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Registered Charity No: 118 1384

PHOTOGRAPHY & VIDEO-RECORDING AT COMMUNITY EVENTS

AL-MARYAM may take photos or videos at its events for using them afterwards to publicise its activities because the people often like to see photos of their community members together.

Referring to www.avonandsomerset.police.uk

*There is no **law** preventing people from **taking photographs** in public. ... If you are **taking photographs** from private land, you need to have the land owner's **permission**.*

***Taking a photo** of a person where they can expect privacy, such as inside their home or garden, is likely to cause a breach of privacy **laws**.*

[Martin Turner](#), Chartered PR Practitioner Public Relations, Chartered Institute of Public Relations

In UK, there are no general restrictions on you taking a picture of someone who is in a public place. GDPR is often perceived as limiting photography, but the rules are nowhere what many people imagine them to be.

[Todd Gardiner](#), I do event photography, weddings photography and documentary work. You can see my photos here: <http://Hierogl...>

You can photograph anyone you see in public, without consent. You can publish those photos any way you want, as long as you do not infringe on their personality rights. Personality rights require consent to use someone's photo to promote a business, cause, product, or organization.

[Steve Brisket](#), 30+ years as professional and amateur snapper prior to that.

In the UK it is perfectly legal to take photos of people in public and then use them for non-commercial and even commercial purposes.

The only issue with using them commercially is they may take umbrage if you, for instance, use the image in an ad for something which they are vehemently against and known to be against. They could then claim defamation.

For our **FOOD-GIVING VENUES** the situation becomes that it is a private property being used by AL-MARYAM – BUT it becomes a **public place** for those hours of food-giving activity on chosen days. It is because ANY ONE can walk in the hall

during those hours; to get food or donating something to the charity – without any hindrance or check – and AL-MARYAM doesn't INVITE certain class of people here.

However, the admin staff & volunteers at the spot should make sure the people they are photographing know they are being photographed and understand how the images would be used.

Parents and young people generally welcome opportunities to celebrate or publicise their involvement and achievements when taking part in many kinds of functions [*not limited to sports, arts, drama & festivals*] by photographing their persons at events. Many charity organisations like **AL-MARYAM** may at times want to promote their activities to encourage participation of the general community members.

The law does not out-rightly advocate the banning of photography or the use of images and videos BUT an extreme care is necessary while putting the same on media pages.

It will, however, be imperative that the photographers / video-makers of **AL-MARYAM** should take permission of parents of the children, if they are photographing children.

AL-MARYAM's each staff; each member & each volunteer is personally responsible to ensure that he / she is taking all necessary steps to protect children and young people from the inappropriate use of their images in resources and media publications, on the internet and elsewhere – if the photos, videos or images are taken, made or produced at **AL-MARYAM's** or its sponsored function / gathering.

How will you use the images, and why do you need them?

Images in which people can be identified are a form of personal data. Personal data is protected by Data Protection legislation, which sets out how organisations should treat people's personal data in order to respect their privacy.

The most important thing to remember about all forms of personal data, including images, is that one should only collect, store and use data if the org needs the same for a specific purpose of record or promotion of the noble cause of that organisation.

AL-MARYAM's staff or volunteer should only take photos if they know why we need them and how we'll use them. Members should delete photos once their purpose is done; shouldn't store them indefinitely "just-in-case".

Telling people, you are being photographed:

Before taking any photos or films, **AL-MARYAM** would ensure the people are aware that they are being photographed, who is taking the pictures, what they will be used for, and who they will be shared with. We'll respect willingness of the people if they contact us and inform they do not want to be photographed, or if they want their images deleted later. We'll display clear notice / signs at our events which specifically explain all this. For example – the org may paste a NOTICE at prominent place in the hall or venue and entrances that:

AL-MARYAM will be taking photos at today's food-giving event. These images will be used by **AL-MARYAM** to share news about its food-giving activity, and to promote its next event.

Images may be used in press releases, printed publicity and published on **AL-MARYAM** Facebook Page and website. They will be stored securely as the **CONFIDENTIAL** office record.

If you prefer for you or your child not to be photographed, please speak or send text to INAM R SEHRI [at 07737 471959]. If you would like to see your images, or would like us to delete them, please email the org admin on info@al-maryam.com any time.

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Sometimes, when we take pictures at an event, people ask us to be given copies. It is fine to share photos so long as everyone knows this will happen and the community members know each other being neighbours.

Sharing photos with third party organisations

AL-MARYAM may share photos and videos with other organisations, such as our funders, supporters or sister officialdom and charities. However, we'll make sure that those orgs will exercise the same care and precaution while using the material for evaluation and record. A notice from **AL-MARYAM** should be displayed at appropriate place. The aforesaid NOTICE will be suitably worded in this regard.

Before sharing photos with a third party organisation, **AL-MARYAM** admin will make sure the organisation understands what they can use them for. The office should also check that the photos will be stored securely, not kept for longer than needed. We'll keep track of which photos we've shared, because if someone asks us to delete their picture we will need to pass this message on to any third party organisation we shared the material with.

Photos and films of children

Before photographing or filming children [aged under 13], **AL-MARYAM** will make sure that their parent / guardian is aware of why we are taking pictures, what they will be used for, and how to contact us to ask for them to be deleted. Parents / guardians should have an opportunity to tell you if they do not want their children to be photographed.

At one-off events, the person taking photos should check with an accompanying adult before taking photos of children.

*[The admin members & volunteers will make sure in all **AL-MARYAM** functions or its sponsored gatherings that **NO UNDER-16** child will attend that function or gathering if he / she is not accompanied by his / her parents or guardians.]*

If some other organisation or group or local resident is using our venue jointly for mixed functions or special activities for children, then **AL-MARYAM** will NOT take any responsibility regarding photos or videos made out by their rep or media person

whatsoever. **AL-MARYAM** will not offer any services concerning photo or video activity in such situations.

The following questions / answers will, however, make clear the general perceptions regarding **AL-MARYAM's** photo / video policy:

Can one take photo of others without consent?

On the whole, **UK** law doesn't prevent **photography** in public places. The **UK** has relatively liberal laws regarding **photography** compared with many countries. Although there are some exceptions, the key principle is that you can **photograph** people and buildings **without** needing **permission**, providing you are in a public place.

Can you sue if someone posts a picture of you?

People **can't** take that without your permission. The key to being **sued** on social media is defamation. It has to be a **post** that is harmful to one's reputation in a tangible way. ... Just **posting** that **picture** of **someone** that is unflattering, that's not defamation.

Can you use photos without permission?

If it's copyrighted, **you could** be sued if **you use** it **without permission**. ... "... and what they **do** is, they'll get a copyright on a photo / video, and they'll **put** it out on the Internet, and it's freely available on the Internet. If **you** run a Google search their image will appear."

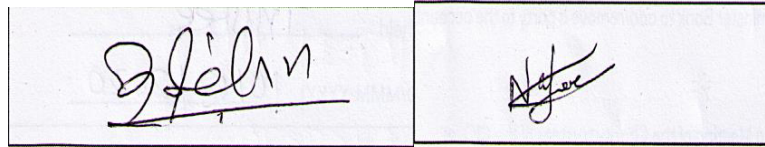
What to do if someone posts a picture of you?

OR What can **you do** if **someone posts** your **picture** on Instagram? If **someone posts** your **picture** on Instagram, and **you** don't consent to it, politely ask them to remove the **picture**. If they don't comply with your request, then report the **post** to Instagram for removal.

We, the trustees of AL-MARYAM, hereby approve the above policy with its exact wording - and will deemed to be implemented with immediate effect.

Dated: 1st day of September 2022

Signed:



(Inam R Sehri) Trustee

(Najeeb Ullah) Trustee

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