PLANNING YOUR EVENT: THE HUMAN LIBRARY

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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 organizing 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.

― Philipp Humm

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

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

2. Recruit your ‘books’
   Find the people to participate

3. Locate your host and venue
   Decide where is the best place to host and who will lead it

4. Develop your guidelines
   Set out your rules or guidelines for the hosts and ‘books’ for the event

5. Create Profile posters
   Introduce your ‘books’ to the readers by using posters in your event space. You can download our template poster [here].

6. Secure funding
   You may be interested in hiring a space, buying refreshments or buying some IAM merchandise*

7. Host the Human Library
   Take pictures, tag us on social media and use hashtags #muslimstories and #IAM2023

Human Library Focus Point Ideas

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

2. Positive stories
   Who is your role model in your community or more broadly? What positive contributions have Muslims made to society?

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

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

Please contact us if you are interested in purchasing any IAM merchandise, including pens, t-shirts, lanyards and stickers.

*ideal for non-Muslim audiences
Website & Social Media

SCAN QR CODE TO VISIT WEBSITE

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