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**Best Practices – Hawo’s Dinner Party Events**

* Involve Muslim partners from the beginning
* Continue trying via multiple avenues, organizations and colleges to reach out to the community, even if you have trouble initially
* Offer a meal
* Divide into small groups for informal discussion
* Offer some guidance at each table for discussion questions
* Plan next steps for people to get involved
* Get your meeting on board; Utilize Quaker documents related to Islam
* Do what you can to ensure a balanced and diverse attendance
* Be respectful of cultural differences (i.e. male-female contact, prayers, food choice, etc.)
* Anticipate that families with children will attend
* Utilize the ACTIVE VOICE “Hawo’s Dinner Party” resources, available online
* Consider involving artistic expressions in conjunction with the event (i.e. photo exhibits, Windows & Mirrors, etc.)
* Consider the NC AFSC office as a resource for consulting