# **Disposition:** Being Hopeful and visionary

## **Lesson:** Three

### Question/LO: What are the good things in the world, and what needs to be changed? How did Hany El Banna see that the world could be changed?

| **Dimension of learning** | **Activities** | **Resources** |
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| Learning about religious traditions and non-religious world-views | Remind pupils of the lists they made in the first lesson. What different things are wrong in the world? Explain that someone who wanted to stop people from being hungry was Dr Hany El Banna: the founder of Islamic Relief  Provide pupils with information about Dr Hany El Banna.  Hany El Banna was born in Egypt and was brought up in a Muslim family. He studied to become a doctor, then he travelled to the UK. He was a very good doctor and gained prizes for his work helping patients with cancer. He could have just carried on with his career as a doctor, helping people, and becoming richer, but something happened to put him on a different path. He applied for a new job in Manchester for an ever-better job as a doctor, but then had to make a hard decision. Should he move to Manchester, or stay in Birmingham, where he had friends and was working for charity as well as being a doctor? At the mosque, he prayed a personal prayer: ‘Allah, what do you want for my life?’ He had a dream of himself walking round the Ka’bah at Makkah seven times, like a Muslim pilgrim. He noticed the building wasn’t the Ka’bah, but the hospital where he worked in Birmingham. When he awoke, he believed that God wanted him to stay in Birmingham.  When he was 33, he went to a conference in Sudan, where there was a famine. He saw many poor and hungry people and wanted to do something to help. When he got home, he told his nephew about what he had seen. His nephew gave him 20p that he had been saving to spend on chocolate and said that his uncle could use that. This was the first donation to the charity that became known as Islamic Relief. This is an important part of the story of the beginning of the charity. Can pupils see that being hopeful and visionary can begin with something quite small?  Hany raised money to help the people in Sudan. He raised over £5,000 in a few months. He and the charity worked with people who lived in Sudan. They built a chicken farm where people could work to grow food to eat and sell. They set up a school for children who had lost their homes.  Islamic Relief is now a huge charity based in Birmingham which raises money for poor and hungry people in many parts of the world. Hany’s inspiration comes from the teaching of the Qur’an and the example of the Prophet Muhammad. One verse from the Qur’an is “Surely Allah enjoins (urges) justice, kindness and the doing of good”. (16:90).  Optional activity: Pupils could research into the origins of other charities which feed the hungry. | Much background information about Dr Hany El Banna, and some learning activities, can be found here NATRE and RE Today:  <https://www.natre.org.uk/uploads/Member%20Resources/RE%20Today%20Resources/Primary%20curriculum%20Publications/Inspiring%20RE/Inspirational%20People/Unit%204/Unit%20-%20Why%20is%20Hany%20El%20Banna%20an%20inspiration%20to%20Muslims.pdf>  There are further ideas here:  <https://static1.squarespace.com/static/58359f279de4bbe7aba10e31/t/5f76ff2f73b4160551e4eb4d/1601634098770/Sec+4a+Dr+Hany+El+Banna+Learning+ideas+-+resource.pdf>  [Our history - Islamic Relief UK (islamic-relief.org.uk)](https://www.islamic-relief.org.uk/who-we-are/about-us/our-history/)  To find out more about the charity and its work, look here:  [Children’s Education Charity | Islamic Relief UK (islamic-relief.org.uk)](https://www.islamic-relief.org.uk/giving/areas-of-work/education/) |
| Learning from faith and non-religious world-views | What can pupils see from the ideas from the three lessons of the unit about how people from religious and non-religious worldviews see that the world can be different? If everyone lived like this, how would the world be better? | n/a |
| Learning to discern | Question: Do we ever carry on hoping, so that we don’t actually have to do anything? What would have happened if Martin Luther King and Hany El Banna had just hoped that life would get better for people? | n/a |