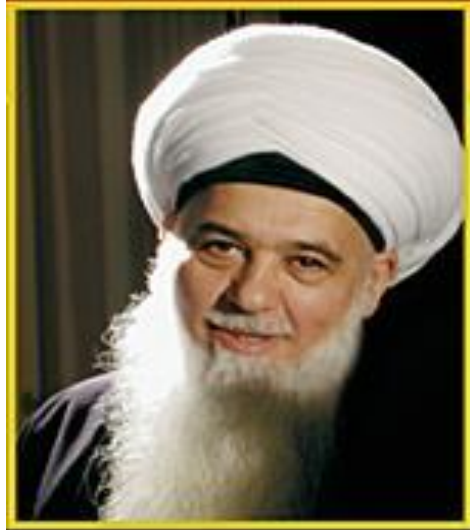


## Shaykh Kabbani Supports 'A Year of Service 2012' Programme



**Shaykh Muhammed Hisham Kabbani** Co-founder and Chairman for the Centre for Spirituality and Cultural Advancement (CSCA) is very pleased to hear about A Year of Service - a programme in which each of the major faith communities undertake a number of projects throughout the year in connection with particular holy or festive periods. People from other faiths or none are invited to come together to participate in each project with a view to improving their local neighbourhoods.

This is important because communities that are built on a shared set of values are the foundations of a strong society. In these present times, co-operation between faith groups is crucial. There is far more that unites people of different faiths than divides them. Thus Shaykh Kabbani warmly endorses this initiative. Khidma is an Islamic imperative, as it is in other faiths, and Shaykh Kabbani encourages Muslim communities throughout the UK to use this opportunity to serve their neighbours.

Shaykh Kabbani's message to everyone is simple - get involved in A Year of Service, take up volunteering opportunities, support active citizenship, and promote all that is in the public good.

### NOTES:

**Shaykh Muhammed Hisham Kabbani** is one of the world's most renowned scholars of Islamic history and the science of Islamic spirituality. As deputy leader of the Naqshbandi Haqqani Sufi Order, Shaykh Kabbani also serves as a guide

and teacher to approximately 2 million Muslims throughout the world, including the United Kingdom, Southeast Asia and the United States. He is the Chairman of the Centre for Spirituality and Cultural Advancement, a registered charity dedicated to enabling Muslims and non-Muslims alike to access the practical application of the Islamic science of self-purification. This spiritual discipline eliminates the aggressive or animal qualities of human nature by concentrating the practitioner on their inward relationship to God rather than the outward emphasis of trying to change others. The result is greater social cohesion, mutual respect of people with racial, religious and social differences as well as decreasing the tendency towards extremism and/or violence.

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