

#MuslimStories

## PLANNING YOUR EVENT: THE HUMAN LIBRARY

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Through the art of storytelling, we can preserve our heritage, educate future generations, and inspire change." — Philipp Humm



# **Human Library**

The human library is our flagship event for IAM 2023, in line with our theme #muslimstories.

A Danish idea from the year 2000, a human library is a place where stories are told but through **people** instead of books. These 'books' are people who share their personal experiences and stories in a respectful and safe environment, typically surrounding topics such as discrimination, social exclusion, or stigma.

For Islamophobia Awareness Month, taking part in or organising a Human Library is an opportunity to engage in meaningful discussion with both Muslims and Non-Muslims, and learn about the different life experiences of others through the lens of Islam and Islamophobia. It is an activity which breaks down barriers in communities and challenges negative attitudes about Islam through the power of storytelling.



## Getting Ready

Locate your host and venue Decide where is the best place to host

and who will lead it.

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 $\mathbf{i}$ GUIDE

#### **Develop your** guidelines

Set out your rules or guidelines for the hosts and 'books' for the event.



#### **Create Profile** posters

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Introduce your 'books' to the readers by using posters in your event space. You can download our template poster here.

#### **Book your Venue**

You may be interested in hiring a space and buying refreshments.

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#### **Recruit your** 'books'

Find the people to participate.

#### **Brainstorm** your event

Decide what you want it to look like, and what your focus point will be.

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#### Host the **Human Library**

Take pictures, tag us on social media and use hashtags #muslimstories

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and #IAM2023







### Human Library **Focus Point Ideas**

#### **Understanding Islamophobia**

What is Islamophobia? What does it look like? What are some common misconceptions?

#### **Positive stories**

Who is your role model in your community or more broadly? What positive contributions have Muslims *made to society?* 

#### **Debunking stereotypes\***

*How can we actively challenge negative* stereotypes about Muslims? How can muslims and non-muslims work together to overcome these problems?

#### **Humanising Different Cultures\***

Get to know your peers. Who is your *favourite music artist? What did you eat* for breakfast as a child?

\*ideal for non-muslim audiences

# Website & Social Media

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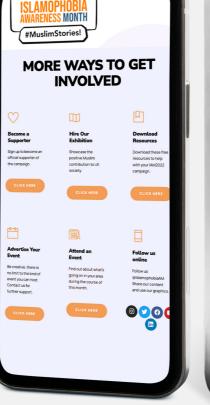






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