



COMMUNITIES AGAINST ISLAMOPHOBIA

OUR GOALS

CAI is working to end profiling and surveillance of the Muslim community by working in partnership with Muslim-led organizations to develop an educated, effective local base of Muslims and allies, and more broadly to educate allies on anti-Muslim racism.

OUR IMPACT

- In FY 18 CAI trained 980 Muslims and allies in 35 events in Chicago, Indianapolis, and Greensboro, and in national webinars.
- Twenty-one leaders have emerged from our trainings, and between 50-10% of those coming to our trainings have taken action (variations by city).

YEAR TWO HIGHLIGHTS

In each of the cities where we work, we are building relationships and coalitions to work toward our organizing goal of stopping surveillance of the Muslim community.

In Chicago, the work is strategically focused on anti-Muslim policies in schools, training 348 people. Ten Muslim and ally educators have emerged as leaders and in FY18 they:

- Organized 2 public events, and co-facilitated 4 workshops;
- did outreach to 8 new community organizations;
- co-created new curriculum for teachers aligned to national Common Core educational standards.

More broadly, a survey of a sample of Chicago workshop participants shows how people are taking action:

- 97.5% shared information from the workshops with others;
- 50% responded to calls for action from the impacted community;
- 42.5% attended follow-up events;
- 35% used narrative shifts skills from the workshops;
- 25% used our curriculum in their classrooms.



In Indianapolis, AFSC Fellows developed the Muslim Youth Collective (MYC) to build the skills and confidence of young Muslims to educate their community, and provide leadership in Indianapolis organizing circles. Ten young leaders have emerged and they have:

- Trained over 100 Muslims in workshops about internalized Islamophobia;
- created curricula, led press conferences, and led organizing against the Muslim Ban;
- led rallies, teach-ins, vigils and solidarity fasts for Palestine;
- traveled to 4 universities to train allies.

In Greensboro, AFSC CAI joined the project well into the first year and so they have been concentrating on building relationships and partnerships: This year they have:

- Trained 65 Muslims and allies with 25% taking action;
- Started a new series called "Let's Chat" for Muslim young people to reflect, discuss and respond to current events;
- co-authored an Op-Ed with a Muslim leader in Greensboro, and published a letter to the editor;
- formed partnerships with 4 Muslim community organizations.

CAI Resources continue to be some of the most popular on the AFSC website:

Dos and Don'ts for Bystander Intervention is the most popular page on the AFSC website generating 123,197 unique page views!

CHANGING THE NARRATIVE

Selected list of organizations and influencers sharing CAI resources:

SURJ, The Bridge Initiative, Muslim Girl, Zahra Billoo, Opportunity Agenda, Center for New Community, Fellowship of Reconciliation, Racial Justice Allies of Sonoma County, Racial Justice Rising, Chicago Freedom School, popularresistance.org, Quaker Speak, Cultural Competency Collective of Kansas City, Alliance Health Project San Francisco, OCA (Asian Pacific Advocates) Greater Los Angeles Area (translated into Korean and Chinese).

MORE INFO

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