



Women's Islamophobia Event

"Lewisham Islamic Centre Empowering Muslim Women"

On Wednesday the 24th of March women from the Lewisham Islamic Centre hosted The Shadow Health Minister Heidi Alexander, MP Vick Foxcroft, Councillor Janet Daby, and Tara McGovern of The London Borough of Lewisham Metropolitan Police. Also present were Geeta Subramaniam-Mooney (Head of Crime Reduction in the London Borough of Lewisham) and Susan Hailes from the Metropolitan Police.

The Event was well attended and many serious issues were discussed pertaining to the rise in Islamophobia and Hate Crime which has seen emboldened and brazen attacks on Muslim Women, and also the importance of Reporting Hate Crime to the relevant authorities.

The Women of the Centre provided different personal testimonies of Islamophobia suffered, but in the main left the meeting more confident and resilient by the empathy and genuine concern from their esteemed guests. They felt reassured that their representatives locally and in parliament understood their plight and would work with them to bring even greater publicity to the crime of Islamophobia and its cruel effects on the lives of ordinary Muslims - women and men - and to explore even more ways to bring an end to it.

[Lewisham Islamic Centre](#) is an integral part of the London Borough of Lewisham; a mainstay in fact, and its ethos has and remains continuing positive and robust engagement with all areas of society, especially those in authority.

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