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Islam Awareness Week
27th March – 2nd April 2017
Information Pack



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Celebrating Muslim contribution, highlighting our many commonalities and working for the betterment of others is **community**.

Islam Awareness Week 2017

Islam Awareness Week will run from **Monday 27th March to Sunday 2nd April 2017**.

It is part of a UK-wide initiative of the Islamic Society of Britain running annually since 1994.

We aim to engage people of all faiths and none, in achieving a greater understanding of Islam and celebrate the merits and diversity of Muslim Scots as an integrated part of the Scottish community.

In previous years Islam Awareness Week has brought together over 50 Scottish organisations – Muslim, of different faiths and none – to organise a week of diverse, stimulating and reflective events which provided an opportunity to promote the many commonly shared values of Islam, as well as the contributions made by Muslims to our society.



community is the theme for Islam Awareness Week 2017

In a time when Muslims are often seen as the 'other', it is important to overcome this barrier and emphasise the common values such as respect, striving to build a stronger community and a deep rooted love for one another.

It is hoped that through various initiatives during Islam Awareness Week there will be many people and groups coming together and a greater sense of **community** across Scotland.

This year the following events will be taking place across Scotland during the week

- Islam Awareness Week Launch event (Glasgow , Monday 27th March, am)
- Islam Awareness Week Reception at the Scottish Parliament (Tuesday 28th March ,pm)
- A specially commissioned exhibition on Scottish Islam
- Community outreach initiatives including:
 - providing food and meals to local people who are homeless or destitute
 - visits to elderly residential homes
 - local neighbourhood clean ups
 - health awareness sessions and more
- Mosque open days across the country
- Interactive workshops in schools
- Interfaith quiz night
- Topical lectures and discussion groups
- Family fun day (Community - BeeUnited)



How you or your organisation can get involved:

IAW aims to create a better awareness of Islam in our society by involving everyone throughout Scotland, irrespective of creed, to come forward and join hands in practical efforts to build bridges within communities.



You can contribute by finding out what is happening locally and supporting it, or setting up your own Islam Awareness Week event – it all helps to make a difference!



To submit your event details please complete the online event listing form <http://bit.do/iawscot>

Suggestions for activities:

You could organise something in your: street or your neighbourhood, work place, place of worship, local community centre, school, college or university...

In fact, anywhere there are people, bring them together with Muslims and people of all faiths or none in the spirit of community.

- Coffee morning or afternoon tea (with cake of course)
- Community bring a dish event (halal/vegetarian)
- Invite a Muslim speaker to share what community means to them
- Community bake sale (donate funds to a local charity)
- Community clean up
- Community bike ride
- Community walk
 - in the park
 - nature walking tour
 - around your local area
- Community gardening event
- Community swap shop
- Cultural dress day at work
- Henna party
- Arts and crafts event
- Book exchange fair
- Local art show (Islamic calligraphy and paintings)
- Food bank collection drive

For more information about what's on, how to get involved and how-to guides, visit the website, Facebook page or email us.