

Seekers of Knowledge Jump into Action

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SeekersHub Sydney held their inaugural opening weekend on the 5th & 6th October 2013, at their new premises, headed by Imam Afroz Ali, teacher and Managing Director for SeekersGuidance. Shaykh Faraz Rabbani, Founder of SeekersGuidance, was the guest of honor, flying in from Toronto for the special event.

The program for the weekend covered sessions on; The Adab of Earning, taught by Shaykh Faraz Rabbani; The Art of Giving, taught by Imam Afroz Ali; and Conversations: The Middle Way, Avoiding Extremes, with Shaykh Faraz, Imam Afroz, and facilitated by Ustadh Shah-Idil and Sidi Sharif Hassanen. Students and Guests were also treated to and inspired by The Shimmering Light Mawlid evening. The venue, with its charming blend of Australian and Turkish inspired decor, was filled with avid seekers of knowledge and those eager for guidance to be close to Allah Subhanahu wa ta'ala.

Hafiz Muhammad Khatree, Academy Manager for SeekerPoint Brisbane, commented, ‘ ... What a weekend it was! From the intensive learning of transformation sacred knowledge, the recitation of praises of Allah the Most High and His Most Beloved, peace be upon him, to being in the blessed company of our mentor, Shaykh [Faraz Rabbani](#) aka Digital Dervish, I found it all to be exceedingly mesmerising and thought-provoking. Most importantly, we seized this wonderful opportunity to reconnect with Allah and discover ways to internalise His attributes within our human capacity.’

SeekersHub Sydney strives to spread beneficial Islamic knowledge through nurturing the Prophetic way of excellence in individuals and communities, by facilitating accessible, relevant and engaging

educational programs and services provided by a wide network of teachers who are deeply grounded in the Prophetic tradition.

SeekerHub Sydney initiatives includes Knowledge Without Barriers, which provides free online courses for all; Morning Invocations; and Halal Food Bank (including Personal Hygiene Packs), to ‘help improve the wellbeing of ... individuals and their families ... from many different countries, the majority being former refugees, and have trouble accessing government assistance and feel isolated from others in the Muslim community.’

SeekersPoints - branches of SeekerHubs - are located around the world to facilitate these initiatives. In Australia, Points are popping up in greater numbers in Melbourne, Brisbane, Perth, with SeekersPoint Adelaide being most recent to add to the list.

There was representation from SeekersPoints around Australia at the opening of SeekersHub Sydney and also guests and students from abroad. Students are encouraged to learn their deen first and then turn it into action through the means of initiatives like the Halal Food Bank, feeding the homeless program, and yearly blanket drives.

As quoted from Imam Abu Hamid al-Ghazzali, ‘Knowledge without action is insanity and action without knowledge is vanity’.

The next series of classes to begin in October is Etiquettes of the Seeker: from Ta’lim al-Muta’allim Tariq al-Ta’allum by Imam al-Zarnuji (Instruction of the Student: The Method of Learning), taught by Imam Afroz Ali. This class will run for ten weeks from your local SeekersPoint.

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