

GLA Manifesto pledges

On Tackling Islamophobia:

Commit to A training programme for Metropolitan Police Service officers to properly identify and record anti-Muslim hate crime.

Commit to improve provisions for 3rd party reporting centres for Muslims in all London Boroughs.

Commit to appointment of an officer with speciality training on racial and religious hate crime to work with Muslim communities.



Commit to improvements to security at Islamic places of worship and Muslim schools across the capital



Commit to addressing the threat posed by far right groups and right wing extremism, including on-street protests and social media forums that foment anti-Muslim prejudice



The Police and the Muslim community:

Commit to training officers in detecting 'unconscious bias' to improve stop and search 'hit rates' and consistently demonstrate grounds for 'reasonable suspicion'



Commit to increasing recruitment, retention and promotion of BME officers with clear plans to improve diversity in senior ranks of the Metropolitan Police Service.

Commit to improving Muslim participation in consultative forums including in Independent Advisory Groups across London Boroughs and on the London Hate Crime Panel.



PREVENT and Channel

Commit to curbing the encroachment of counter-terrorism policies on civil liberties.

Commit to publishing comprehensive data on Channel referrals annually on the MOPAC and MPS websites.



Commit to holding regular public meetings with local communities in order to dispel the lack of transparency about Prevent delivery and to enhance trust and confidence in police roles on programme delivery

Education and Employment

Commit to supporting improvements in educational attainment levels among BME groups, including Pakistanis and Bangladeshi pupils in the capital's schools and address remaining disparities in the attainment gap between Inner and Outer London.

Commit to supporting London Boroughs in developing teaching materials to educate young people on Islamophobia, racism, and anti-Semitism; to fund projects to promote educational programmes on Islam awareness; to prioritise religious education in the national curriculum in order to prepare young people for life in a religiously plural, vibrant capital city.

Commit to strengthening powers of teachers to deal with racist and Islamophobic bullying in schools in the capital; support the education sector in developing Islamophobia awareness programmes for teaching staff to equip them with skills to identify and tackle hate incidents in schools.

Commit to tackling religious discrimination in the workplace and address the low level of economic activity among Muslims through targeted interventions at stages of recruitment, retention and promotion. Create a taskforce to examine Muslim labour market discrimination in the capital and work with public and private sector employers to tackle the high levels of unemployment among Muslim Londoners.



Housing and Health

Commit to building affordable housing in the capital to meet housing needs and re-creating a BME Housing Strategy for London to address specific housing problems facing Muslim Londoners.

Commit to delivering the recommendations proposed by the London Health Commission to address health problems among BME groups and the higher proportion of Muslim Londoners reporting 'bad' or very bad' health compared to the general population in all age groups.



NHS

Transport and culture

Commit to tackling fare rises for public transport services and making services run more efficiently to address the adverse effects of high public transport costs on all Londoners, and particularly those on low incomes.

Commit to supporting London's museums and galleries in outreach initiatives to BME communities thereby extending visitor base to include marginalised groups and facilitate the use of the capital's arts and culture scene to bring diverse communities together by organising more exhibitions and cultural events about Islam and British Muslims.



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