tangibly. In this respect, the main theme of the symposium, which was held in Bielefeld, 2012, was "Muslims Amidst the Tension of Critique and Conformity."







**INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM 2012**

1. Session: Election Results in European Turkey  
27 January 2012, 10:00 AM "The Effects of a Crisis"

Chairman: Sarpas / Chair: Prof. Dr. A. S. Brudatone Çaruk

2. Session: European Union's Role in the Middle East  
28 January 2012, 10:00 AM "The Role of the EU in the Middle East"

Chairman: Sarpas / Chair: Prof. Dr. A. S. Brudatone Çaruk

3. Session: European Union's Role in the Middle East  
29 January 2012, 10:00 AM "The Role of the EU in the Middle East"

Chairman: Sarpas / Chair: Prof. Dr. A. S. Brudatone Çaruk



## OPEN MOSQUE DAY

Mosques make indispensable contributions to social life so it is necessary to render this contribution "public." For this purpose, Open Mosque Day is also one of the annual routines of our organization. Open Mosque Day and other similar activities of advertising and foreign affairs contribute considerably to activities that are carried out in order to give response to growing interest both in Islam and Muslims, and to eliminate biases about Muslims which exist in the majority of the society.

Presentation of basic principles of Islam is among the most important functions of such occasions. Presentation of religion in a correct, simple and intimate manner enables a secure atmosphere to form among people. Therefore, the essential goal of these occasions is to form an atmosphere of collective meeting and cohesion rather than entering discussions on theological ground.

Any human being can be afraid of the "foreign" and has groundless prejudices or can bear negative feelings against the other. These prejudices can be eliminated only via meeting "the other". By Open Mosque Day people in interaction with us are offered particularly the possibility to establish communication with Muslims and obtain information regarding their social life while we open our doors to all of them so as to show that there is a mosque community which deals with problems of the environment in which it lives. Through occasions similar to Open Mosque Day, members of the community have the chance to coalesce with society and contact members of other social groups. These events lay the foundation for formation of a meeting platform among people from different religious, cultural and ethnic backgrounds. Due to the fact that the dialogue beginning with an ordinary meeting can also have the potential to be the first step in developing intimate friendships over time by putting into practice in real life, the major goal of Open Mosque Day - which is to gather people from diverse worlds of opinion and creed together.







## INTRODUCTORY MATERIALS ABOUT ISLAM

Introductory materials about Islam prepared on many basic subjects are offered in different languages with the purpose that the religion of Islam might be better introduced and understood.







## FIGHT AGAINST DISCRIMINATION AND EQUAL RIGHTS

The ongoing fight against discrimination, racism and Islamophobia have a significant place among the activities carried out by IGMG. In this field, the main focus is on discrimination cases that Muslims face due to their belief. Activities are not limited only to dealing with discrimination cases; besides documenting discrimination towards Muslims, sharing them with public takes place within the scope of the activities. For this purpose, various activities are carried out in order to raise awareness regarding national and international public discrimination by sharing information with different human rights organizations.

Ensuring equality of both individual and collective rights and protection of social equality in the society is within the field of work of IGMG. Undoubtedly, struggle with institutional inequalities is just as important as struggle with individual inequalities. Concepts which encourage equal participation of Muslims and Islamic communities are prepared and implemented.





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# HAJJ-UMRAH AND TRAVEL

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*And complete the hajj and umrah for Allah.*

*(Surah Baqarah, 2:196)*



Besides hajj organization that is held every year by IGMG, special year-round umrah programs and cultural trips are arranged in order to introduce cities and places of Islam. IGMG has arranged hajj and umrah organizations in Europe over 40 years continues its activities in the field through the agency of IGMG Hajj-Umrah and Travel Company which was established in 2009.

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## HAJJ

While pre-hajj services such as hajj seminars given to prospective pilgrims and distribution of hajj materials (home delivery in Germany) are presented within the scope of hajj organization, various services like accommodation, catering, transfer, guidance and health services are given during hajj. Female officers serve ladies during hajj and conversations special for ladies are organized. Activities of irshad tent of a thousand people in the holy lands, in which programs of Maide-i Kuran (Table of Quran) and conferences given by precious personalities of religion and scholarship, are successfully carried out during hajj.

## UMRAH

Umrah is organized in different periods of the year as December/January/February/March/April, May/June and Ramadan umrah. Umrah travellers are offered possibilities such as visits to holy places in Makkah and Madinah, irshad activities appropriate to the spiritual environment of holy places, guidance and transportation. Umrah organizations are arranged according to school vacation dates and thus the youth particularly is encouraged to do umrah during vacations. While special discounts are offered for university students, great care is shown in participation to young preachers in umrah organizations in which young people take part intensively.





## CULTURAL TRIPS

Education of female officers who are assigned as hajj and umrah organizations is realized through the organization of seminars on various subjects before hajj and umrah, and thereby the quality of service is improved.

At summer umrahs, there is an opportunity for umrah travellers to stay in Turkey on the way back from umrah and book their tickets in Turkey at a date whenever they want. Those participating in hajj and umrah are also given a chance to perform hajj and umrah with their relatives from Turkey.

Cultural trips that will introduce history, culture and civilizational heritage of many countries and regions, especially Islamic countries like Turkey, Bosnia-Herzegovina, and Andalusia to the youth and university students, especially living in Europe, are organized with the purpose of consolidating historical codes and a sense of belonging of them and helping them to building identity.

## HAJJ AND UMRAH

IGMG gathers thousands of Muslims together in the holy lands every year with its hajj and umrah services.







# HUMANITARIAN AID AND SOLIDARITY

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*...help each other in righteousness and piety.*

*(Surah Maidah, 5:2)*



Islam is a religion of social solidarity and cooperation. In this sense, Muslims need strong and professional organizations to perform religious duties such as fitrah and zakah, which bear importance both individually and communally. Especially in Europe where Muslims are a religious minority, Islamic institutions are responsible to meet the needs of Muslims and produce solutions for their problems. One of the biggest Islamic NGOs organizations, IGMG collects fitrah and zakahs and performs its duty to make use of them in the most convenient way. With humanitarian aid activities, it extends a helping hand to the needy in different parts of the world regardless of their religion, language, race and ethnicity, and contributes in solving problems of the aggrieved and the oppressed. IGMG does not abandon those who lose their relatives on their most sorrowful day, through funeral services.

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## ZAKAH-FITRAH AND AID (INFAQ) ACTIVITIES

Zakah and fitrah are among religious duties that are performed materially and purify the heart from the illness of stinginess, cleanse property through the poor's share, develop sense of affection and mercy in the rich. As a social responsibility at the same time, zakah and fitrah organization is arranged regularly every year in order to collect zakah and fitrah in a planned manner and deliver appropriately. Through zakah and fitrah, university students are granted scholarships; our educational facilities in Europe are supported. Aids are sent to the aggrieved, the oppressed, refugees

and immigrants, and a helping hand is extended to orphans. In the framework of applications to the Aid Unit at Head Office, needs of the needy are satisfied. During Ramadan, food packages are distributed, iftar (fast breaking meal) and sahur (morning meal) offerings are made to thousands of people, including clothes distribution for the orphaned and needy children. Donations collected via aid activities are transferred to educational activities which is principally planned and launched in Europe, and to institutions that provide logistic support for education.





## HUMANITARIAN AIDS

With the awareness of the responsibility that is undertaken as a part of the Islamic ummah, IGMG accepts the duty to behave sensitively to any problem that the ummah faces and also stands up against all kinds of injustices and oppression against humanity as a part of the family of mankind, and always takes side with the aggrieved and the oppressed. Regardless of religion, language, race and ethnic origin, it extends a helping hand to the needy.

On the one hand, aid is extended rapidly for emergency cases such as war, hunger and natural catastrophes, on the other hand, permanent

projects such as construction of houses, schools and public soup-kitchens contribution is made into solving problems of the aggrieved and the oppressed. Projects of digging wells in African countries in which droughts and related diseases, shortage of food, and death occur have been built for many years. Distribution of food packages for the needy, qurbani projects, services including various medical projects, special aid campaigns, aid activities for emergency cases (flood, earthquake, natural catastrophes, etc.) are carried out with a continuously increasing intensity. Aid activities are carried out in collaboration with Hasene, IGMG Social Welfare Association.







## FUNERAL SERVICES

Standing with Muslims in their sorrowful days, IGMG offers funeral services successfully for years, through which all official procedures and religious obligations are arranged on behalf of the deceased's relative. IGMG conducts such activities by means of UKBA, IGMG Funeral Assistance Association e.V., which was established in 2012 in order to extend the spectrum of prevailing services so as to strengthen cooperation and solidarity of Muslims living in Europe and perform funeral services according to Islamic principles. Any Muslim living in Europe can benefit from these funeral services.









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**CAMPS IN KENYA- EMERGENCY AID - 2011**

**KENYA**

• Islamische Gemeinschaft Milli Görüş



## PERMANENT AIDS

Orphan children receive education in the School of Excellence; the school built in order to leave a permanent project to the region in collaboration with Hasene, IGMG Social Welfare Association in Charsadda city of Pakistan after a flood disaster which occurred in 2010.







## KIDS CLUB

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*The Heart of a child resembles to an uncultivated land;  
whatever you plant takes root.*

*(Hadhrat Ali)*



Kids Club carries out activities for children aged between 3 and 13 and was established on the grounds of meeting the needs of a Muslim child of these ages to build his or her personality, such as group participation, being recognized by others and becoming socialized. In parallel with this goal, Kids Club conducts children's programs and projects that include religious, moral, cultural and current subjects as part of the pedagogical formation in Europe.

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## GÖKKUŞAĞI

Gökkuşağı (rainbow) Kids Magazine is sent monthly to children, who are members of the IGMG Kids Club, in their own names. Thanks to this, children both experience the feeling of being recognized and have a press organ through which to express themselves by sharing their articles, paintings, etc.

## MEMBERSHIP CARD AND SPECIAL LETTERS

Kids Club aims at keeping continuous dialogue with children thaby means of its contents in all fields that draw attention of children. In accordance with this, membership cards imprinted with their photos are sent to all new members. A sense of belonging and self-confidence is inspired in children while, with this card, members are offered various discounts in Kids Club festivities. Letters received by the Kids Club member ensure a tie between the child and the club.

## BIRTHDAY GIFTS

Given the fact that children raised in Europe care for birthday celebrations, members of the club are presented gifts, which have religious and didactic contents, on their birthdays by Kids Club; thereby, Kids Club both makes children happy and makes a gesture to them by making them feel cared for. Among gifts sent to members so far via mail are pencil cases, mini prayer rugs, quotidian prayer stickers, CDs of nasheeds and fairytales, etc.

## ADVERTISING ACTIVITIES

IGMG Kids Club works on introducing original figures and characters which it has produced by for children and parents by means of diverse advertising materials. In this way, children have their own heroes. "Karinca Kadir" (Ant Kadir) is the primary hero as such. Karinca Kadir tries to convey beneficial messages on different subjects to children by using various methods and a language which appeal to children.





## ACTIVITIES OF REGIONAL UNITS AND BRANCHES FOR CHILDREN

Kids Club reaches its current members in 14 countries and 38 regions via mail. Besides that, regional and branch representatives present different local social activities for children in mosques and associations within the bounds of their possibilities. These activities are intended for children to spend their spare time usefully and meet friends in places such as mosques and associations. Moreover, families can attend some activities with their children and spend quality time together. Among the primary activities are bayram (eid) fests, house conversation circles, reading days, children stands in charity sales, sport tournaments, trips, children fast-breaking meals, contests, movie days, drama and choir activities. In addition to these activities, feelings of solidarity and fellowship of children are improved by arranging social relief campaigns. Children are given different trainings in nature in scouting groups, which is a new project.

## WEBSITE

Educational information, interactive games and entertaining activities for children are available at the virtual address [www.igmgcocuk.org](http://www.igmgcocuk.org). Parents who want to register their children in the club can obtain detailed information through this website.





## **PERIODICALS AND INTERNET SERVICES**



IGMG exposes the identity and viewpoint of the organization about events via print and visual products.

IGMG publications aim at handling issues that have importance in the context of value-responsibility as well as subjects that come into its field of interest and identity in Europe and the world, and at reminding about moral values, nurturing cultural roots and encouraging participation in the countries lived in. In this framework, contribution is made into meeting the huge need of Turkish publications, which aim at reminding the second and third generations of their Turkish origin while growing up in European countries with their own cultural and intellectual traditions.

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## CAMIA

Camia (the Community) started to be published in 2012 and is prepared biweekly for mosque attenders, in particular, and all immigrants speaking Turkish in general. Camia presents information for its readers about activities and works of the organization and encourages them to carry out similar ones. Services intended for the community are presented in Camia, which has a major function in strengthening intra-organization communication.

As Camia informs its readers about current issues by monitoring developments in Europe regarding Muslims and immigrants, it treats a different subject at each issue, from which all family members benefit. Those introductory pages in which development stories of mosques in Europe are narrated are among the mostly awaited sections. As, in Camia, readers are given guiding instructions about religious judiciary issues and religious matters, texts highlighting values that are informative and awareness raising for Muslims are included. We are reminded of our cultural and artistic values, and it targets especially our young generations so as to help them develop their identity awareness; and so that values are transferred from generation to generation.

Having a circulation of approximately 45 thousand, Camia is also distributed to some foundations, associations and workplaces.











## PERSPEKTIF

Established in 1995 the magazine Perspektif is one of the most important printed press organs, which is published monthly in Turkish in Europe. Perspektif is a monthly magazine that informs its Turkish speaking readers consisting of European immigrants about news and comments, feeds their cultural roots and encourages them to participate in all walks of life in the countries wherein they live.

In this general framework, Perspektif interprets current developments, deals with subjects related to rights and the social life of immigrants from Turkey and Muslims, and examines issues which are in its field of interest and important in the context of value and responsibility. Perspektif takes the lead both in terms of content and circulation.





Social stratum of Perspektif's audience consists of Muslims living in Europe and immigrants from Turkey. The essential area that Perspektif has to deal with is public and cultural developments that are of primary importance for its audience. Issues that interest Muslims and immigrants in general in European countries form the basic subjects of the press policy of the magazine in the fra-

mework defined. As a monthly magazine of news and ideas, Perspektif is published with a circulation number of about 12,500 and delivered to its readers.



# sabah ülkesi

üç aylık kültür-sanat ve felsefe dergisi



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## SABAH ÜLKESİ

Having been published since 2004, Sabah Ülkesi gives place in its pages to Turkish Islam and European culture in particular with which we are in the same cultural basin, and common human/world culture in general; and to products of art and thought that have been cultivated. When doing this, it acts with the consciousness that to get to know the accumulation of thought and culture belonging to the past and the present in which we live is only possible through showing interest to philosophical and cultural elements and allocating the necessary time and giving the necessary importance to them. In this respect, different opinions, products of culture and art take place in the magazine's pages with original reviews and commentaries. Our magazine is a magazine of culture/art and philosophy which appeals to European immigrants speaking Turkish and is one of the best quality and most widely circulated in its field.

Sabah Ülkesi makes the subject of its publications, first of all, the human being who is the producer of culture, art and thought and then language and place which is the transmitter of thought, culture and philosophy. In this framework, among the primary subjects of Sabah Ülkesi is life of the people having the exclusive characteristics of culture, their works produced through its language, places they built, and the works of art they produced. It conveys these subjects to its audience by means of different writing genres such as article, essay, interview, introductory text, critical text and story.

Additionally, since it is a magazine that is published in Europe, it is necessary to touch on cultural, art and philosophical dimensions of the geography lived in. In this sense, products of diverse thoughts, cultures and arts take their place among pages of the magazine, waiting to be evaluated and interpreted. As a magazine of culture and art being published quarterly, Sabah Ülkesi has a circulation of 15,000 in total and it is delivered to its readers.

## GÖKKUŞAĞI

As a monthly periodical,, Gökkuşığı kids' magazine makes significant contribution to personal development and gaining sense of belonging of children growing up in Europe. Besides this, it is the first kids' magazine in Turkish which is prepared in Europe, especially with its contents targeted for the children in Europe and its format compatible with pedagogical formation, the magazine publishes religious and moral values in a language that children can embrace, by giving importance to visual quality. Gökkuşığı contributes to the development of self-confidence in our children who grow up as bicultural individuals, and gives support to families in ensuring our children's development of identity and mother tongue and in transmitting religious and moral values.

Being attentive to the formation of general knowledge and explaining current issues in an entertaining manner, Gökkuşığı endeavours to fill an important gap with its wide range of contents. Besides current subjects, children are prepared for school education with scientific subjects and experiments. Gökkuşığı kids' magazine is sent monthly to children in their own names, who are member of IGMG Kids Club. Thanks to this, children both experience the feeling of being recognized and have a press organ through which they express themselves by sharing their articles, paintings, etc. Gökkuşığı, which has a circulation number of 9,000, meets with children in Australia and Canada besides 12 countries in Europe.





# GÖKKUŞAĞI

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## WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA

The website [www.igmg.org](http://www.igmg.org), which was established with purpose of benefiting from possibilities of virtual platform and announcing, introducing and transmitting organizational activities in virtual platform to larger audiences, has a content that is both elucidative and entertaining for people.

Muslims can read any Qurani verse and surah both in Arabic and in German and Turkish through the database of the Holy Quran which

is available on the website. While with the prayer times option on the website, prayer times in different regions of the world can be followed daily, addresses of mosques in Germany, Austria, Sweden, the Netherlands, France and Italy can be accessed through the mosque database.

Access to actual Friday sermons is possible through internet every week thanks to the website. News regarding important organizational activities is available on the website while IGMG





publishes press releases reflecting its opinions about different subjects via the website.

Current and old issues of Camia bulletin, Perspektif and Sabah Ülkesi magazines, which are periodicals of IGMG, can be accessed through the website. From time to time different content material exclusive of special periods of time, such as Ramadan timetable, is available on the website. Readers can benefit from e-bulletin function at their own will and be informed about new con-

tents by subscribing freely to the website.

IGMG pages available on social networking sites like Facebook, twitter, google plus and youtube can again be reached directly through the website. Either press releases of the organization or news and introductory contents are shared actively and up-to-date in virtual platform. Pages of IGMG are followed and added to favourites in social media to which particularly the young generation shows interest.

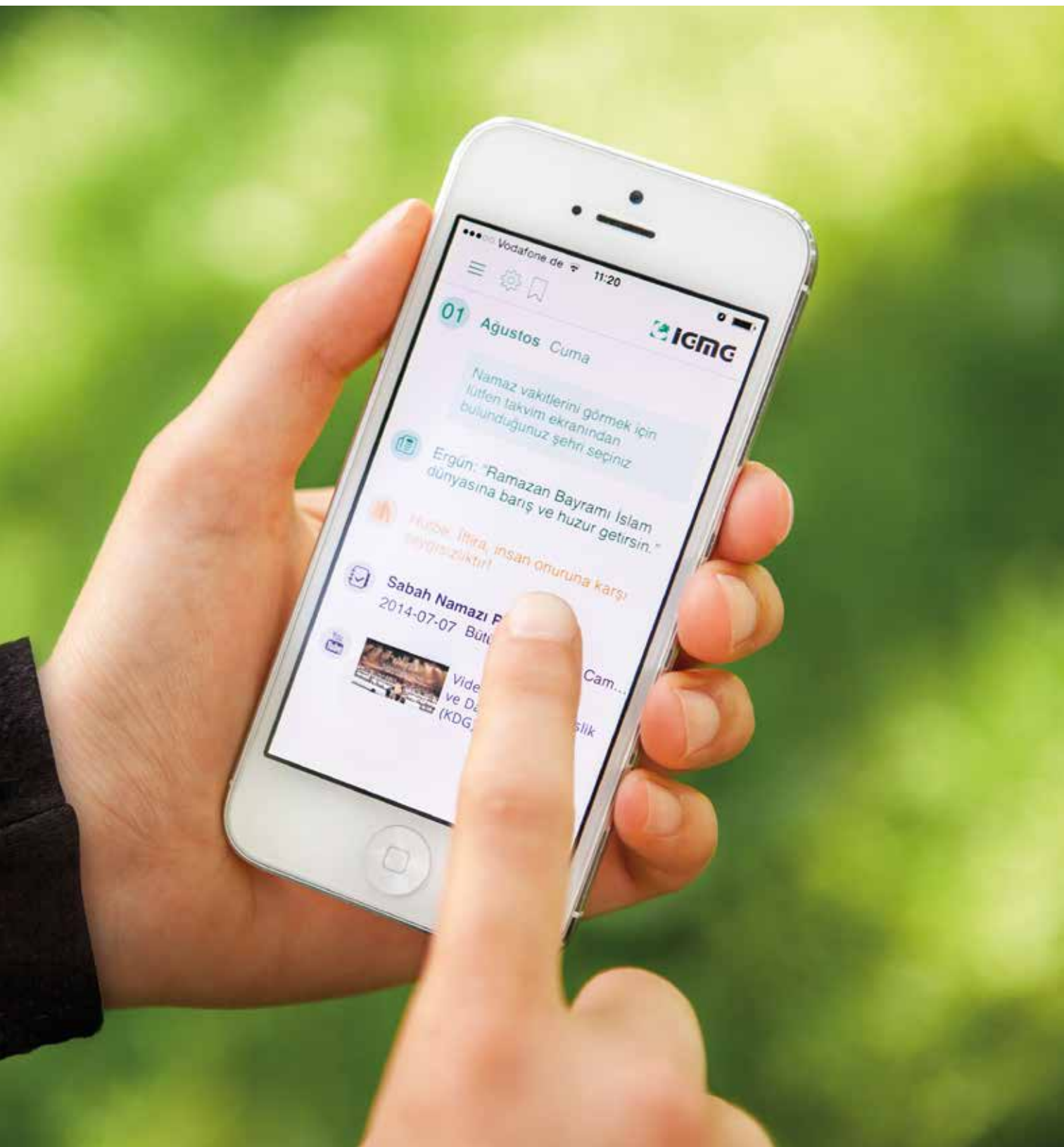
## IGMG APP

IGMG App applications, which provide easy access to information for those who want to follow up IGMG's activities through smart phones, are presented to service in Turkish and German. Texts shared in [igmg.org](http://igmg.org) appear automatically as breaking news at IGMG App, rendering an easy access having accessibility thanks to its plain design.

Press releases, Friday sermons and other news are delivered to people via this application. Besides, practical tools useful in daily life of Muslims such as prayer times (time schedule of the nearest city), Ramadan timetable, countdown chronometer for religiously important days and nights, qiblah determination location through compass, IGMG mosque-finder, Hijrah Calendar, quick inter-surahs scanning option feature among surahs and audible Quran section, Quran in Arabic and reading option with translated texts are available. Zakah calculation, religious manual, follow-up function for Quran in Arabic and its translation and "Evrad" option for audible follow-up are available at IGMG App. Under the section "Kitaplık" there is access to Camia bulletin as well as IGMG publications like Ramadan and hadith books.









## CULTURAL ACTIVITIES



With purpose of contributing into cultural accumulation of Muslims in Europe, cultural activities for different age groups and audiences are carried out both by the IGMG Head Office and regional units. IGMG's range of activities of art and culture includes commemoration days in which personalities who left marks in history and who were exemplaries for the society, are commemorated, exhibitions through which Islamic art such as ebru (paper marbling art), hat (calligraphy) and tezhib (ornamentation) is introduced and courses to teach these arts, exhibitions in which works of outstanding Islamic personalities and scientists are displayed, family and youth fests.

Contests such as quiz shows, recitation of athan (Call to prayer), essay, poem, short films, photography and oratory that both educate and increase accumulation of cultural knowledge appealing to different skills of our youth are organized periodically.

In cultural trips, especially Islamic geography such as Istanbul, Bosnia, Andalusia and Egypt is chosen so that primarily the youth and children could get acquainted with the history and culture of Islam. These trips aim at making a positive impact on the personality development of youths and children and having them contemplate on it by providing the chance to see these places. In parallel with this, travels to various European countries, museums, cities, etc. are organized with the intent of introducing history and culture of Europe which is the land we live in.



## CULTURE AND ART COURSES

Exhibitions in which various Islamic arts such as ebru, hat, tezhip are introduced, and courses to teach these arts are organized at different times and places for those who are interested.







## CULTURAL TRIPS

In the trips organized to visit different corners of Islamic geography and Europe, especially places that bear traces of Islamic history and culture. Bosnia, too, is one of those exceptional places.











**PUBLISHING HOUSE**



Borne out of the fact that Muslims are permanent in and residences of Europe, publishing houses have gained more prominence. For this reason, publishing house preparations were commenced in 2012 in order to spread the literature and religious references which would contribute to Islamic education. The publishing house prints copyrighted and translated works both in Turkish and various European languages, German, French, Dutch and English in particular. It serves both in its store and on online, both raising their reading habits and making books accessible for them.

The publishing house prints books under the following categories: Beginner Literature, Scholarly Works, Educational and Advisory Books, Books for Children and Youth, Textbooks, Activity Books, Introduction to Islam Literature, Books in European Languages.



## PUBLICATIONS

IGMG panel discussions and international symposia which academics and intellectuals, experts in their field of work, are invited to are collected in books. These publications ensure larger academic circles to be informed about these programs. They are also offered to readers from all kinds of background.

Common issues like European Muslims' discussions about minority, changes in familial patterns and social responsibility are always issues at the top of the agendas of Muslims who live in

Europe. In this respect, various compilations of articles dealing with these issues are published by the publishing house.

It is important to have integrity in terms of language and contents in the materials that are prepared for the fields of irshad and education. In this sense, there are Quran al Kareem, biographies of the Prophet in different languages, selected hadiths books, books of imams and books about zakah and hajj in the section of religious publications. In educational series, basic






information books targeted for different age groups as well as story books for kids and educatory materials in different languages which are being meticulously prepared for publication.

Among the works of the publishing house, is the awareness of the necessity to introduce Islam in Europe in the correct and most beneficial manner, and there is the series of Islamic introductory materials which has been prepared about subjects of Islamic life in German, French, Dutch

and English. The mentioned series is a valuable one which is utilized in advertising activities.

Calendars are necessary tools from the aspect that they show daily Muslim prayer times for the city a Muslim currently resides in. Through hijrah calendar, the publishing house provides not only prayer times but also has reminders; diverse contents of irshad and information for Muslims about the belief, daily life and general culture. Hijrah Calendar is prepared accordingly to eight different regions of Europe.

A woman wearing a black hijab is shown from the side, looking down at an open book she is holding. In the foreground, there are several stacks of books, some of which are out of focus. The background is slightly blurred, showing other people in a similar setting.

## BOOK CLUB

A Book Club was formed within the body of IGMG in order to contribute to strengthening religious and cultural accumulation of Muslims and the raising of healthy knowledgeable generations. Book Club ensures production and distribution of materials needed for large masses via our regional units and communities. Besides all these, Book Club follows up written publications released to the market and puts works needed into service by supplying them. Book Club meets with booklovers also in the virtual environment through the website [www.kitapkulubu.de](http://www.kitapkulubu.de).





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