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# A day with an Imam

8th November 2017. 10am to 3pm

Venue: Manchester

*A day with an Imam: practical approaches to tackling Islamophobia in schools, colleges, universities and workbased learning.*

## **Description:**

Since the Brexit vote, there has been an unprecedented increase in specific Muslim hate crime of 200% since 2015 (The Huffington post, 2015) as well as a 57% increase in Islamophobic attacks on the public reported to the police (The Guardian, 7 Sep 2016).

With the British Muslim population totalling 2.1 million it is imperative both as a duty under The Equality Act (2010) and a Public Sector Equality Duty (PSED) for public bodies, schools, colleges and universities to combat such issues.

Organisations with the PSED therefore, need to ensure that robust measures are in place, staff are suitably trained and students act responsibly and are safe from such concerns.

This conference aims to address these issues. It will be led by a qualified Imam who has studied at a traditional British Islamic seminary with experience of chaplaincy at British schools, colleges or universities.

This practical experience is essential for successful discussion and reflection during the conference and workshops. The conference will establish the definition of Islamophobia and locate it within its current British context.

Forms of Islamophobia within educational establishments will also be explored and the phenomena will be grounded within current legislative and policy frameworks.

The conference will present a three-pronged model that educational establishments can practically adopt to ensure that they have conducive and safe learning environments where value, respect and tolerance are upheld for all.

The conference will establish inter-agency collaboration as well as third party engagement as viable tools to tackle Islamophobia and will further consider practical issues that could fuel unnecessary friction if not handled sensitively such as Muslim dress, worship and prayer facilities.

Good practice methods to adopt will be suggested to ensure inclusion when dealing with such sensitive issues. Through the use of innovative case studies modelled on real life scenarios, delegates will be able to apply the theory they have learnt to their front-line roles.



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## Conference aims:

- To gain an understanding of the definition of Islamophobia.
- To explore the legislative and policy framework within which it must be tackled.
- To discuss confidently the three-pronged model to successfully ensure Islamophobia is being addressed across your organisation.
- To raise awareness of external agencies and their roles in helping to tackle Islamophobia.
- To evaluate a range of approaches to sensitive issues such as dress code, worship and prayer facilities
- To explore approaches to teaching and learning to ensure inclusion.
- To discuss the role of professional reflection and experience when addressing sensitive issues relating to Islamophobia.

## Objectives

By the end of the conference delegates will:

- Have gained an understanding of the definition of Islamophobia.
- Have explored the legislative and policy framework within which it must be tackled.
- Have discussed the three-pronged model to successfully ensure Islamophobia is being addressed across their organisation.
- Have raised their awareness of external agencies and their roles in helping to tackle Islamophobia.
- Have explored a range of approaches to sensitive issues such as dress code, worship and prayer facilities
- Have explored approaches to teaching and learning to ensure inclusion.
- Have discussed the role of professional reflection and experience when addressing sensitive issues relating to Islamophobia.

## Who should attend:

- Frontline teaching staff at schools, colleges and Universities.
- Senior Leadership Team staff members at schools, colleges and Universities.
- Staff tasked with pastoral care responsibilities at schools, colleges and Universities.
- Organisation partners- police, assessors, governors and anyone closely associated with the organisation
- Front line staff in youth work and social work settings who have regular interactions with young people.



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## Booking

To book this conference please complete our Booking Form

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Alternatively, contact: **Sandra Gladwin** (administrator) directly at: [sandra.gladwin@equalityanddiversity.co.uk](mailto:sandra.gladwin@equalityanddiversity.co.uk). Sandra will be able to give you our conference costs per delegate, discounts for group bookings or details of our in-house training sessions.

Please provide the information below and we will endeavour to offer you a competitive price and provide necessary details:

Please state the nature of your query in the subject line of the email.

### **In the content of your email, please provide:**

- The name and address of your organisation.
- Email and phone contact information of main contact.
- Number of delegates.
- Any queries or questions you would like to ask regarding the conference/s.

## Cost

£125 per delegate for the full day conference. This is reduced to £110 for group bookings of 3 or more delegates.

Network members: £100

Price is inclusive of:

- High quality conference pack
- Post-Conference dissemination presentation
- Light Lunch/refreshments
- Attendance certificate

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