

R[a]ising hate in  
time of COVID-19  
- The experience  
of young people

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“Challenges for Human Rights  
in the time of Covid-19”  
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# MUSLIM YOUTH IN THE TIME OF COVID

- ▶ Challenging time as many were in lockdown during major Muslim events
  - ▶ Ramadan
    - ▶ Rhetoric - “The holy month of Ramadan seems to have led to a wave of conspiracy theories around Muslims — with claims that the virus has spread around this time now that the Islamic festivities are at their peak”.
  - ▶ Hajj
- ▶ Many spent Ramadan taking part in voluntary work – feeding communities, working at COVID-19 care and call centres.
  - ▶ Muslim communities still ‘came together’ virtually and within an socially distance way help those in need.

## ISLAMOPHOBIC INCIDENTS AND RHETORIC

*The COVID-19 Pandemic exacerbated an already serious context of increasing levels in Islamophobia and anti-Muslim hatred.*

- ▶ Online media and online hate speech
  - ▶ Leading to youth exclusion and issues around mental health
  - ▶ Detrimental to young people and their livelihoods
  - ▶ Organisations and individuals being ostracized due to this rhetoric
- ▶ Increase in conspiracy theories and meme culture
- ▶ Muslim women's dress being targeted (face masks and niqab)

“Muslims are a bigger threat than any disease like the coronavirus ever will be.... ” (AMHWG Report)

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# The New York Times

Wednesday, March 11, 2020

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Here's what you need to know at the end of the day.

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Why the U.S. wasn't ready for the coronavirus.

**In the 'In Her Words' Newsletter**  
Algorithms learn our workplace biases. Can they help us unlearn them?

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## Trump Suspends Travel From Europe for 30 Days

### U.K. Is Not Included in Travel Restrictions

- President Trump announced he was suspending travel from Europe for 30 days in the fight to contain the coronavirus, starting on Friday.
- The address was Mr. Trump's most public acknowledgment of the severity of the crisis. Here's the latest.

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### Analysis: A Fumbled Global Response to the Virus in a Leadership Void

The voices of world leaders are less a choir than a cacophony, with the United States absent from its traditional conductor role.

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The New York Times is providing

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Coronavirus updates: US travel ban, Italy shop closures and more

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## NEWS

World

### US travel ban, Italy shop closures and more

Five takeaways from Trump's coronavirus address BBC 1:28

11 Mar 2020

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Metro Holland 20 minuten

Iran heeft tijdelijk 54.000 gevangenen vrijgelaten in een poging de verspreiding van het coronavirus in de overvolle gevangenissen tegen te gaan.

Metro Holland Zojuist

Of ze de vakantie afmaken, bepalen de reizigers zelf.

AXED.NL 9 minuten

8 nieuwe besmettingen in Nederland.. Plaatsen bekend.. Rotterdams ziekenhuis neemt maatregel..

Metro Holland Gisteren om 20:09

Ook in de VS is er een eerste sterfgeval.

AXED.NL 18 corona-besmettingen nu in Nederland, Rotterdams ziekenhuis IC op slot



CNN International  
@cnni

Austria announced its first death from the coronavirus. The country currently has 302 confirmed cases, according to the health ministry.



Austria announces first coronavirus death  
[edition.cnn.com](http://edition.cnn.com)

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29 févr. à 21:23

ALERTE INFO

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ALERTE INFO ! 100 cas de #coronavirus confirmés en France, +43 par rapport à hier !

Parmi ces 100 cas : 2 décès, 11 guérisons, 86 hospitalisés dont neuf dans un état grave !

#COVID19france #CoronavirusFrance



9:11 PM · 29 févr. 2020 · Twitter Web App

# Will Mandatory Face Masks End the Burqa Bans?

As face coverings become the rule in public spaces, attitudes about head scarves may change.



Women in Paris after their release from a police station in 2011, when a ban on full-face coverings went into effect in France. Gonzalo Fuentes/Reuters

By Lou Stoppard

May 19, 2020



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last updated: 25/05/2020

By Marco Perolini



## Leicester Leicester lockdown: what are the new Covid-19 restrictions?

Spike in infections forces non-essential shops to close from Tuesday and schools from Thursday

- [Coronavirus - latest updates](#)
- [See all our coronavirus coverage](#)

**Alison Rourke** and *Press Association*

Mon 29 Jun 2020 22:15 EDT

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### Coronavirus: What's happening in Leicester? This is how the local lockdown will work

Boris Johnson has referred to a "whack-a-mole" strategy in which shutdown rules will be reimposed in areas where cases are high.

By Tom Gillespie, News reporter @TomGillespie1  
🕒 Tuesday 30 June 2020 10:51, UK



Public Health England has recommended that Leicester keeps lockdown measures in place for another two weeks

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**INDEPENDENT**

### Officials struggled to keep testers in city, mayor says as lockdown extended locally

City first to extend restrictions after spike in cases

Lizzy Buchan Political Correspondent | @LizzyBuchan | 11 hours ago |

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A woman wearing a PPE mask walks past social distance adviso X

**BBC NEWS**

### Coronavirus: Leicester local lockdown a reminder that risk is not gone

By Laura Kuenssberg  
Political editor

🕒 29 June 2020 | UK Politics

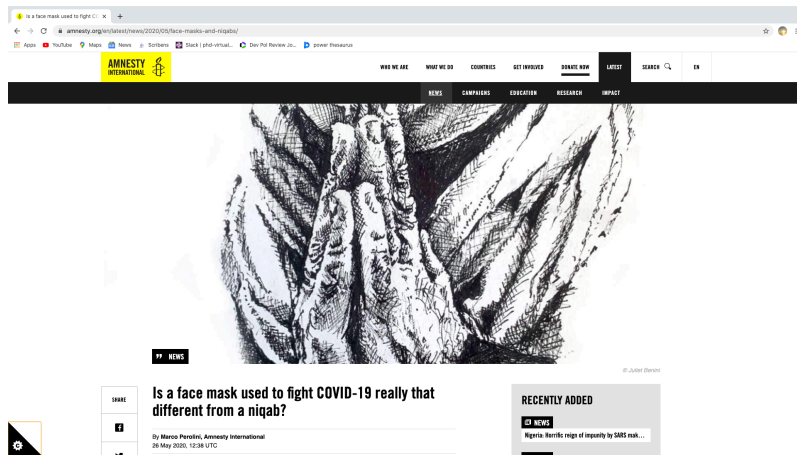
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# COMBATTING CHALLENGES



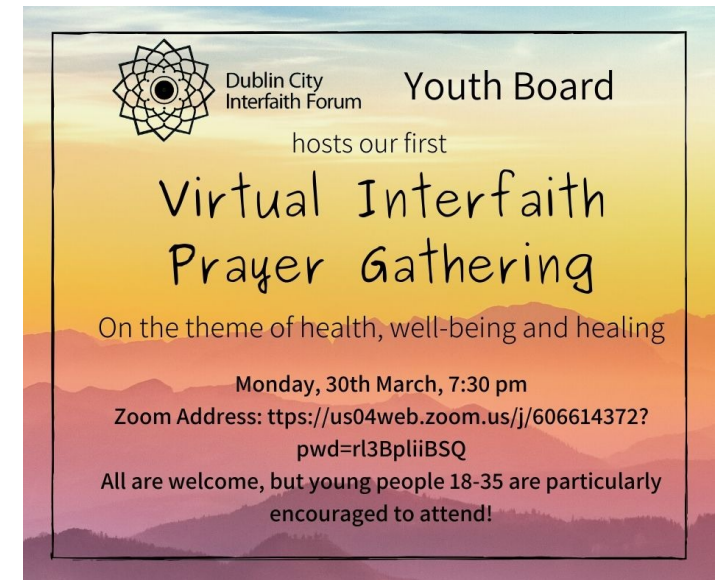
- Acknowledge the problem of anti-Muslim hatred and Islamophobia.
  - Demoralising for Muslim Youth and Muslim communities
  - This can also be exhausting and be the cause of mental health challenges
- Reporting of Islamophobic media, messaging and content is essential
  - Recording of Islamophobic incidents will further detail the extent of the problem
  - E.g.: reporting of Islamophobic statements by politicians on online media.
- More open discussions within Muslim communities and all communities,
  - for example collective interfaith actions and discussions.
  - Joining platforms and reading studies
    - Anti-Muslim Group working group #stopcovidislamophobia/online



# NATIONAL LEVEL ACTIONS

## Ireland

- Islamic Cultural centre of Ireland
  - Spreading positive messaging
  - Youth gatherings online – ICCI Youth 30 days online meet-ups with young people
  
- Dublin City Interfaith Forum
  - Interfaith online spiritual gatherings
  - DCIF and DCIF Youth Board were also key to raising awareness and education during the time of COVID.
  - Safe Haven training programme now an online tool for recognising and responding to hate crime in Ireland.



# NATIONAL LEVEL ACTIONS

United Kingdom

#RamadanatHome campaign

- Muslim Council of Britain tools for Ramadan, Mosques, and for Students during COVID-19
- Guidance in several languages – applicable to all communities.
- Virtual Ramadan gatherings and ‘iftars’ around topics such as environmentalism, mindfulness,





## How to Celebrate EID

### Lockdown

First Minister, Mark Drakeford has announced a further 3 week extension to the lockdown in **WALES** with minor adjustments to rules. The message remains:

STAY AT HOME

PROTECT THE NHS

SAVE LIVES

DO...

 <small>Wash, wear your best clothes and wear perfume</small>	 <small>Pay Zakat Al Fitr (in advance)</small>	 <small>Eat something sweet for breakfast</small>	 <small>Call out Eid Takbiraat at home</small>
 <small>Perform Salah, either Eid prayer or Nafil Salah*</small>	 <small>Connect and celebrate virtually with family &amp; friends</small>	 <small>Exchange gifts within households or by ordering online/post</small>	 <small>Enjoy dinner within your household</small>

DO NOT...

 <small>Go to the mosque. Sadly community gatherings are not permitted</small>	 <small>Visit family or friends. We need to protect them</small>	 <small>Go to the park or public spaces to pray or congregate with others</small>
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\* Pray Eid prayer in accordance with your school of thought / local mosque guidance

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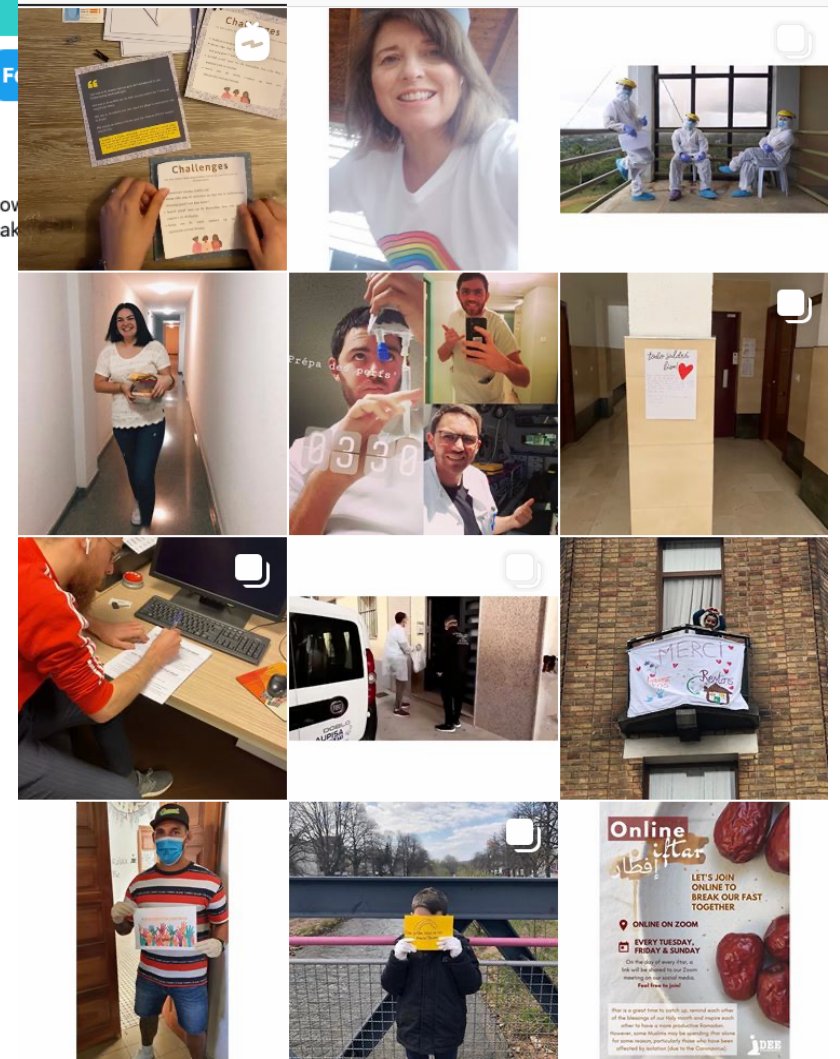
[www.muslimcouncilwales.org.uk](http://www.muslimcouncilwales.org.uk)  
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 The Muslim Council of Britain

Developed by Muslim Council of Wales, 15<sup>th</sup> May 2020

# EU LEVEL ACTIONS

- Campaign - Outbreak of Generosity (@of\_outbreak)
  - A youth led European campaign by @femyso
  - Encouraging youth to show support & generosity to their communities in response to the COVID-19 outbreak!
  - Supported by
    - European Students' Union (ESU),
    - European Roma Grassroots Organisations (ERGO) network,
    - European Network Against Racism (ENAR)
    - World Student Christian Federation (WSCF).
- FEMYSO's online Ramadan series
  - Webinars on - combatting mental health challenges



Meanwhile during the increased Islamophobic rhetoric, Muslim Youth worked tirelessly towards staying focused on what really matters in the time of crisis and beyond..

**Black Lives Matter**  
A discussion in Europe

Sunday, 14 June 2020  
20:00 CET

**Abiola Muhammed**  
PhD candidate  
Clinical Psychology  
Ireland

**Ayo Olatunji**  
Vice President of FOSIS  
United Kingdom

**Celine Fabrequette**  
Head of Ma Vie Citoyenne  
Belgium

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**Invisible Wounds**  
Maintaining your Mental Health

Sunday, 3 May 2020  
18:00 CET

**Dr. Rania Awaad**  
Director, Stanford  
Muslim Mental Health Lab

**Iman Ben Ahmed**  
Counsellor and  
Psychotherapist

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**Youth Participation  
in Decision Making**

Sunday, 17 May 2020  
18:00 CET

**Noura Berrouba**  
Member of the Governing Body  
of the European Youth Parliament

**Zarab Sultana**  
Member of Parliament  
of the United Kingdom

**Andrea Ugrinoska**  
Chair, Advisory Council on Youth  
Council of Europe

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