

Interested in advancing your knowledge and commitment to anti-racism, and countering Islamophobia and Cyberhate?



OF CANADIANS EXPERIENCE DISCRIMINATION

According to Race Relations Canada, 1 in 5 Canadians (20%) experience discrimination regularly or from time to time. Among Black and Indigenous peoples, the rate of discrimination recorded was 50%.



INCREASE IN HATE CRIMES AGAINST MUSLIMS

According to Statistics Canada, between 2012 and 2015, police-reported hate crimes increased against Muslims in Canada.



73%

OF WOMEN ARE ABUSED ONLINE WORLDWIDE

Women ages 18–24 are the most likely to experience severe forms of online abuse, such as stalking, sexual harassment and physical threats.

The Canadian Council of Muslim Women (CCMW) is proud to present a comprehensive workshop series in both English and French, designed to empower communities across Canada and broaden their understanding of the interconnected issues surrounding Islamophobia, Cyberhate, and racial marginalization within Muslim communities. These workshops will not only delve into the critical issue of Islamophobia and its impact on Black and Indigenous Muslims, queer Muslims, and Muslims with disabilities but will also examine the troubling intersection of cyberhate and online extremism. Participants will gain valuable insights into strategies for effectively countering these online threats and promoting a safer digital space for all. Join us in taking a proactive stance against racism and discrimination.

According to a Public Survey conducted by Angus Reid Institute in 2017:

52% of Canadians feel that Muslims can only be trusted "a little" or "not at all."	42% of Canadians think discrimination against Muslims is	55% of Canadians think the problem of Islamophobia is "overblown" by politicians and media, and only 29% supported a non-binding parliamentary motion (M- 103) to condemn and study Islamophobia.	51% support government surveillance of mosques (as	46% of
47% of Canadians support banning headscarves in public (compared with 30% of Americans).	"mainly their fault."	56% of Canadians believe that Islam suppresses women's rights.	compared to 46% of Americans).	

Women and gender diverse people, particularly those living at multiple intersections of oppression, face increased risks of being targeted by Online Hate.

According to Statistics Canada:



Workshops Synopsis

Anti-Racism & Anti-Oppression 101 Virtual Workshop

This introductory-level workshop introduces the essential ideas of anti-oppression and anti-racism. It is intended for people who are new to these issues and aims to provide a brave and encouraging environment for learning. Participants will get a fundamental understanding of how to recognize and oppose oppression and racism in their personal and professional lives through a combination of core information and practical insights. The workshop also lays the foundation for continued learning and engagement in this crucial work.

Learning Objectives:

- Increased understanding of key terms and concepts associated with oppression, racism, privilege, and discrimination.
- Increased understanding of the various manifestations of oppression, from the personal to the systemic.
- Increased understanding of actions one can take to disrupt oppression and foster more compassionate ways of being.
- Encouraged to actively partake in self-reflection as a strategy to consistently acquire knowledge, develop, and adjust in the pursuit of combating oppression and racism.



Islam: Its Roots and Wings

This is a great workshop to have during Islamic Her/History Month, which is celebrated in October in Canada and gives us an opportunity to learn about Islam and honour the rich history and diversity of Canadian Muslims and Muslims living across the globe.

According to Statistics Canada, Islam was the second-most commonly reported religion in Canada in 2021, with nearly 1.8 million, or 1 in 20, people identifying as Muslims. In the last 20 years, the Muslim population in Canada has more than doubled — up from 2.0 per cent in 2001 to 4.9 per cent in 2021.

As Canada's provinces becomes more diverse, this workshop is for organizations and groups that want to increase their understanding of Islam and its followers. Besides giving workshop participants an overview of Islam, key workshop topics include: Hijab in Islam; Gendered Islamophobia; Alarming Surge in Islamophobia and the many Contributions of Incredible Canadian Muslims.

Learning Objectives:

- Increased understanding of what Islam is.
- Increased understanding of gendered Islamophobia and its impact on Muslim women.
- Increased understanding of hijab.
- Increased understanding of the contributions of Muslim women around the world.

Anti-Islamophobia 101 Virtual Workshop

The Anti-Islamophobia 101 virtual workshop seeks to address the realities of Islamophobia and the way in which it operates within Canadian society. The workshop will help participants critically examine the impacts of Islamophobia on the lives of Muslims living in Canada and how it further marginalizes Black and Indigenous Muslims, queer Muslims, and Muslims with disabilities. Participants will learn how to be active allies to counter Islamophobia.

Learning Objectives:

- Increased understanding of what Islamophobia is and how it works within our society.
- Increased understanding of gendered Islamophobia and its impact on Muslim women.
- Increased understanding of intersectional identities.
- Increased understanding of how to collectively take action against racism and Islamophobia.

Countering Cyberhate 101 Virtual Workshop

The Countering Cyberhate 101 Virtual Workshop aims to help participants better understand online hate speech and extremism, including counterspeech and counter-narrative. With the incorporation of real-life examples, alongside live discussions on effective strategies to counter online hate, participants will have an increased capacity to recognize online hate and build the required skills and resources to counter cyberhate speech and narratives effectively.

Learning Outcomes:

- Increased understanding of hate online.
- Increased understanding of counterspeech.
- Increased understanding of how to individually engage in counterspeech online.
- Increased understanding of how to collectively engage in counterspeech online.

To book a workshop or for more information, please email: educationcoordinator@ccmw.com

About CCMW:

The Canadian Council of Muslim Women (CCMW) is a charitable organization dedicated to the empowerment, equality and equity of all Muslim women in Canada. Our mission is to affirm the identities of Canadian Muslim women and promote their lived experiences through community engagement, public stakeholder engagement and amplified awareness of the social injustices that Muslim women and girls endure in Canada, while advocating for their diverse needs and equipping local CCMW chapters with necessary resources to maximize national efforts and mobilize local communities to joining the movement.

