

Scottish Muslim Parents Association (SMPA)

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Primary Objectives

(Extracts from the Constitution)

The purpose of the Association shall be to provide better understanding to parents of the policies of Scottish Executive Departments including education & training (SEED), health & community care. SMPA shall also be an effective source to the Scottish Executive to understand the needs of Muslim parents from these departments, thereby building a strong partnership and contributing in introduction of various improvement measures in achieving a healthy society.

The objects of the Association shall be

- a) To provide assistance to Muslim parents in interacting with schools.
- b) To provide assistance to Muslim parents in interacting with the council.
- c) To provide a formal means for Muslim parents in interacting with the Executive Departments.
- d) To assist SEED, schools and school boards in strengthening the partnership between community , schools and council .
- e) To promote effective co-ordination and integration with the Executive regarding policies and resources affecting Muslim children and parents.
- f) To educate Muslim parents in realising the important responsibility they play as the primary carer of their children.
- g) To represent Muslim parents views during various consultation process on topics such as education & training, communities, health & community care.
- h) To assist in controlling unwarranted behaviour by children in school (e.g. bullying) and reduce number of dropouts in schools.
- i) To provide schools, council and SEED better understanding of the religious needs of Muslim children in education & training.
- j) To assist schools and other department of Scottish executives (including health and community care) in coordinating with Muslim parents.
- k) To assist SEED and council in educating parents on introduction of new measures of improvements.
- l) To assist parents of foreign languages to understand the needs of the education system from parents.
- m) To explore the possibilities of establishing Muslim faith based school and to co-ordinate with the respective city councils in this regard.

Message from the Chairman – Mr. Shoeb Sarguroh:

“We at SMPA would be pleased to represent Muslim Parents views on education related issues in Scotland. I would like to invite all Scottish Muslim parents to join SMPA and contribute actively in promoting the objectives of the association. Lend us your support and let’s work together for the benefit of the future of our children and society.”