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Dear sisters & brothers,

We are pleased to be able to invite you to this conference "Helping Ourselves" on Saturday 30th May 2015. This conference is a joint initiative of Oldham Central Masjid and Oldham Mosques' Council. The conference will start at 10:30am and will conclude at 1pm and will take place at Oldham Central Masjid and will take place at Oldham Central Masjid.

The aim of the conference is to proactively look at the challenges facing the Muslim community in Oldham today and identify ways by which the Muslim community can deal with those challenges. Our key note speaker Dr Mahmood Chandia - a Senior Lecture at University of Central Lancashire - will provide an overview of some of the issues facing the Muslim community today. The conference will then break into 4 workshops where people will be able to discuss issues in more detail. The conference will end with a plenary and a recommendation for the way forward.

We aim to have a cross section of the Muslim community in terms of men & women, age, knowledge and experience in attendance at this conference. We believe your presence will be helpful to conference and therefore encourage you to attend.

There are limited places available on this conference and therefore we would request that you let Abdul Karim know as soon as possible and by no later than 4pm Friday 22 May 2015 whether you are able to accept this invitation.

The conference is free. If however you confirm but do not turn up on the day without notification then we will ask you to make a £20.00 donation to the Masjid.

If you are able to accept this invitation please indicate your preference for the workshops below.

1. What are the challenges facing the Muslim community today?
2. What can we do to improve the image of the Muslim community locally, regionally and nationally?
3. How can we better engage with none Muslim communities?
4. What should the role of Masjids be in today's society?

Each workshop will have two facilitators and they will report back at the plenary session of the main points of discussion at the workshops.

We will do our best to allocate your first choice workshop where possible. Should you require further information please do not hesitate to contact us. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

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