



Shaykh Amin Buxton

Lecturer and Researcher in Islamic Studies

Place of Birth and Current Residence: London, England / Edinburgh, Scotland

Religious Journey and Conversion

Amin Buxton was born in London and embraced Islam in 1999, marking the beginning of his spiritual journey and commitment to Islamic learning. His conversion represented a transformative moment that led him to pursue comprehensive knowledge of Islamic sciences and to dedicate himself to serving Muslim communities.

Academic Education

Following his conversion, Buxton pursued formal academic study in Islamic disciplines. He studied Arabic and Islamic Studies at SOAS, University of London, graduating in 2003 with a strong foundation in both the Arabic language and Islamic intellectual traditions. This academic training provided him with the linguistic and scholarly tools necessary for advanced Islamic study.

Traditional Islamic Training

After completing his university studies, Buxton enrolled at Dar al-Mustafa in Tarim, Yemen, one of the premier institutions for traditional Islamic learning and spiritual development. There he devoted more than ten years to the comprehensive study of the sacred Islamic sciences under the direct supervision of Habib Umar bin Hafiz, one of the most respected contemporary Islamic scholars. During this extended period of intensive study, he acquired mastery in multiple Islamic disciplines, including Shafi Fiqh, Aqidah, Tafsir, Hadith, Sirah and Tasawwuf. This comprehensive training established him as a qualified scholar grounded in classical Islamic tradition and methodology.

Scholarly Work and Publications

Buxton has undertaken significant editorial and translation work, making important Islamic texts accessible to English-speaking audiences. His scholarly contributions include the editing and translation of numerous books that explain and illuminate the Prophetic way and Islamic teachings. Among his notable works is his editing and translation of Beneficial Counsels by Imam al-Haddad, a classical Islamic text that provides practical spiritual and moral guidance rooted in Islamic principles and the example of the Prophet Muhammad.



Professional Experience and Community Service

Buxton serves as a prison imam, providing spiritual guidance, Islamic counseling, and pastoral care to incarcerated Muslims. This work reflects his commitment to serving marginalized and underserved populations within the Muslim community.

He serves as a Muslim chaplain at Edinburgh Napier University, providing spiritual support, Islamic guidance, and pastoral care to Muslim students at the university. His work as a chaplain demonstrates his ability to address the spiritual and psychological needs of young Muslims navigating secular academic environments.

Educational Initiatives and Community Leadership

Since 2017, Buxton has resided with his family in Edinburgh, Scotland, where he has become actively involved in several educational and community initiatives dedicated to Islamic learning and spiritual development including Reviving Souls, New to Islam Edinburgh and New Beginnings. Through these programs, Buxton works to make Islamic knowledge accessible to diverse audiences, including converts, new Muslims, university students, and those seeking spiritual guidance.

Areas of Expertise

His specialized knowledge encompasses Islamic jurisprudence (particularly the Shafi'i school), Qur'anic exegesis, hadith studies, Islamic theology and creed, Islamic spirituality and Sufism, Prophetic biography, Islamic ethics and moral development, and pastoral care. He is particularly skilled in communicating Islamic concepts to diverse audiences, including converts to Islam, university students, and those in institutional settings, drawing upon his background in academic Islamic studies and his extensive traditional training.

Current Focus and Mission

His present work focuses on serving diverse Muslim communities in Scotland through chaplaincy work, educational initiatives, and scholarly contributions. His mission centers on making Islamic knowledge accessible and relevant to contemporary Muslims, particularly those navigating secular institutional environments or new to the Islamic faith, while maintaining fidelity to classical Islamic tradition and the teachings of the Prophet Muhammad.

