

Networking & Eid Celebration

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An audience of over 150 guests at an Eid networking event held at the BIA Lounge in Small Heath listened to keynote speakers from South Birmingham College (SBC), West Midlands Minority Ethnic Business Forum (WMMEBF) and the Islamic Sharia Council UK (ISCUK).

Mike Hopkins, Principal of SBC explained the role of a further education college in promoting equality and diversity in the workplace. Hari Raj, Vice Chairman of the WMMEBF which co-sponsored the event, outlined the important role played by the Forum in advising Advantage West Midlands on economic development in the region.



Dr. Khurram Bashir of the ISCUK spoke about the importance of Eid-ul-Adha festival which is celebrated on the tenth day of Zhul-Hijjah, the 12th and last month of the Islamic calendar.

He said: "It is a joyous day and also a feast of self sacrifice, commitment and obedience to Allah."

Entertainment was by Ulfah Collective, the first Muslim female band based at Ulfah Arts.

Manir Ulhaque, director of BIA Lounge, was delighted at being the main sponsor of the event and commented: "It is a pleasure to support the IAB in bringing its members to my establishment and contribute to the good work carried out by the organisation.

IAB Chairman Dr. Arun Bajaj said: "My warmest thanks to our members, supporters and sponsors in making this cultural event such a pleasing success for all concerned."