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## Islamophobia Exhibition



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This exhibition is brought to you by Muslim Engagement and Development (MEND), a UK NGO dedicated to tackling Islamophobia. The exhibition showcases the contributions of everyday Muslims to the UK as well as highlighting the true scale of Islamophobia across society as a whole.

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# THE ABRAHAMIC FAITHS



**Islam, Christianity and Judaism** are known as the Abrahamic faiths because they trace their common roots to Abraham. They are the world's major monotheistic religions centred on the belief in One God.

► The Holy Book of the Muslims, the Qur'an contains references to many prophets that are mentioned in the sacred books of Christianity and Judaism, including Adam, Noah, Moses, David, Solomon and Jesus (peace be upon them all).

► The Qur'an refers to Christians and Jews as 'Ahl-e-kitāb' or People of the Book and makes various references to the Holy Scriptures given to Moses (the Torah) and Jesus (the Bible), reinforcing the common thread of all these religions: monotheism.

► Other common beliefs between the religions include a belief in Angels, the Devil, Heaven and Hell, the Day of Judgement, and bearing witness to faith through acts of prayer, charity, love and compassion for others.

► Common rituals include eating religiously slaughtered meat, called Halal in Islam and Kosher in Judaism; fasting, during Lent, Ramadan, and on Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement); circumcision (in Islam and Judaism) and modesty in dress (a practice adhered to by some Christians, Jews and Muslims).





# HISTORY OF MUSLIMS IN BRITAIN

Muslim Community-Religious  
studies in Butetown, Cardiff, 1943



## 18th Century

One of the earliest Muslims to settle in Britain was Sake Dean Mohammed who came to the UK in 1784. He opened a Coffee House in London, and later an 'Indian Vapour Bath and Shampooing Establishment' in Brighton, at a time when the concept of bathing was relatively unknown. He eventually became 'Shampooing Surgeon' to his Majesty George V.



## 19th Century

Lascar sailors increasingly visited British ports in the 19th Century, with some settling to establish the first Muslim communities in Manchester, Cardiff, Liverpool and the East End of London. Most came from colonies of the British Empire, such as British India.

As the Muslim community grew, they developed institutions to meet their cultural, educational and spiritual needs.



Abdulhah Quilliam was born in 1856 and brought up as a Wesleyan Methodist. He converted to Islam after a trip to North Africa. He established the first mosque in 1889 in Liverpool. A respected scholar, he subsequently set up a Muslim college.

Sake Dean Mohammed who  
came to the UK in 1784.



The first purpose-built mosque in Britain was the Shahjehan mosque in Woking in 1889, built by Dr Gottlieb Leitner, a Hungarian man of Jewish descent. It is still in use today.

## 20th Century

At the beginning of the 20th Century there were approximately 10,000 Muslims in Britain.

The Muslim community of London initially comprised of Lascars or seamen from South Asia and the Arab world. The first mosque in London was established in 1910, and was the forerunner to the biggest mosque in the UK today – the East London Mosque.

The majority of Muslims in Britain today originate from economic migration in the 1950's and 1960's from the Indian subcontinent, and from Uganda and Kenya in the 1970's.

## WHY DID MUSLIMS COME TO THE UK?

### WW1 to WW2

Many Muslim countries were part of the British Empire in the 20th Century, with the Queen as Head of State. These included India, the Middle East, South East Asia and substantial parts of Africa.

As loyal subjects of the British Empire approximately 400,000 Muslim soldiers fought in World War I and approximately 1 million Muslim soldiers fought in the Indian Army in World War II (Source: Remembering the Brave, MCB 2014)



400,000 Muslim soldiers  
fought in World War I

### Post War Immigration

Following the end of the war in 1945, the UK needed a large influx of immigrant labour to rebuild the country. The British Government thus actively encouraged and welcomed immigrants from its former colonies and the Commonwealth to come and work in the textile mills, transport industry and NHS.

Most immigrants were single men, who worked long hours in difficult conditions and sent money 'back home'. Eventually they decided to make Britain their home and brought over their families.



1. Naik Shahmed Khan, recipient of the Victoria Cross for service in World War I
2. Mr Kaid Sala shopkeeper, Butetown, Cardiff 1943
3. Officers of the 10th Baluch Regiment, Burma 1945
4. British Railway workers, London 1968
5. Clothing manufacturers, Brick Lane, East End London 1978



MUSLIM CONTRIBUTION TO BRITAIN

# BRITISH MUSLIMS & PATRIOTISM

95%

of British Muslims feel a  
loyalty to the UK

(COMRES 2015)

93%

of British Muslims say  
Muslims in Britain "should  
always obey British laws"

(COMRES 2015)

**METRO**

**BBC**  
RADIO

**4**

'95% of British Muslims  
feel a loyalty to the UK'

# BRITISH MUSLIMS & CHARITABLE GIVING



Research by  
Just Giving and ICM in 2013  
showed British Muslims give  
more to charity, per capita,  
than all other  
religious groups.

THE  TIMES

Muslims are Britain's  
top charity givers

THE  
HUFFINGTON  
POST

Muslims 'Give most to charity',  
ahead of Christians, Jews and  
Atheists, poll finds.

**FACT** ▶

Muslims are duty bound to donate 2.5% of their net disposable income annually to the poor and needy. This is known as Zakat.



# MUSLIMS POWERING THE BRITISH WORKFORCE



London-based civil engineer  
Syed Shar on site location

British Muslims are younger and better educated compared to other groups. Estimates from 2003 state British Muslims would account for one quarter of the growth in the UK workforce over the next decade.<sup>1</sup>



48% of British  
Muslims are aged  
24 or under.  
(Census 2011)



33% of British  
Muslims are aged  
15 or under.  
(Census 2011)

<sup>1</sup> Source: Cabinet Office report, Ethnic Minorities and the Labour Market 2003



# EDUCATION & BRITISH MUSLIMS

78%



British  
Muslims

71%



General  
Public



50%



British  
Muslims

38%



General  
Public



## Qualifications

78% of British Muslims have qualifications compared to 71% of the general public



## University

50% of Muslims go to university compared to 38% of the general public

# BRITISH MUSLIM ENTREPRENEURSHIP



Shazia Saleem, Founder iEat Foods

**13,500**

In London there are **13,500 British Muslim businesses** creating more than **70,000 jobs**.<sup>1</sup>

**114,548**

There are 114,548 Muslims in higher managerial positions in the UK economy.<sup>3</sup>

**£30 BILLION**

British Muslims contribute over £30 billion to the UK economy.<sup>2</sup>

**34.8%**

34.8% of BME small and medium enterprises in the UK are owned by Muslims.<sup>4</sup>

1. The Representation of British Muslims in the National Print & News Media: Cardiff School of Journalism, Media & Cultural Studies (2008)

2. ESMAN Legacy Report, Ethnic Minority Business Advocacy Network (2010). 3. The Census 2011. 4. IFF Research, B2S Small Business Survey (2010). Department of Business, Innovation & Skills (2011)

# HELPING KEEP BRITAIN HEALTHY



The NHS is a much loved British institution. It is also one which is significantly supported by both migrant workers and second and third generation immigrants.

The NHS is heavily dependent on health professionals drawn from all over the world, including from countries with large populations of Muslims, such as India, Pakistan and the Middle East.



26% of all doctors working in the NHS are Asian or Asian British <sup>1</sup>



8.5% of all doctors working in the NHS are from India or Pakistan <sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> NHS Employers (2014). Ethnicity in the NHS

<sup>2</sup> Health and Social Care Information Centre (2013) Provisional NHS Hospital & Community Health Service (HCHS) monthly workforce statistics



# BEST OF BRITISH



## James Caan

James Caan CBE is one of the UK's most successful entrepreneurs.

He has founded, developed and successfully sold a number of recruitment businesses such as Alexander Mann, Humana International and Human Capital Investment Group. With over 2.5 million followers on LinkedIn, he is the 7th most followed person in the world on the professionals' networking site. James was on the panel of the hit BBC show *Dragons' Den* and presented 'Business Class' on CNBC. James was also previously Chairman of the Government's Start Up Loans scheme, where he helped create 28,000 new businesses employing over 41,000 people.

He has endorsed and provided strategic guidance to a number of UK-based charities combining his business acumen with philanthropic goals. Initiatives like The Prince's Trust, Mosaic Enterprise Challenge and VInspired are some of the platforms through which James has made a difference to the lives of young people in the UK.

In 2010, James re-launched the James Caan Foundation, building a school in his father's name and providing education to more than 300 of the most deprived children in rural Lahore in Pakistan. Since the floods hit Pakistan in July 2010, James has been passionate about helping those who have suffered. Together with UNICEF, he raised £100,000 to deliver emergency aid to flood-hit regions, helping to save the lives of thousands of people.



## Adeem Younis

Adeem Younis is the founder of one of the world's largest online matrimonial agencies, [SingleMuslim.com](http://SingleMuslim.com).

He is also the founder of the British Muslim charity Penny Appeal and TV station British Muslim TV. His print company GoWebPrint was set up while he was still at college.

Adeem has won awards and accolades for his entrepreneurial flair including the Shell LiveWIRE Young Entrepreneur of the Year (2003) and Association of Colleges Gold Award (2011). He was a finalist in the Wakefield District Business Awards in the Business Entrepreneur category (2007) and is a two times Guinness World Record holder (2014 and 2015).

SingleMuslim.com is an online dating site which brings Islamic ethics to online matchmaking. With nearly two million users worldwide and over 20,000 successful marriages, SingleMuslim.com is making it easier for Muslims everywhere to find their soulmate.

Penny Appeal, was launched by Adeem in 2009 to provide food and clothing and to provide long term solutions for poverty alleviation. The charity's strapline 'small change, BIG difference' shows that even the smallest amount donated can make a huge difference to someone's life.

# BEST OF BRITISH



## Dr Khalid Master

Dr Khalid Master is a director and partner of a multi-award winning dental practice - Bank View Smile Studios - based in Blackburn, Lancashire.

Under Khalid's stewardship BVSS has won more than 24 regional and national dental and business awards including the prestigious accolade 'Best Dental Clinic in the UK' twice, as well as 'Best Dental Team in the UK'.

Khalid studied dentistry in order to bring comfort, confidence and happiness into patients' lives. His role as a healthcare provider enables three fundamental human necessities; to eat, to speak and to socialise without pain, discomfort or reservation.

Khalid is hugely passionate about his profession and firmly believes in 'giving back' to the community and to the profession. One of the ways he does this is by hosting high school, college and university students, as well as other dentists, for work experience and work shadowing at BVSS. He is a role model for young people of all denominations, and has facilitated over 70 work experience placements at his practice over the last few years.

Khalid is also chairman and founding trustee of the Abu Hanifah Foundation; an innovative and world renowned educational charity that is redefining standards in teaching and producing the next generation of British Muslim role models.



## Dr Mohammed Jiva

A General Practitioner and CEO of Rochdale and Bury Local Medical Committee, Dr Jiva has pioneered daily access to diagnostic services by providing continuity of care in his role as clinical lead for seven day GP services in Bury.

Dr Jiva chose medicine as a profession because the opportunity to help those in need and the importance of supporting the ill in Islam, places the profession in a privileged position to gain worldly benefits and rewards in the afterlife.

Dr Jiva chairs monthly meetings of medical colleagues combining medical learning and Islamic education as a means to enhance both clinical and Islamic knowledge among his peer group.

For the past decade, Dr Jiva has been honoured to support and accompany the annual British Hajj Delegation, which sends a team of British doctors to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia during the Hajj period. He was awarded an MBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours in 2014 for services to healthcare.



# BEST OF BRITISH



## Faisal Islam

Faisal Islam is an English political and economics journalist, who has been the Political Editor of Sky News since summer 2014.

He was educated at Manchester Grammar School, a boys' independent school in Manchester, followed by Trinity College at the University of Cambridge. In 2000, he gained a post-graduate Diploma in Newspaper Journalism from City University in London.

Faisal was the Economics Editor of Channel 4 News, until 1 June 2014, when he was replaced by Paul Mason, the programme's former Culture and Media Editor. He formally joined Sky News in 2014 as its Political Editor, succeeding the long-serving Adam Boulton. He has also held positions as the economics correspondent for The Observer newspaper and business correspondent for Channel 4 News. He has reported on the ups and downs of the corporate world from government-subsidised arms dealers and failing PFI contracts to how bankers are trading weather.

He has been the recipient of numerous journalism awards. In 2000 he was awarded the Wincott Award for Young Financial Journalist of the Year, in 2006 he was named Young Journalist of the Year at the Royal Society of Television. In January 2010, Faisal was named "Broadcast News Reporter of the Year" by the Work World Foundation for 2009 - with the judges saying: "His excellent writing converts abstract economics to something accessible to all, informing viewers in a compelling and original way."



## Mehdi Hasan

Mehdi Hasan is a leading Muslim journalist, writer, debater and presenter.

A graduate of Oxford University, he is perhaps best known for 'Head to Head' - a programme which sees Hasan interview major public figures. It has a three series run since December 2014 on Al Jazeera English.

Hasan worked as a researcher and then producer on LWT's Jonathan Dimbleby programme, with a brief period in between on BBC1's The Politics Show. Following this, he became deputy executive producer on Sky's breakfast show Sunrise before moving to Channel 4 as editor of news and current affairs. He was appointed senior editor (politics) at the New Statesman in late spring of 2009, where he stayed until May 2012, then becoming political director of The Huffington Post website.

Hasan became a presenter on Al Jazeera's English News Channel in May 2012. Hasan has appeared several times on the BBC's Question Time programme, and the Sunday morning programmes The Big Questions and Sunday Morning Live.



## BEST OF BRITISH



## Moeen Ali

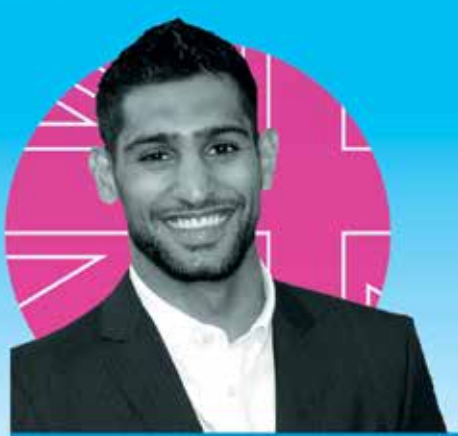
Moeen Munir Ali, born in 1987 and brought up in Birmingham, is an English international cricketer. As of 2015, Ali represents England in all formats of the game.

He is a left-handed batsman and right-arm off-spin bowler who played county cricket for Warwickshire before moving to Worcestershire after the 2008 season. He won Warwickshire's NBC Denis Compton Award in both 2004 and 2009. His off-spin is marked by a strongly spun off-break and a well-concealed arm ball. He was named one of the Cricketers of the Year in the 2015 Wisden Cricketers' Almanack.

Moeen has said that his faith and British identity are things he holds dear, "Islam means everything to me and I feel very proud when people ask me where I'm from. I can raise my head and say I'm very happy I was brought up in a country where I was very fortunate.

Growing up in the UK has given me a lot of opportunities. I probably wouldn't be in this situation if I hadn't been born here or raised here."

Moeen's grandmother was white, which makes him of mixed descent, "I don't see colour as an issue. I see everybody as being the creation of God. We're all brothers and sisters in humanity."



## Amir Khan

"Being a Muslim has taught me respect and humility." Amir Khan is an Olympic medal winning Champion who lives in Manchester.

Amir won the Silver medal in the 2004 Olympics, one of the youngest ever British World Champions for the WBA light-welterweight title.

He was named the 8th best pound for pound boxer as voted in the International BusinessTimes in 2011 and 12th best pound for pound boxer as voted by BoxRec. He has an overall amateur record of 101-9, and professional record of 31-3, 19 of his professional wins were by knockout.

Amir has been passionate about boxing since he was 8 years old. He names Mohammed Ali as his primary inspiration. Ali's motto: "service to others is the rent you pay for your room here on earth" is a guiding influence on Amir who draws strength from his faith in his sporting career and his charitable endeavours.

Amir set up the Amir Khan Foundation with the British Muslim charity, Penny Appeal, to build orphanages in foreign lands, aiming to bring stability and security to those in need.

He said, "It is important to lend my support and remind people that to help is one of the basic fundamentals of Islam; 'He is not a believer whose stomach is filled while the neighbour to his side goes hungry'"

# BEST OF BRITISH



## Tasmina Sheikh

Rt. Hon. Tasmina Ahmed-Sheikh OBE is the Member of Parliament for Ochil and South Perthshire.

She was elected in May 2015 and currently serves as the SNP Trade and Investment spokesperson and Deputy Shadow Leader of the House in the House of Commons. Tasmina previously worked as a solicitor, businesswoman and an actress appearing in daytime drama.

As a senior business and legal practice executive, she developed specific experience in providing legal support via the Islamic Bank of Britain and United National Bank in Sharia law and Islamic Financial Products; and had a strong involvement in the provision of legal support to historically challenged demographic groups, including Black and Minority Ethnic Communities and Women, and in the provision of advice in Immigration & Human Rights law.

She is the SNP's National Women's and Equalities Officer and in parliament has campaigned on a range of issues from reforming the benefit sanctions system to addressing the on-going refugee crisis in Europe.



## Naz Shah

Award winning activist turned politician Rt. Hon. Naseem "Naz" Shah MP is a 42 year old mother of three.

Within a year of her spectacular election win in Bradford West, Naz has established herself as a straight talking "brave" political leader in her own right and is a rising star in the Labour Party.

Having experienced adversity from an early age, including fighting for the release of her mother from prison, for killing her abuser and having been a victim of a forced marriage at the age of 15, Naz naturally champions women's rights in her parliamentary role.

Naz's passions are community development and leadership and her work on the parliamentary inquiry into extremism has established Naz as a recognised voice promoting dialogue around the "Prevent" agenda and challenging anti-Muslim prejudice. Naz is also working closely with her local partners on the issues of integration, education, safeguarding and policing.



# BEST OF BRITISH



## Sadiq Khan

Rt. Hon. Sadiq Khan was elected Mayor of London in 2016. He is London's first ethnic minority mayor and the first Muslim to become a mayor of a major Western capital. He was the Member of Parliament for Tooting in South London from 2005-2016.

Sadiq was the first ever Muslim MP to be appointed to the Privy Council and the first Asian or Muslim to attend the Shadow Cabinet. From becoming the youngest elected councillor in London in 1994 aged 23, he has gone on to become the most senior Muslim in Labour's 116 year history.

Proud of his Islamic faith, Sadiq quoted a hadith from the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) during his maiden speech in the House of Commons in 2005.

Sadiq has also been a Minister in the Department for Transport and the Department for Communities and Local Government. Prior to becoming an MP, Sadiq was one of the country's leading human rights lawyers and a founding partner of a leading solicitors firm. He acted in a number of landmark cases in major Courts and Tribunals. He was also a visiting lecturer, and Deputy Leader of Labour in Wandsworth.

Sadiq's tally of 1,310,143 votes in the London Mayoral election gave him the largest personal mandate of any politician in the history of the United Kingdom.



## Sayeeda Warsi

Rt. Hon. Baroness Sayeeda Warsi has had many roles, a lawyer, a businesswoman and a campaigner, but she is best known for being the first Muslim to serve in a British cabinet.

From 2010 to 2012, she was co-Chair of the Conservative Party, serving in David Cameron's cabinet as the Senior Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Office and as the Minister of State for Faith and Communities. In August 2014, she resigned from her position citing disagreement with the Government's policy on the Israel-Gaza conflict. Sayeeda studied law at Leeds University, working for the Crown Prosecution Service before setting up her own legal practice. After getting involved in politics, she became Vice Chairman of the Conservative Party and advisor to the leader, Michael Howard. In 2007 she was elevated to the House of Lords aged 36, making her the youngest peer in Parliament.

In Government she devoted herself to making the case for faith, declaring in a 2010 address to the Anglican Bishops' Conference that governments should 'do God'. In 2011 she provoked support and controversy when she famously declared that Islamophobia had 'passed the dinner table test'. Outspoken and challenging on the issues that many seek to avoid, she has become a distinct voice on topics previously considered taboo, leading the Government's campaign to criminalise forced marriage and speaking out on the sexual grooming of children by gangs.



# BEST OF BRITISH



## Mo Farah CBE

Mo Farah CBE, a Muslim Londoner, is a double Olympic, European Athletics and World champion. He recently became the first athlete to win three long-distance doubles at successive World Championships.

Mohamed Farah arrived in the UK aged 8 from Mogadishu, Somalia, speaking very little English. Farah grew up in West London and began running at school. His talent was spotted and nurtured by his PE teacher who encouraged him to train as a long distance runner.

In the London 2012 Olympics, Mo Farah created history winning the 10,000m gold. His win was Great Britain's first ever Olympic gold medal in the 10,000m. A week later, Mo completed the hardest track double of them all by winning the 5,000m. During the 2014 European Athletics Championships, Mo successfully defended his 5000m title and won gold in the 10,000m, completing another major championship double. This made him the most successful individual in the history of the European Athletics Championships. In the 2016 Rio Olympics, Mo Farah won his fourth Olympic gold and became only the second man to retain the 5,000m and 10,000m titles.

Mo Farah has frequently spoken of the importance of Islam to his identity and success. He commented: "You've got to believe in God. Everything happens for a reason. I think the way I am, the way I'm chilled out, has a lot to do with being Muslim and having faith. I normally pray before a race, I read a du'a [Islamic prayer] think about how hard I've worked, and just go for it."



## Nadiya Hussain

Nadiya Hussain became the first British Muslim woman to win the Great British Bake Off in 2015. A record 14.5 million viewers tuned in to watch her win the 2015 TV competition.

She won the hearts of millions of TV viewers with her baking skills going on to become a weekly cookery writer for The Times magazine and authoring a children's cookbook, 'Bake me a Story'.

Nadiya was asked to bake a cake for Her Majesty The Queen's 90th birthday and won a place in Debrett's list of the 500 most influential people in Britain after winning the BBC show. In 2016, Nadiya explored the different facets of her identity: British, Bangladeshi and Muslim, in a two part BBC show titled 'The Chronicles of Nadiya'.

Nadiya has spoken about the racism she has experienced as a British Muslim saying racial abuse had been something she has experienced "for years". However Nadiya recognises that racists who subject Muslims to abuse are the minority and her strong sense of Britishness and the importance of faith and ethnicity to her identity was affirmed in her two part BBC show when she said: "I'm British, I'm Bangladeshi, I'm Muslim, and I'm proud of all three."

# MUSLIM INVESTMENT IN THE UK

Britain has become the home of Islamic Finance in the West. Aside from the UK treasury issuing the first ever Sukuk (Islamic Bond) by a western government to the tune of £200m, scores of landmark British sites have been purchased via Islamic finance structures or sovereign wealth funds of Muslim nations. In addition Muslim nations have invested in many of our well known sporting and business institutions.

- ▶ The Qatari's own a 95% investment share in **the Shard**.
- ▶ Malaysia's £400 million investment in the **Battersea Power Station** property development.
- ▶ **Olympic Village** owned by Qatari Investment Authority (QIA).
- ▶ **London Gateway** on the Thames – one of Europe's biggest ports being built by DP World.
- ▶ United Arab Emirates investment in the new **Arsenal Stadium**.
- ▶ The Etihad investment in **Manchester City** football club
- ▶ **Canary Wharf** complex bought by a consortium led by the Qatari Investment Authority.
- ▶ Purchase of a 10% share in the company that owns **British Airways** by Qatari Investment Authority.
- ▶ Islamic investors have also financed **Thames Water**.
- ▶ The Qatari Investment Authority (QIA) is reportedly the biggest shareholder of **Barclays Bank**.
- ▶ Qatar not only owns **Harrods**, the London landmark, but also over a quarter of **Sainsbury's** and a 20% slice of **Camden Market**.





## MEDIA NEGATIVITY





# DISTORTED MEDIA COVERAGE



For every 1 'moderate' Muslim mentioned,  
21 examples of 'extremist' Muslims are  
mentioned in the British press.

# ISLAMOPHOBIC CRIMES



A pregnant Muslim woman being racially abused on a London bus, 2015



## INCREASE IN HATE CRIMES

70% increase in hate crimes against Muslims was recorded by the Met police in London in July 2016

5723 racial and religious hate crimes recorded against British Muslims between April 2014 and March 2015



## INCREASE IN CHILD BULLYING

Childline found a 69% increase on the previous year (2012/13) in counselling related to racist bullying. Common terms used to bully children were 'bomber', 'terrorist' and 'go back home to where you came from'; it is likely that many of these children were Muslim

The 'majority' of Scottish Muslim pupils have experienced anti-Muslim abuse

# BRITISH PUBLIC ATTITUDES



**1 in every 3 Britons admits to  
being racially prejudiced**

(BRITISH SOCIAL ATTITUDES 2014)



**31% of young people agreed  
with the statement: "Muslims  
are taking over our country"**

(SHOW RACISM THE RED CARD 2015)



**55% of Britons say:  
"There is a fundamental clash  
between Islam and the values  
of British society"**

(YOUGov 2015)



**Only 1 in 4 people feel  
positively about Islam  
in Britain.**

(BRITISH SOCIAL ATTITUDES 2009)



# AIRPORT DETENTIONS & RELIGIOUS PROFILING



In 2010/11,  
**Asians were 11.3 times more likely to be stopped** than those who were white at British airports



## IDENTITY CARD

In 2015/16, it was  
**13 TIMES MORE LIKELY FOR AN ASIAN** individual to be examined under Schedule 7 Stop & Search, than a white individual.

# INEFFECTIVE LEGISLATION



UK law places an extremely high threshold to prosecute offences considered as 'incitement to religious hatred'.

Islamophobes have regularly exploited this loophole to use violent and threatening language against British Muslims as shown by this case.

Erik Kitson (an ex-UKIP councillor) posted this graphic on his facebook page and on a related post, in reference to Muslim women wrote 'hang them all and ask questions later'.

**Mr Kitson could still not be prosecuted for 'incitement to religious hatred'.**



**Eric Kitson**  
hang um all first  
then ask questions  
later... 😊

18 October 2012 at 20:33



"The evidence in this case was sufficient to prove to a jury that Mr Kitson was posting these messages by copying them to his Facebook page. Whilst many will

have found them wholly socially unacceptable, there was not sufficient evidence to show that they were either threatening or posted with an intent to stir up religious hatred. Therefore, this did not reach the evidential standard required to enable a prosecution."

**Jayne Salt, Head of the West Midlands CPS Complex Casework Unit**

**WOULD WE TOLERATE THIS AGAINST BLACK OR JEWISH PEOPLE?**

# JOURNALIST & ACADEMIC VIEWS

Perhaps we expect such shoddy and soulless conduct on the part of a tabloid press which is poisoning our society in a variety of ways. But they also uncover a disturbing willingness among writers in the broadsheet press and elsewhere to indulge themselves in blatantly anti-Islamic rhetoric and argument that would, as they argue, not be tolerated if it were directed against Jews or gay people.



**PROFESSOR JULIAN PETLEY AND ROBIN RICHARDSON**

*Co-authors of Pointing the finger:  
Islam and Muslims in the British media (2011)*

For every one moderate Muslim mentioned, 21 examples of extremist Muslims are mentioned in the British press. It is also interesting to note that so-called 'moderate Muslims' often got praised in a way which implies they are good because they aren't fully Muslim.



**DR PAUL BAKER, PROF. TONY MCENERY  
AND DR COSTAS GABRIELATOSCO**

*Authors of Discourse Analysis and Media Attitudes:  
The Representation of Islam in the British Press, 2013*

You are, in the media, able to tell lies about Muslims – to misrepresent them, fabricate stories about them in many ways that shame Britain. One columnist in an upmarket Sunday paper could ask rhetorically: 'Islamophobia? Count me in.'

Count me in.

*'Imagine him declaring:  
'Anti-semitism?  
Count me in.'*



**PETER OSBORNE**

*Co-Author (with James Jones),  
Muslims under siege. Alienating vulnerable communities (2008)*

Whichever minority you chose you would think such remarks completely unacceptable. They would shock you. Applied to Muslims, though, they did not shock me. They dismayed me but I found the sentiments almost routine.



**MATTHEW PARRIS**

*Columnist, The Times (2014)*



# MISREPRESENTING MUSLIM WOMEN

A Mother,  
A Daughter,  
A Neighbour,  
A Professional,  
A Human Being.

In media output in 2010-2014, the veil was predominantly portrayed as something Muslim women are forced to wear (38%) or 'demanded' to wear (24%), suggesting an encroachment on the majority culture. The veil as something Muslim women 'choose' to wear was present in 30% of media output. 8% of the time, the veil was presented as something Muslim women have the 'right' to wear.

Studies show that when majority groups have direct contact with minorities, they are more likely to hold positive views about minorities in general.

**Sun**

Women are being  
forced to dress like daleks

**Daily Mail**

How long before non-Muslim  
women are compelled to dress  
like bats to enter certain parts  
of certain British cities?

**Sun**

We let shroud-swishing  
zombies flout our standards  
freedom and tolerance  
every day

# STEREOTYPING MUSLIMS



The photography typically reflects the visual imagery and themes used on Islam and Muslims in newspapers and broadcast media.

The predominance of such images and a discourse which emphasises 'conflict', 'violence' and Islam's 'cultural incompatibility' reproduces prejudiced attitudes towards Islam in public debates on immigration, multiculturalism and national identity.

In reality the people depicted above represent only a tiny fraction of Britain's muslim community of several million.

**We invite you to reflect and probe your own attitudes toward Islam and Muslims beyond the imagery and descriptions provided by mainstream media sources.**

## **QUESTION?**

Do you see Muslims as a singular, homogeneous group of people?

## **QUESTION?**

Do you think the people above fairly represent the Muslim community?



# THEM & US



Muslim volunteers assisting flood victims in Cumbria 2015

Articles frequently represent British Muslims as a singular group in profound opposition to British culture and values.

Instead of presenting the commonalities between British values and the Muslim faith, many broadsheets, tabloids, and even television and film, use narratives that portray Muslims as extremist, antagonistic, and subversive. Media discourses overwhelmingly externalise Muslims and display Islamic culture as impinging on the West and Britain. Muslims and Islam are often portrayed as an 'alien presence' rather than as part and parcel of contemporary British society.

**DAILY EXPRESS**  
Muslims tell British  
"Go to Hell"

**Daily Mail**  
Cameron tells UK Muslims:  
Be more British

**Sun**  
Al-Qaeda Corrie  
Threat



# A MATTER OF LIFE & DEATH

The rising of tide of Islamophobia in the UK can have tragic consequences. It is not always about verbal or physical abuse, or offensive graffiti and the desecration of graves. In some cases it leads to the ultimate crime, murder.



### Mohammed Saleem

An 82-year old man who was fatally stabbed whilst walking home from a mosque in Birmingham in 2013. He was killed by Pavlo Lapshyn, a 25 year old far right sympathiser from the Ukraine who also planted bombs near mosques in the West Midlands. His motive: "to spark a race war".



At the time the West Midlands Police Deputy Chief Constable, Dave Thompson commented on the lack of media coverage suggesting it failed to properly publicise appeals about Muslim mosque bombings out of possible religious bias. "Our circulation of the picture of alleged suspects in the Mosque attacks drew very little coverage; that was frustrating at a time we needed public help."



### Muhsin Ahmed

An 81 year old man who was savagely beaten by two men in 2015 on his way to his mosque in Rotherham. The men stamped so viciously on his head, the footprint was clearly visible. He died in hospital from his injuries days later. Dale Jones was sentenced to life imprisonment for murder and Damien Hunt to 14 years in jail for manslaughter.

# EMPLOYMENT DISCRIMINATION



"Muslims are paid  
13-21% less than their white  
Christian counterparts of equal  
qualification"

National Equality Panel, 2010

"All minority groups suffer some  
form of 'penalty'...Muslim ethnic  
groups suffer the largest  
'ethnic penalty'."

National Equality Panel

Two BBC investigations (2004  
and 2010) into job discrimination  
uncovered discrimination against  
Muslims. In the first study, the  
investigation found that 25% of  
applications from applicants with  
traditional English names  
prompted a positive response and  
an interview offer while only 9% of  
the 'Muslim' applications resulted  
in the same.

BBC Radio 5 Live, 12th July 2004

Muslims are 76% less likely to  
have a job of any kind compared  
to white, male British Christians  
of the same age and with the  
same qualifications and Muslim  
women are up to 65% less  
likely to be employed than white  
Christian counterparts."

Dr Naili Khamab, Bristol University

Muslims suffer a higher  
'ethnic penalty' than other  
minority groups.

Cabinet Office Report, 2003

Muslims have experienced  
the lowest (and decreasing)  
hourly pay rates between  
2008 and 2013

EHRC, 2015



# RISE OF THE FAR RIGHT



One of the major factors in the rise of Islamophobia has been the increasing militancy of far right social movements and political parties, such as the English Defence League, Britain First and Pegida UK.

This has mirrored the rise of far right political groups across Europe, including Front National Party in France, the Freedom Party in the Netherlands and the Alternative for Germany (AfD) in Germany, fanning fears of the 'Islamisation of Europe.' British far right groups have promoted an increasingly overt anti-Muslim narrative with anti-Muslim prejudice at the core of their right wing ideology. They have held countless demonstrations across the UK in recent years, with significant costs to the taxpayer, business and more worryingly, local communities.

**WHAT DO YOU THINK ARE**

**BRITISH VALUES?**

**WRITE THEM HERE!**



WHO ARE MEND?

# A MESSAGE FROM OUR CEO

Welcome and thank you for taking the time to visit the MEND exhibition. I would like to summarise a few key points:

- Islamophobia can be defined as: "an exaggerated fear, hatred and hostility towards Islam and Muslims that is perpetuated by negative stereotypes resulting in bias, discrimination and the marginalization and exclusion of Muslims from social, political and civic life" [Fear Inc. 2.0]
- Islamophobia is a prejudice that stems from ignorance and fear and engenders a hatred of Muslims which can take different forms.
- Whether it emanates from individuals, far right groups, employers or in the media, it is a problem for all of us and one we must tackle together.

I am pleased to be part of an organisation that is at the forefront of tackling Islamophobia in the UK. With a strong grassroots presence across the country, we are a dynamic, fast-growing organisation that is providing a strong voice and powerful social activism that is leading the way in media, political and civic engagement.

I hope you will support our work, and do your bit to tackle Islamophobia.



Dr Shazad Amin



WHO ARE MEND?

# OUR VISION & MISSION

Mend's objective is to eliminate Islamophobia in the UK, in all its forms. To achieve our aims, this is what we are doing:

Campaigning to ensure Islamophobia is reviled in the same way as all forms of racism, xenophobia and anti-Semitism.

Asserting a confident British Muslim identity, especially among Muslim youth founded on civic participation and social responsibility.

Working to end hostility towards Muslims in the UK, particularly its most vulnerable victims; women and children.

Encouraging the proper recording of Islamophobia by the police to ensure anti-Muslim hate crime is recorded, analysed and prosecuted.

Promoting policies to deliver significant improvements in racial and religious equality for Muslims by tackling employment discrimination, social deprivation, media negativity, high prisoner numbers and the disproportionate impact of counter terror legislation on Muslims in Britain.

Improving political and media literacy among British Muslims to foster greater civic, economic and political integration of Muslims in UK society.

Advocating for the preservation of human rights legislation and the protection of minority rights including the right to freedom of religion, freedom from discrimination, protection against discrimination and the rights to privacy and family life.





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# UNITING COMMUNITIES

BREAKING DOWN  
BARRIERS



Studies show that when majority groups have direct contact with minorities, they are more likely to hold positive views about minorities in general.

MEND therefore has an extensive outreach programme with local communities to build bridges and foster friendships.

MEND would like to thank all the inter-faith and civic organisations it has had the pleasure of working with, including some of those pictured here, the Faith Network for Manchester, Coffee for Craig, Muslim Jewish Forum and Youth on Solid Ground.



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# WORLD CLASS RESEARCH

MEND has produced well-researched briefing papers on a range of policy issues such as Press Regulation, Schedule 7 Airport detention, Police and Crime Commissioners and more. In addition we have produced a series of Manifestos highlighting the key issues for British Muslims in major elections.

Our briefing papers address policy concerns and put forward recommendations to enhance equality, non-discrimination and human rights compliance in policy matters.



All these are available at

[www.mend.org.uk/publications](http://www.mend.org.uk/publications)



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# POLICE ENGAGEMENT



MEND pioneered the recording of Islamophobia as a separate category of crime by constabularies in England and Wales.

By 2015, MEND secured co-operation from a quarter of all forces on the separate recording of Islamophobia. In late 2015, the Government, building on MEND's work, announced that all forces would record Islamophobia as a separate category of crime from 1 April 2016.

MEND runs national community awareness programmes on reporting hate crimes to the Police alongside the importance of British Muslims joining their local police force.



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# ADVOCACY IN WESTMINSTER



Over the years, MEND has hosted packed-out fringe events at party conferences with high profile speakers such as Andy Burnham MP, Owen Jones, Baroness Warsi, Sir Lynton Crosby, Paula Sherriff MP, Wes Streeting MP and Peter Osborne to name a few.

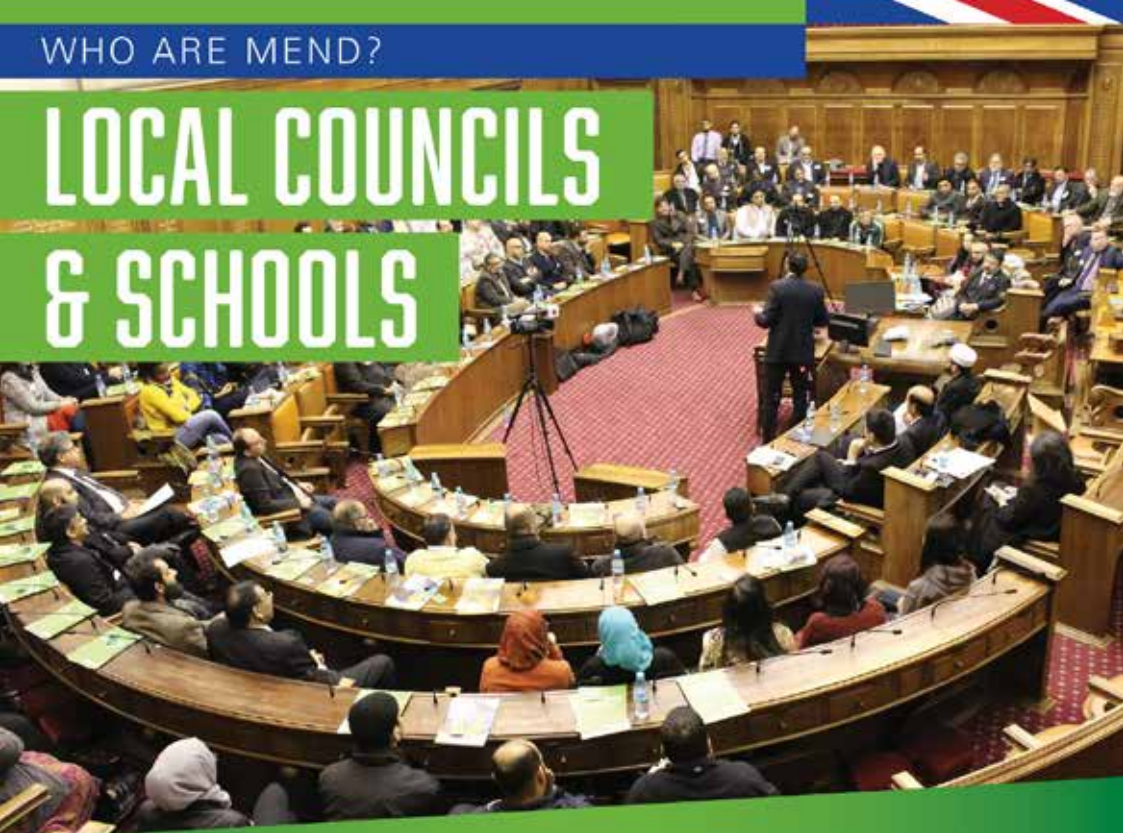
MEND also regularly meets parliamentarians and hosts events in Westminster to highlight problems facing Muslim communities and developments in Islamophobia.





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# LOCAL COUNCILS & SCHOOLS



MEND works extensively with Local Councils across the UK to ensure tackling Islamophobia is a core component of their hate crime strategy and that 3rd party reporting centre provision is widely available.



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# EDUCATION & TRAINING



One of MEND's key community strengths is our education and training programmes.

Our landmark **'Islamophobia – causes and cures'** presentation sets the scene on Islamophobia in the UK and how best to act locally and effect change nationally. Over 30,000 people have sat through our presentation.

We then have a day-long Masterclass on **Media and Political engagement** which over 3,000 people have attended. At the top end we have an 8 day long **'Advanced Training Course'** covering many aspects of contemporary Muslim issues in the UK and beyond.





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# A GRASSROOTS PRESENCE



MEND has an extensive network of local working groups across the UK dedicated to tackling Islamophobia and delivering MEND's national vision at a local level.

Working groups have cultivated partnerships and engaged with local police, councils and schools to ensure the community at large tackles the challenge of Islamophobia.

## MEND Local Working Groups

**LONDON:** Central London, Redbridge, Newham, Harrow/Hendon, South London, Waltham Forest, Lewisham, Ealing/Southall

**HOME COUNTIES & SOUTH:** High Wycombe, Luton, Reading, Brighton

**MIDLANDS:** Birmingham, Derby, Leicester, Nottingham, Loughborough

**YORKSHIRE:** Batley, Bradford, Dewsbury, Leeds, Sheffield

**WALES/WEST:** Cardiff, Swansea, Bristol

**NORTH WEST:** Blackburn, Bolton, Liverpool, Manchester, Oldham, Preston

**SCOTLAND:** Glasgow





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@MENDCOMMUNITY



MEND operates the UK's leading online daily news and commentary service on British Muslim affairs. Our work in this sphere has served as an invaluable basis to identify Islamophobia in the press and to challenge it through regulators. The quality of MEND's media coverage has drawn many admirers including Russell Brand.

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# AWARDS & ACCOLADES



The Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR) have commended MEND's annual reports on Islamophobia as 'best example' for civil society organisations.



The World Economic Forum has commended MEND's work as an example of 'best practice' in 'human rights protection and promotion'.

MEND is 100% community funded  
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