

An-Nisa Society

Preventing Violent Extremism (PVE) & the Prevent Strategy - A Muslim Response

Selection of Responses to An-Nisa Prevent Report

Thank you for this excellent response to PVE, well done.
Chair, Muslim Group (Outside London)

Thank you for this, really important.
Senior Policy & Campaigns Officer

I have just read your 'Response' to PVE/Prevent, and was so thrilled to find you articulating things that have been bothering me for a long time. I really wanted to talk to you about what I see happening at the moment in relation to a) the Muslim Faith Leader's Review and b) recruitment and role of Muslim chaplains and c) (to a lesser extent) what's going on in relation to Islamic Studies in HE. PVE is underlying both of the leadership/chaplaincy initiatives, and I have been increasingly shocked and appalled at what I see unfolding. By staying involved with these projects in an advisory or 'steering' capacity, one hopes to change things for the better, and to at least know what's going on, but on the other, involvement might be read as endorsement. On a number of occasions recently, coming from meetings where advice is ignored, and where there is clearly no scope to change the direction, I have been wondering 'what's the point' and I've thought of pulling out.
Muslim University Lecturer

On behalf of the Muslim Association of Britain, I express my gratitude to An-Nisa organisation and to you for this outstanding report. I feel very proud for An-Nisa to produce such report or the sake of the embetterment of both British Muslim community and the society at large.

Again a very big thank you for your dedication and professionalism displayed in this excellent report.

MAB

Although I was supposed to be part of the PVE scrutiny board after the first meeting I tried to echo some of your views but didn't bother going

back as it paints all Muslims under the same brush. One which I am not comfortable with.

London Muslim councillor

Just seen your PVE report...I must say I have to congratulate you on saying what needed to be said. May Allah keep you steadfast and guide your efforts, and give you all success. Ameen

Anon

I just wanted to congratulate you on the Muslim Response to Prevent. I think it says exactly the way we are all feeling about it, but have not been able to formalise it in such a constructive way.

I'm working on PVE in (a London borough) under Community Cohesion, and to be honest, I didn't understand the strategy until I came into post. It immediately raised my own concerns of the agenda, but I was reassured by the council that they are using the PVE agenda for 'capacity building' and promoting civic pride for the Muslim communities in (London borough). However, the framework and nature of the agenda and partnership working with Police etc, contradicts this, even though my work is pre-dominantly working to address the needs of the Muslim Women in our borough. I am worried that by me doing my job, I am showing my acceptance and support for the false labelling of the Muslim community as potential terrorists (no matter how positive the outcomes of my work are).

Muslim Worker – Employed in Prevent funded post in a London council

I am writing to say a big THANK YOU to Khalida Khan for writing a brilliant report on the PVE agenda. This report was sent to me via the PREVENT GOSE lead and it echoes much of what I have been saying here in (council outside London). However due to various reasons already elaborated on in the report the Muslim community are in denial and failing to speak against this agenda. Thus I was really pleased about this report and have forwarded it to many of my contacts.

Cohesion Advisor, Out of London council

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