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Community leaders were given the chance to look around Stimpson Avenue mosque today as part of a drive to boost community relations.

Leaders of local residents associations and other organisations met with the Imam and Mohammed Khan, the secretary of the mosque, to hear about the role it plays in the community.

The visit was organised by councillor Danielle Stone (Lab, Castle) to increase community understanding.

Mayor Roger Conroy said, “This has been a very interesting visit and we have been invited back to meet the children after school. I look forward to that very much.”

Members of the group of visitors included Ute Nanni who takes up her post as the development officer for supplementary schools on Monday.

She said: “It is so important that there are no barriers, especially between those of us who are active in the communities. We all want the same things - respect, recognition and support for the work that we do. We have been given a very warm welcome at the mosque and I look forward to developing an on-going relationship with this community.”

Mohammed Khan said: “Muslims have to study and they have to act. Islam is about how we behave in our daily life. We teach the children to be good Muslims and good citizens; to care about their neighbours and their neighbourhoods. We enjoy having visitors and there is and there is always a welcome here for anyone who wants to come.”