



Faith in the Media

"An Interfaith Event."

Listening to Yasmin Khatun - Journalist and Presenter - address a mixed religious cohort of Christians, Jews and Muslims at the Catford and Bromley Synagogue, one cannot help but admire a personality that can - Masha Allah - effortlessly engage an audience so, particularly when that personality is a conservative Muslim woman, that very archetype hardly to be seen today in the world of Western News media.

Yasmin toured her journey from University undergrad to fashion writer - every woman's want, her love of writing and of animals, and the hard work and ever-present journalistic challenges, personal and professional, in her daily role as Head of News and Current Affairs at Islam Channel. Where Faith in the media - its fairness and objectivity - seems in ever dwindling supply, it was her Faith in Islam and the foreknowledge of her accountability before Allah (God) that kept her on the straight and narrow.

There were those warm, feel-good stories which were an absolute pleasure in reporting such as affable Nadiya Hussain winning the Great British Bake Off. And then there were those horrible, unspeakable crimes of men like the under-reported slaughter of Central African Republic Muslims, a tear-filled story she'd travelled to Africa to report first hand. Charing the event on behalf of Rabbi David Rome, Father Charles Pickstone of St Laurence Church summed it up well, describing Yasmin's vivacious personality, underpinned by a drive, fuelled - admittedly - by a passion, self-belief, and ultimately, the pleasure of Allah the Almighty.



As role models come, Yasmin ranks up there with the recommended modern few; tenacious, confident, and eloquent, with deference to her religion. Youngsters, particularly the Muslim youth, with aspiration can look to her example and a desperate calling for Muslim media personalities to debunk much fabrications, misconceptions and misrepresentations about the loving and inclusive religion that is Islam.

[Lewisham Islamic Centre](#) greatly thanks Yasmin Khatun for sharing some of her precious time to partake in our community event with the goal of building a better understanding and fostering closer positive relations between the different faith communities in the London Borough of Lewisham. The Centre also extends its warmest thanks to Father Charles Pickstone, the Metropolitan Police for attending, and to Gerald Rose and the Catford and Bromley Synagogue for their splendid hospitality. Toda Raba.

