

Introduction to Islam & the Muslim Culture Course

Cultural Competency Training

With the increasing number of terrorist attacks associated with Islam across the globe, the constant negative portrayal of Islam in the Media, isn't it time to learn more about Islam and Muslims from authentic sources? ***Here is the opportunity!***

Venue: Your venue and visit to a local Mosque during the course

Date: To be confirmed **Time:** 9:30am to 4.00pm

To register please go to: <https://xxxxxxxxxxxxx>

Includes: lunch, information pack & visit to Mosque

Over 19,500 people throughout the UK have now attended this highly informative and successful course.

The course is delivered by Kaushar Tai, Management and Training Consultant, and is open to anyone who wishes to **learn more about Islam & the Muslim culture**.

Learning Outcomes:

- A better understanding of the basic beliefs & practices,
- History of Islam
- Confidence in understanding what is Islam and what is not,
- Are the actions of ISIS, Boko Haram, the Berlin and Paris Attacks, Islamic?
- The meaning of Sharia Law? Understanding about the status of women in Islam
- The true meaning of Jihad? What actually happens inside a Mosque?

Who is this course for? All are welcome, including:

- **Anyone who wishes to learn about Islam**
- **Public, Private & Voluntary Sector Workers, including police, Social Workers, Teachers; counter terrorism officer, NHS staff; Mental Health Workers etc.**
- **Those who wish to improve their cultural competency training Foster Carers and those working with Muslim Refugees**

This course offers an excellent opportunity to ask any questions in a friendly & comfortable environment. – Places are limited and will be on a first come first serve basis

Comments from previous delegates about the Islam course:



"There were so many things I took from the day that I can't possibly put into words quickly, but suffice to say, I found it extremely informative and at times very touching"

Julie Purnell | Regional HR Business Partner - ITV West country



"I feel that more people should participate in course like that to gain a greater insight to things we generally have little knowledge about., and as we are all aware lack of knowledge lends itself greatly to discrimination".

Anthony O'Farrell- Training Dept – HMP Liverpool



"I think I can say that I found this one of the most informative and helpful courses I have ever attended. It cut through any preconceptions I had about Islam and Muslim culture and it has really helped me to understand what it is like to be a Muslim in this country.

I would recommend this course without hesitation. Most enlightening".

Iona Butler – Kent Adult Social Services



"After spending a day with you and the other people, representing the public and voluntary sectors learning about what being a Muslim in today's world means I feel much more confident that I am better prepared to communicate with this important audience. It was quite an honour to sit at the back and watch one of the five prayer sessions".

Barbara Mesa-Marketing and PR Manager



Doncaster & South Humber

"..We were given a fascinating insight into Islam from the perspective of a woman.

The speaker was very engaging, informative & it was apparent that she was dedicated to her faith. Every effort was made to answer all questions & once again this led to some very interesting discussion & debate".

Valerie M Wordsworth – Service Improvement Assistant



"Everyone appreciated the spirit of openness and a willingness to share knowledge of the Muslim faith. Each member of staff who attended has come away from the course having gained a better understanding of Islam which will greatly assist us when working within the community"

Sally Fellows-Programme Manager-Tinsley Surestart



"I found the whole day to be extremely interesting and informative. It was refreshing to hear fact separated from myth and, perhaps most importantly, clearly defined the differences between religion and culture".

Department of Trade & Industry, -Employment Services, Isle of Man Government



"As a supervisor in a public service and as an individual I feel it is important to be aware of diversity in the organisation and the community it serves, this course has certainly educated me in aspects of Islam and I feel that I can encourage members of staff to attend and be confident that they will further their knowledge and awareness.."

Rhona J Walton/Administrative Supervisor



"We were impressed with the trainers' vast knowledge & experience which they shared in an open & honest manner. No question was left unanswered, with examples given from personal experience, which made it more realistic & prompted discussion"

Allison Morgan – Housing Training Officer



1 July 2019

Testimonial for Aksaa Re: Islam Awareness Course

Kaushar has been delivering Introduction to Islam & Muslim Culture courses for us at the University of Portsmouth since 2017 and has consistently received positive feedback from delegates. The workshop provides valuable insights into the Muslim Culture; allows delegates to ask questions to aid the development of their knowledge and understanding; and the inclusion of a visit to a local mosque is a real highlight.

Delegates have commented on the value of “..Being able to ask anything without fear of feeling ignorant, intrusive or causing any unintended offence..” and how appreciative they were of Kaushar's “...informative, patient, even-handed...” delivery.

We are looking forward to welcoming Kaushar to the University of Portsmouth for further workshops in the next academic year.

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Testimonial For:

Kaushar Tai – Management and Training Consultant and Director of Aksaa

March 2019

I first met Kaushar Tai after attending his course “Introduction to Islam & Muslim Culture in Leeds. Following on from that initial meeting we discussed the possibility of him delivery culture awareness training for staff at Merseyside Fire & Rescue Service. Kaushar was able to develop a half day course, which linked into the work our staff carryout within the community. This training has now been delivered to over 150 staff from Merseyside Fire & Rescue Service and Merseyside Police.

Kaushar Tai has also helped develop a booklet Health and Safety – An Islamic Perspective which includes links to fire safety legislation. This booklet is being used as part of a wider national NFCC (National Fire Chief Councils) Project. He has also facilitated a number of meetings and conferences with members of the Muslim, Sikh and Hindu Communities from across Merseyside to help improve our community engagement and highlight the importance of fire safety.

Kaushar has also recently facilitated a joint collaboration event with Merseyside Fire & Rescue Service and Merseyside Police.

The aim of the event held in November, was to bring together representatives from as many different faiths as possible along with the chaplains who support both organisations to celebrate how “Faith makes our communities of Merseyside stronger”, and was an opportunity to hear how other faiths are working together. In total we had 20 people from across Merseyside representing the Islamic, Jewish; Christian and Sikh faiths attended the event. This event has led to further community engagement events.

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Testimonial for Kaushar Tai Director of Aksaa

"Kaushar is a Management and Training Consultant and Director of Aksaa. I have known him for 2 1/2, years when I first commissioned him to deliver Islamic Awareness and Cultural Competency Training for over 80 Social Workers and Foster Carers in the North London Adoption and Fostering Consortium. The Consortium comprises 6 north London Local Authorities who work together to provide adoption and fostering services.

The feedback from the training was very positive. Since then, Kaushar has assisted the NLAFC in helping us to recruit Muslim Foster Carers and Adopters across the London area. We have held four recruitment events, which he chaired, and helped organise through planning and monitoring meetings.

The outcomes of all these sessions were very successful in raising awareness about the Islamic perspective on fostering and adoption and recruiting potential Adopters and Foster Carers. The last such event was held at the Regents Park Mosque, on 16 April 2016, where over 280 people attended. Kaushar also helped produce a Briefing Paper on the Islamic Perspective on Fostering and Adoption which he presented to a group of Islamic Scholars at the Regents Park Mosque on the 17 February 2016, and helped in the development of leaflets, advertising and publicity materials.

Kaushar's industry, enthusiasm, commitment and passion in Fostering and Adoption has helped him drive this campaign forward. He is, himself, a Foster Carer which has helped in addressing many of the questions raised about Fostering and Adoption among the Muslim Community. I know that he has also assisted other agencies with recruitment and training and would highly recommend him to any Local Authority wishing to develop their recruitment and training services within their local Muslim Communities."

**Peter Stevens,
Manager, NLAFC – North London Adoption and Fostering Consortium**

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Testimonial for Kaushar Tai – Director of Aksaa

Kaushar delivered a workshop on Islamophobia at the LYPFT Staff CPD event May 2019.

Kaushar is a very professional and engaging facilitator and tailored the workshop with specific focus on mental health service delivery for our clinicians. It was a very popular session and comments from participants included:

“Excellent, really enjoyed it” “I wish this session was longer”

The resources provided in the workshop were very much appreciated and valued as a feature to be included in teams and services by attendees.

Ruby Bansel

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Re: Kaushar Tai

I was fortunate some years ago to participate in a Muslim Awareness event led by Kaushar. More recently, he and I have collaborated in arranging and presenting a number of training events in the West Yorkshire area.

These have included leadership skills for faith leaders and non-violent communication skills. In planning are further joint workshops on Muslim and Christian understandings of mental health and compassion based approaches to care.

Kaushar is a remarkably gifted man who brings outstanding skills and commitment to the presentation and delivery of the projects he is involved with. His organisational skills are of the highest order and his workshops and training events always receive very high levels of positive feedback.

He has, in addition, the ability to handle very sensitive issues with exemplary diplomacy and tact and the interpersonal skills to engage with all sections of society.

Yours sincerely



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Kind regards

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If you require Aksaa to deliver an in-house course or a 'specialised' course specifically for your organisation, then please contact above or email: kaushartai@hotmail.com to discuss your requirements.