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#MuslimStories

# COMMUNITY PACK 2023

www.islamophobia-awareness.org



*Our vision is to see the Islamophobia Awareness Month* campaign widely recognised and supported every year. We want to see a society that is understanding and inclusive, and free from Islamophobia in all of its forms."



To view all IAM Supporting organisations, visit our website: www.islamophobia-awareness.org/supporters-of-iam



# What is IAM?

Islamophobia Awareness Month (IAM) is a campaign founded in 2012 by a group of Muslim organisations to raise awareness of Islamophobia. It aims to raise awareness of the scourge of Islamophobia in society, as well as showcasing the positive contributions of Muslims in the UK.

The month-long campaign takes place every November. Resources are available on the website to help you to get involved and be a part of the growth of the campaign.

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# The theme for 2023 is **#MuslimStories**.

The goal of this year's campaign is to facilitate connections among individuals from diverse backgrounds, including both Muslims and non-Muslims, using the transformative power of storytelling.

Everyone has a story to tell and we want to encourage everyone from all walks of life to take part. Your story could be your own experience, or that of someone you admire.

Whether you are Muslim or not, we want to hear your stories of examples of inspiring Muslim role models or making a positive change to tackle Islamophobia in your workplace.

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## **Understanding Islamophobia**



"Islamophobia is rooted in racism and is a type of racism that targets expressions of Muslimness or perceived Muslimness."



Showcase Muslim heroes in your community

Push for the APPG definition of Islamophobia to be adopted by Councils and the Government

# Why Support IAM?

Challenge incorrect stereotypes about **Muslims** 

Use the transformative power of storytelling to increase understanding and empathy in your community

### Highlight the **scourge** of Islamophobia in the UK

## **Break down barriers** between Muslim and non-Muslim communities



# Here are 5 ways to get involved



#### **Become a Supporter**

Visit www.islamophobiaawareness.org/supporter and complete the form to become a supporter of the campaign.



#### Social Media

Find the campaign on Twitter, Instagram, Facebook and LinkedIn @islamophobiaam. Share content and use the hashtags #IAM2023



### Step 3

#### Exhibition

Visit the website to view the virtual Islamophobia Awareness Exhibition or make a request to hire it in your venue.

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#### **Human Library**

Take part in this year's flagship event. The Human Library is designed to share human stories and the lived experiences of muslims in your spaces. To find out how to create your own, click here.



#### IAM Workshop

Deliver the IAM workshop to your audience and explore what Islamophobia means to them. Explain what IAM is and share how to get involved. To find out more click here.

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#### **Sheikh Nuru Mohammed**

Hailing from Ghana, Sheikh Nuru Mohammed became the first Muslim leader in the UK to have his mosque used as a COVID-19 vaccination centre. As the head of the Al-Abbas Islamic Centre in Birmingham, where 1 in 5 people are Muslim, Sheikh Mohammed felt a moral obligation to support his community.



#### Haroon Mota

Founder of Active Inclusion Network. Marathon Runner & Mountaineer.

Haroon is a thrill seeking athlete who has for over a decade been setting himself ambitious fundraising challenges; running multiple marathons and climbing mountains around the world, raising millions of pounds for charity and inspiring so many from the South Asian and Muslim Communities to follow in his footsteps.

He is passionate for increasing diversity and inclusion in outdoor fitness, which led him to create the Active Inclusion Network and launching projects such as Muslim Hikers, which has rapidly grown to become the largest community in the world for Muslims interested in the outdoors.



#### **District Judge Raffia Arshad**

Raffia became the first hijabwearing UK deputy district judge for the Midlands in 2020, acting an an inspirational role-model for visibly Muslim women to achieve the highest levels in law. It all started at the age of 11 for the barrister who dreamt of the career but questioned whether "people who looked like me" could be a welcomed part of the world. Thirty years later, she recognises her appointment as a win for not just Muslim women, but for all women.



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