

# Muslim role models/organisations

## INTERNET ACCESS REQUIRED

In advance, check access to the recommended websites via your IT department.

SPECIFICATION LINK: THEME D, POWER AND INFLUENCE – THE ROLE OF GROUPS AND ORGANISATIONS IN DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY

## Objectives

- LO1** I can explore how individuals from the Muslim community improve our wider community.  
**LO2** I can explore how groups from the Muslim community improve our wider community.

<b>Class:</b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b>Last lesson:</b>	
<b>Extra challenge pupils:</b>	<b>SEN pupils:</b>	<b>M:</b>	<b>F:</b>

## Connect

- How do the media often portray **Islam/Muslims** in the news?
- Discuss with **another student** whether it is fair that many news stories about Islam/Muslims focus on terrorism.

## Resources to promote positive Muslim role models/organisations

- The twenty resources that follow **promote Islam as a peaceful religion**.
- They focus on **law-abiding, inspirational Muslims in the UK**.
- Use the resources for **assemblies, starter activities and school council meetings**.
- They're also ideal for **spontaneous discussions** within lessons. For example, if a student asks why a terrorist attack was undertaken in the name of Islam, choose a resource from below that will particularly appeal to him/her. All the resources **demonstrate the positive impact that Muslim citizens and organisations have in modern Britain**.

## A. Articles/Websites: Positive Muslim Role Models (e.g. Mo Farah)

- Ms Nadiya Hussain ('Bake Off' champion)**  
[www.theguardian.com/tv-and-radio/2015/oct/12/bake-off-winner-nadiya-hussain-muslims-britain](http://www.theguardian.com/tv-and-radio/2015/oct/12/bake-off-winner-nadiya-hussain-muslims-britain)
- Ms Rushanara Ali (MP)**  
[www.rushanaraali.org/mentoring\\_program\\_to\\_help\\_a\\_million\\_young\\_people\\_over\\_the\\_next\\_decade](http://www.rushanaraali.org/mentoring_program_to_help_a_million_young_people_over_the_next_decade)
- Sir Mo Farah (Athlete)**  
[www.theguardian.com/sport/2017/jan/29/sir-mo-farah-donald-trump-made-me-an-alien](http://www.theguardian.com/sport/2017/jan/29/sir-mo-farah-donald-trump-made-me-an-alien)
- Baroness Haleh Afshar (Peer, House of Lords)**  
[www.york.ac.uk/politics/people/emeritus-honorary/haleh-afshar](http://www.york.ac.uk/politics/people/emeritus-honorary/haleh-afshar)
- Mr James Caan (Entrepreneur)**  
[www.james-caan.com/about-james/government](http://www.james-caan.com/about-james/government)
- Mr Sajid Javid (MP)**  
[www.sajidjavid.com/news/restaurants-must-give-tips-staff-government-says-minister-wades-c%C3%B4te-row](http://www.sajidjavid.com/news/restaurants-must-give-tips-staff-government-says-minister-wades-c%C3%B4te-row)

## B. Websites: Muslim Charities

- Islamic Aid**  
[www.islamicaid.com](http://www.islamicaid.com)
- Muslim Aid**  
[www.muslimaid.org](http://www.muslimaid.org)
- Islamic Relief**  
[www.islamic-relief.org.uk](http://www.islamic-relief.org.uk)
- Muslim Youth Helpline**  
[www.myh.org.uk/content/about-us](http://www.myh.org.uk/content/about-us)

### **C. Articles/Websites: General Interest (e.g. white Scottish man converts to Islam)**

11. **Five Pillars** (focus: charitable donations)  
[www.theguardian.com/global-development-professionals-network/2017/jun/22/zakat-requires-muslims-to-donate-25-of-their-wealth-could-this-end-poverty](http://www.theguardian.com/global-development-professionals-network/2017/jun/22/zakat-requires-muslims-to-donate-25-of-their-wealth-could-this-end-poverty)
12. **White Scottish man converts to Islam**  
[www.independent.co.uk/voices/im-a-middle-aged-white-scottish-man-who-converted-to-islam-without-ever-meeting-a-muslim-this-is-how-a6862936.html](http://www.independent.co.uk/voices/im-a-middle-aged-white-scottish-man-who-converted-to-islam-without-ever-meeting-a-muslim-this-is-how-a6862936.html)
13. **Ramadan guide**  
[www.telegraph.co.uk/news/0/what-is-ramadan-and-when-is-it](http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/0/what-is-ramadan-and-when-is-it)
14. **Forgotten WW1 Muslim soldiers who fought for Britain**  
[www.birminghammail.co.uk/news/midlands-news/forgotten-army-400000-muslim-soldiers-10325190](http://www.birminghammail.co.uk/news/midlands-news/forgotten-army-400000-muslim-soldiers-10325190)
15. **The Muslim Council of Britain** (various news items and charity appeals)  
[www.mcb.org.uk/](http://www.mcb.org.uk/)

### **D. Articles/Websites: British Muslims Condemning Terrorism**

16. **Not In My Name** (British Muslims condemning ISIS)  
[isisnotinmyname.com](http://isisnotinmyname.com)
17. **Heraa Hashmi** (teenager who compiled document of Muslims condemning terrorism)  
[www.theguardian.com/world/shortcuts/2017/mar/26/muslims-condemn-terrorism-stats](http://www.theguardian.com/world/shortcuts/2017/mar/26/muslims-condemn-terrorism-stats)
18. **Muslim leaders condemning Manchester terror attack**  
[www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/manchester-arena-attack-muslim-leaders-condemn-suicide-bombing-ariana-grande-explosion-a7751576.html](http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/manchester-arena-attack-muslim-leaders-condemn-suicide-bombing-ariana-grande-explosion-a7751576.html)
19. **Muslims Condemn** (numerous examples of Muslims condemning wrongful acts performed in name of Islam)  
[www.muslimscondemn.com](http://www.muslimscondemn.com)
20. **Birmingham Muslims condemning Westminster terror attack**  
[www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-birmingham-39392442](http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-birmingham-39392442)