



**ISLAMOPHOBIA  
AWARENESS MONTH**

**#MuslimStories**

# **UNIVERSITY PACK 2023**

[www.islamophobia-awareness.org](http://www.islamophobia-awareness.org)

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*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."*

### IAM Supporters



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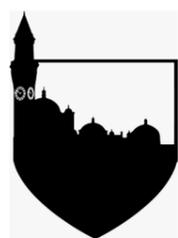
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To view all IAM Supporting organisations, visit our website:

[www.islamophobia-awareness.org/supporters-of-iam](http://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 recognise and showcase Muslim Heroes in Education.

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**.

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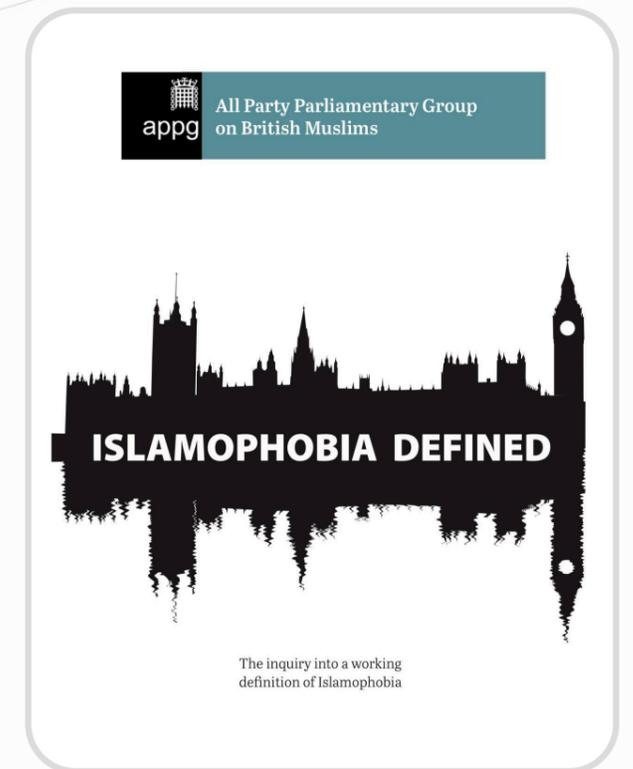
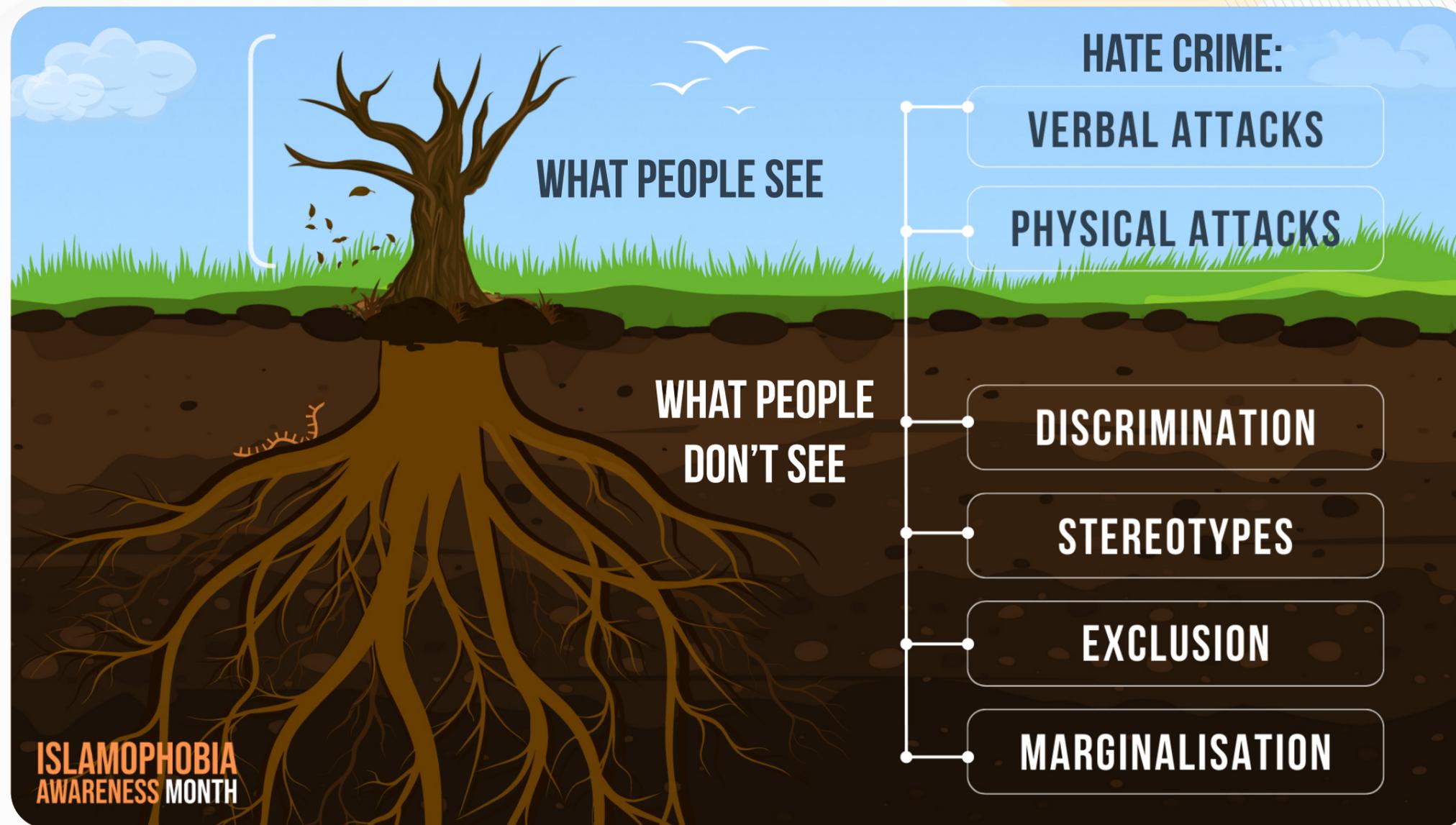
The goal of this year's campaign is to facilitate connections among individuals from diverse backgrounds, including both Muslims and non-Muslims, using the transformative power of storytelling.

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.

IAM Exhibition at  
The V&A Museum,  
London

# Understanding Islamophobia



*"Islamophobia is rooted in racism and is a type of racism that targets expressions of Muslimness or perceived Muslimness."*  
- APPG on British Muslims

# Why Support IAM?

Showcase Muslim **heroes** in your community

Recognise and showcase **Muslim Heroes** in Higher Education.

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

Challenge **incorrect stereotypes** about Muslims

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

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

## What is the evidence that Islamophobia exists at universities?

Universities have a duty to safeguard their students and create inclusive environments on campus. By participating in IAM, you are sending a clear message to your staff and students that any behaviour to damage these environments will not be tolerated.



In the same report, **39% of Muslim staff** believe that Islamophobia is normalised at LMU.<sup>1</sup>



**Over 25% of female Muslim students** report having had to defend the wearing of **hijab and niqab** whilst on campus, making them feel **unsafe**.<sup>1</sup>



In 2018 a NUS survey of nearly **600 Muslim students** at UK universities, **1 in 5 Muslim students** reported being the victims of verbal abuse.<sup>2</sup>

#### References:

1. A report on 100 Muslim students by London Metropolitan's University (LMU) recently established Centre for Equity and Inclusion 2021, stated the need for universities to acknowledge and tackle Islamophobia on campuses across the UK.

2. In 2018 a NUS survey of nearly 600 Muslim students at UK universities.

# Here are 5 ways to get involved



**Step 1**

**Become a Supporter**

Visit [www.islamophobia-awareness.org/supporter](http://www.islamophobia-awareness.org/supporter) and complete the form to become a supporter of the campaign.



**Step 2**

**Social Media**

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



**Step 3**

**Exhibition**

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



**Step 4**

**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](#).



**Step 5**

**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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# #MUSLIM STORIES

## #IAM2023



### Aisha Janki Akinola

Aisha is an aspiring architect with a passion for sustainable design and climate justice. Aisha won a fully funded scholarship to study architecture, but her experience as a Black Muslim woman, living alone and noticing the lack of support given to mental health motivated her to do much more. Aisha founded the BlackEd movement and ran a series of social media campaigns against racial harassment and hate crimes on campus.



### Asif Aziz

Asif Aziz is a property entrepreneur and philanthropist. He is the Founder and CEO of Criterion Capital, which manages a property portfolio including some of the most prominent buildings in London's West End.

He is also the founder and Chair of the Aziz Foundation which, since its inception in 2015, has awarded grants worth more than £12mn including more than £7mn for postgraduate scholarships.

Asif is an Honorary Fellow of Goldsmiths, University of London, he won the Tun Dr Mahathir Bin Mohamad Leadership Award for 2022 and has been listed for over five years in 'The 500 Most Influential Muslims in the World' publication.

His interests include combating Islamophobia, education, tackling homelessness and international poverty relief.

# Find Out More

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HIRE EXHIBITION



SCAN QR CODE TO VISIT WEBSITE

## SUPPORTER

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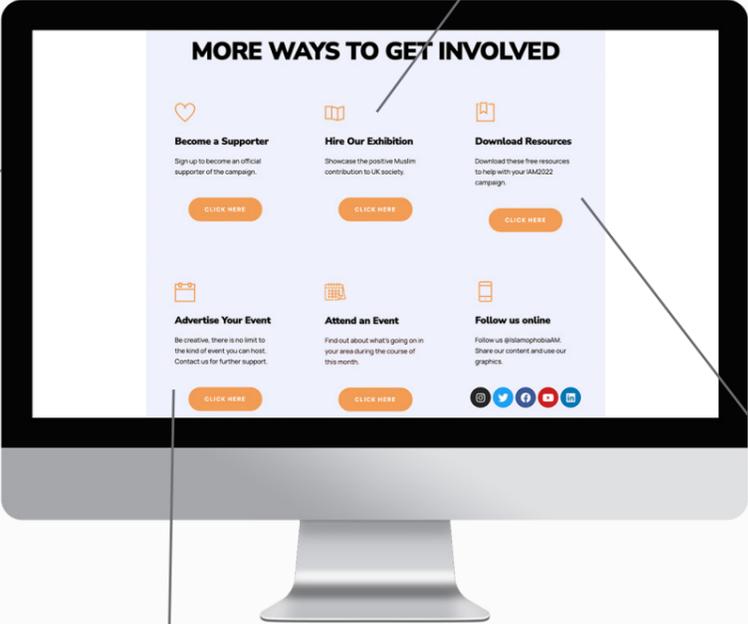
Phone

Do you consent to being contacted by the IAM Team?  
 Yes  
 No

For organisations, please upload a high quality image of your logo in png or jpeg format. (optional)  
 Choose file  No file chosen  
You can add a file up to 20 MB.

Do you consent to the use of your logo as a supporter of IAM?  
 Yes  
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Any additional information or comments (optional)



## RESOURCES

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- Download IAM2023 Resources**  
Download these free resources to help with your IAM2023 campaign.  
[CLICK HERE](#)
- Community Pack**  
Download the IAM Community Pack for your local community or organisation.  
[CLICK HERE](#)
- Corporate Pack**  
Download the IAM Corporate Pack for your workplace or organisation. Share the pack with your HR department.  
[CLICK HERE](#)
- Solidarity Graphic**  
Show your support online and on social media with this graphic. Remember to use the hashtag #IAM2023.  
[CLICK HERE](#)
- Download 5 Minute Presentation**  
[CLICK HERE](#)
- Social Media Pack**  
Find out how you can make a difference online with our IAM Social Media pack. See tips on how to get involved.  
[CLICK HERE](#)
- IAM Exhibition**  
Ideal for your local mosque to raise the topic of IAM2023 during the Friday sermon.  
[CLICK HERE](#)
- 5 Minute Talk**  
Spend 5 minutes delivering this engaging speech at your local IAM event.  
[CLICK HERE](#)



EVENTS

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*Take part in the  
conversation, be part  
of the solution*

IAM 2022 Launch at  
Edgbaston Cricket Ground

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