

# **Building Inclusive Communities Challenging Islamophobia**

Presentation to: Partnership Council Member Meeting



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# Stereotypes about Muslims

Do not share values with other cultures

Come here to change laws

Are monolithic

Inherently Sexist

Muslim women who wear the hijab are oppressed



Are all Arab

Can't take criticism

Are needy and greedy

Terrorists

Fundamentalist in their interpretation of scripture



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# Islamophobia:

The fear and/or hatred of Islam and Muslims that translates into individual actions of discrimination or systemic oppression

## No One Muslims is the Same.

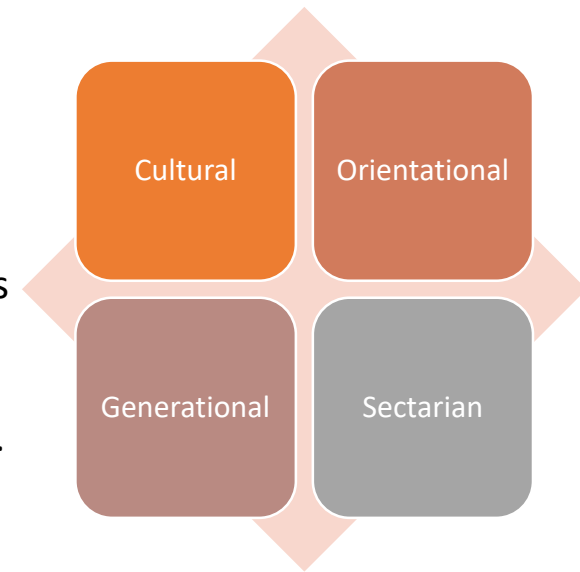
When it comes to a person's individual identify it is important to remember that there are many things that can influence an individuals religious practice and relationship with Islam. Imagine this quadrant, and imagine that how people flow through each area of this quadrant based on their circumstances, life experience, age etc. influences how an individual may outwardly or inwardly express their faith.

**Culture-** Where are they from? How does their culture influence religious practice?

**Oriental-** Where do they live? Do they live in a rural , urban setting. Do they live in an areas with many Muslims, or are they the only one?

**Generational-** A child will practice faith different from their parents who are different from grandparents. Rules might change, people may become less strict, or more religious. You may find a family where the mother doesn't wear hijab and the daughter does.

**Sectarian-** there are 2 main sects in Islam- Sunni and Shia, but even within these sects there are many other schools of thought – all with different interpretation of religious texts and rules

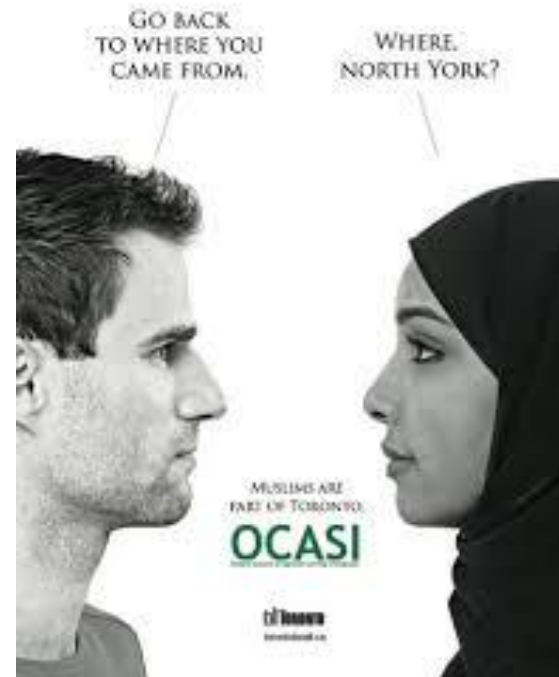


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# What do we do?

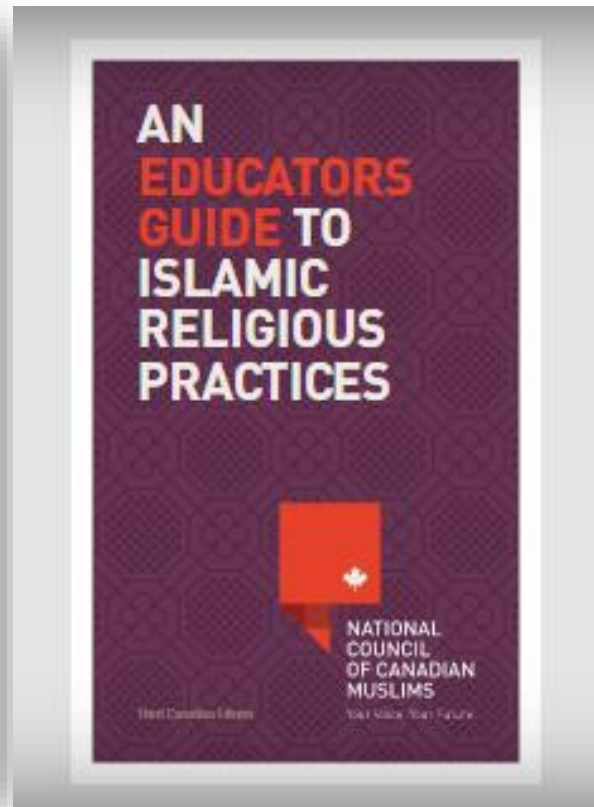
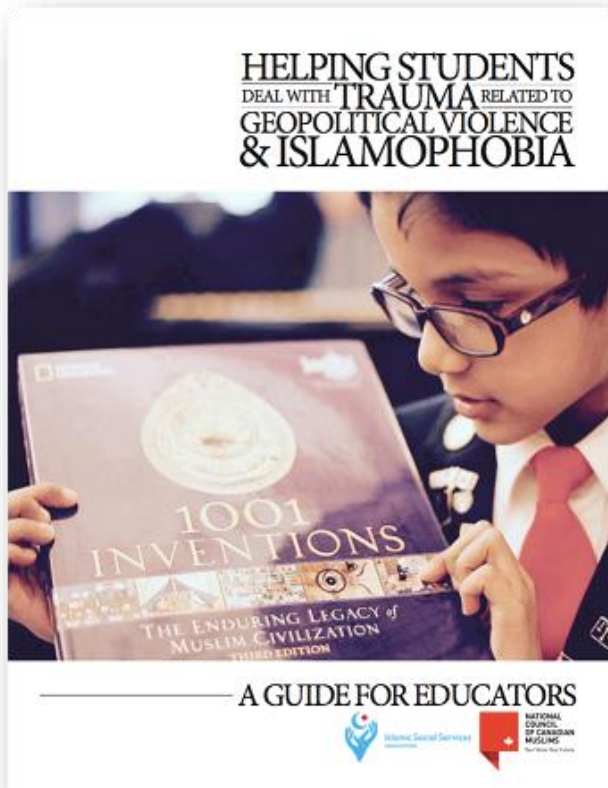
- Education Campaigns
- Involve Community groups and newcomer clients in the process of program development
- Remember that we aren't monolithic- Our identities are intersectional
- Think about mental health and trauma.
- Accommodations ( Gendered spaces, halal food, prayer space, holidays)
- Ask yourselves, Do your service providers reflect the communities you serve?



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