

MUSLIM AGENDA

09-10
NOVEMBER
2024

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OVER 60 AUSTRALIAN MUSLIM WOMEN

INCLUDING OLYMPIAN TINA RAHIMI, SENATOR FATIMA PAYMAN,
YASSMIN ABDEL-MAGIED, DR BUSHRA OTHMAN & MANY MORE!

OVER TWO DOZEN STALLS AND FOOD TRUCKS

30+ TALKS & WORKSHOPS

DAY
01

SATURDAY

09
NOV

THE AGENDA

8:00-9:00	Morning Run and Yoga with HER RUN	FREE	
9:00-9:30	Welcome to Country, Quran Recitation and Opening Address by Azmeena Hussain OAM		
9:30-10:30	Radical Justice: Dr Randa Abdel-Fattah, Dr Bushra Othman, Nesreen Bottriell and Amran Hassan-Ali <small>(FACILITATED BY TASNEEM CHOPRA OAM)</small>		LONG ROOM
	Islamic Calligraphy FOR KIDS WITH AYE DESIGNS <small>(1.5 HOURS) AGES 8+</small>	\$20	EDUCATION CENTRE
	Paint n Sip WITH AYESHA TUFA (2 HOURS)	\$40	COURTYARD
10:30-11.30	On Bla(c)k Storytelling: Miski Omar, Shemsiya Waritu, Samira Farah <small>(FACILITATED BY SAFIAH RIND)</small>		LONG ROOM
	All About (Sexual) Consent WITH TOLTU TUFA	FREE	THEATRETTE
11:30-12.30	Shattering the Silence: Amani Haydar, Hana Assafiri, Dr Naba Alfayadh, Samia Baho OAM <small>(FACILITATED BY TASNEEM CHOPRA OAM)</small>		LONG ROOM
	Ask A Big Sis: Tina Rahimi, Amal Wehbe, Soaliha Iqbal, Nawal Sari, Sowaibah Hanifie <small>(FACILITATED BY SARAH BAARINI)</small>		THEATRETTE
	Healing Circle WITH FITRAH COUNSELLING (2 HOURS)	FREE	EDUCATION CENTRE
	Paint n Sip (starts at 12:30) WITH AYESHA TUFA (2 HOURS)	\$40	COURTYARD
12:30 - 1:30 pm LUNCH BREAK / DUHR			
1:30-2:30	(In)Visible Advocate: Senator Fatima Payman and Soaliha Iqbal		LONG ROOM
	Jars of Self-Preservation Workshop <small>WITH DR RANDA ABDEL-FATTAH</small>	FREE	EDUCATION CENTRE
	Perfume Making Class WITH AQUIL OUDS (1.5 HOURS)	\$30	OUTDOOR
2:30-3:30	Beyond the Pyre: Nawal Sari, Basra Ajeh, Salsa Aldabel, Kauthar Abdulalim <small>(FACILITATED BY ZULFIYE TUFA)</small>		LONG ROOM
	Parenting in Practice: Dr. Selma Music and Toltu Tufa		THEATRETTE
	Poetry Workshop (FACILITATED BY BANKSTOWN POETRY SLAM)	FREE	EDUCATION CENTRE
	Paint n Sip (starts at 3:30) WITH AYESHA TUFA (2 HOURS)	\$40	OUTDOOR
	Taekwondo Workshop WITH FITNAS - AGES 12+	FREE	OUTDOOR
3:30 - 4 pm AFTERNOON BREAK / ASR			
4:00-5:00	Radical Representation: Tina Rahimi, Senator Fatima Payman, Inty Elham, Samira Farah, Tasnim Hossain <small>(FACILITATED BY SOWAIBAH HANIFIE)</small>		

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DAY
02

SUNDAY

10
NOV

THE AGENDA

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8:00-9:00	Sunday Kitchen Pop Up Breakfast	\$15
9:00-9:30	Acknowledgement of Country and Quran Recitation	
9:30-10:30	Yassmin Abdel-Magied Q&A WITH DANYA DAUD	LONG ROOM
	Just Delusional: Nawal Sari Live Recording of Podcast	THEATRETTE
	Destigmatising Divorce Workshop WITH LAMIA DAHER	FREE EDUCATION CENTRE
	Henna Workshop WITH ART BY MONA	\$15 OUTDOOR
	Paint n Sip for Kids WITH SUMAYA (1.5 HOURS) AGES 8+	\$20 COURTYARD
10:30-11:30	Not Your Business: Priyanka Ashraf, Asia Hassan, Eman Serhan and Dr Sultana Lubna Alam (FACILITATED BY MARIAM MOHAMMED)	LONG ROOM
	Radical Unity: Naz Sharifi, Hajeh Maha Abdo OAM, Ramila Chanisheff (FACILITATED BY HAWRAA KASH)	THEATRETTE
	Tezhip Workshop WITH AKER ACADEMY (2 HOURS)	\$30 OUTDOOR
11:30-12:30	On the Medical Frontlines: Dr UMBER RIND, Dr Amireh Fakhouri, Dr Bushra Othman, Dr Naba Alfayadh (FACILITATED BY DR MARIAM TOKHI)	LONG ROOM
	Struggling with Sisterhood: Zebunissa Khan, Rana Hussain, Adriana Ridzwan, Haneen Mahmood Martin (FACILITATED BY EMAN MOURAD)	THEATRETTE
	Halaqa WITH SANABEL RAMAHI AGES 12+	FREE EDUCATION CENTRE
	Paint n Sip for Kids WITH SUMAYA (1.5 HOURS) AGES 8+	\$20 COURTYARD
12:30 - 1:30 pm LUNCH BREAK / DUHR		
1:30-2:30	Radical Realisations: Meg Sowersby, Ruhee Meghani, Angelica Hazel Toutounji (FACILITATED BY DR EUGENIA FLYNN)	LONG ROOM
	Making Bank Workshop WITH MARIAM MOHAMMED	FREE EDUCATION CENTRE
	Islamic Themed Crafternoon for Kids WITH SUMAYA (1.5 HOURS) AGES 8+	\$20 COURTYARD
2:30-3:30	The Cost of Free Speech: Senator Mehreen Faruqi and Sara Saleh in Conversation	LONG ROOM
	Advocacy in Action (FACILITATED BY NAZ SHARIFI) AGES 16+	FREE THEATRETTE
	Healing Through Health Workshop FACILITATED BY ANGELICA-HAZEL TOUTOUNJI	FREE EDUCATION CENTRE
3:30 - 4 pm AFTERNOON BREAK / ASR		
4:00-5:00	Write Side of History: Dr Susan Carland, Dr Nora Amath, Samah Sabawi and Lamisse Hamouda (FACILITATED BY HANEEN MARTIN)	
5:00-6:00pm END OF FESTIVAL!		

Saturday

PANEL

Radical Justice

Embark on a transformative journey with our panel discussion on how every day acts can embody the principles of radical justice. We will lean into the perspectives of these powerhouse women who advocate for multidisciplinary forms of justice including social, political and medical justice and explore the manner in which all these forms of justice are inextricably connected and how radical ideas are necessary to mobilise communities.

Speakers: Dr Randa Abdel-Fattah, Amran Hassan-Ali, Dr Bushra Othman and Nesreen Bottriell

Facilitator: Tasneem Chopra OAM

PANEL

On Bla(c)k Storytelling: Forging Authentic Stories

This dynamic discussion will tackle how, through the mediums of film, story-telling and education, our panellists forge authentic representations of the Black voice. These changemakers will unpack the importance of resistance and representation through art and the necessity of centering their communities in their own practices. Together, we will explore how story-telling is an ancient art deeply rooted in Black culture and how it is essential in re-imagining their own perspectives and communities from places of power and self-determination.

Speakers: Miski Omar, Shemsiya Waritu, Samira Farah

Facilitator: Safiah Rind

Q&A

Shattering the Silence

PANEL

For too long, Muslim women have faced the 'double bind' of having to disprove Islamophobic notions of women's oppression by men, while challenging patriarchal beliefs in their own communities. This panel will explore the weaponisation of religion to legitimise violence against women and family violence, draw on the importance of ensuring religious institutions focused on community education actively enable cultural change and faith as 'a protective factor'.

Speakers: Amani Haydar, Hana Assafiri, Dr Naba Alfayadh, Samia Baho OAM

Facilitator: Tasneem Chopra OAM

Q&A

Ask A Big Sis

These women collectively hold a wealth of information for their age. Come along to this open panel where you can ask these young leaders all your deepest questions (anonymously or openly) whether it's about fighting stereotypes at the Olympics, being visibly Muslim in the media or the challenges young Muslim women face in the public spotlight. Direct from the source - get your answers now.

Speakers: Tina Rahimi, Amal Wehbe, Soaliha Iqbal, Nawal Sari, Sowaibah Hanifie

Facilitator: Sarah Baarini

IN-CONVERSATION

The (In)visible Advocate

This riveting and robust conversation will explore how Muslim women are churned in and out of the political machine. Senator Fatima Payman and journalist Soaliha Iqbal will bring to the forefront how corporations, political parties and organisations want visibly Muslim women to be at the centre of their diversity campaigns, but then they are the first to get cut if they step a toe out of line or simply act in accordance with their beliefs or values.

Speakers: Senator Fatima Payman and Soaliha Iqbal

Q&A

PANEL

Beyond the Pyre: Shame and Success in the Age of Influence

In this fiery discourse, we confront the lateral violence and online witch-hunting of Muslim women, who are often held to unattainable expectations, facing death threats and shaming when they dare to be visible and successful online. Our panellists through their varied experiences will touch on the responsibilities and burdens of muslim females of influence, maintaining healthy digital hygiene and as we dissect the complexities of shame and fame within the context of oppressive double standards.

Speakers: Nawal Sari, Salsa Aldabel, Basra Ajeh, Kauthar Abdulalim

Facilitator: Zulfiye Tufa

PANEL

Radical Representation

In the last few years, we have ushered in the era of firsts such as the first hijabi Australian Muslim woman to represent at the Olympics or in the Senate. Hear from these trailblazers as they share their uncharted journeys and the joys and challenges they encountered along the way.

Speakers: Tina Rahimi, Inty Elham, Senator Fatima Payman, Tasnim Hossain, Samira Farah

Facilitator: Sowaibah Hanifie

Sunday

Q&A

Q&A with Yassmin Abdel-Magied (appearing via Zoom)

Yassmin Abdel-Magied is a Sudanese diaspora writer, broadcaster and award-winning social advocate. The former engineer has published five books and her writing has appeared in leading news platforms including Observer Magazine, TIME, the New York Times and Vogue. Yassmin will zoom in live from the UK and the session will be facilitated by Dandenong's Young Leader of the Year, Danya Daoud. Bring your biggest questions to this enlightening Q&A session and get ready to lean into Yassmin's incredible perspectives.

Facilitator: Danya Daoud

LIVE PODCAST
RECORDING SESSION

Just Delusional

Join Nawal for a live recording of her popular podcast, **Just Delusional**, where she talks about her journey through social media, navigating her 20's, things she is loving and hating and occasionally gives advice that can be useful (kinda).

Nawal Sari is a fashion and beauty influencer based in Sydney, Australia. She uses her platform to not only express personal style but to further conversation on culture, diversity, humanitarian causes and normalising modest fashion in the mainstream world.

Speakers: Nawal Sari

Q&A

PANEL

Not Your Business

This panel will deep-dive into the way we do business - whether we are in the business of raising children, innovating technology, the business of building wealth and being sustainable, from side hustles, small businesses to women in business of helping others transform. We will hear their stories of success and the challenges along the way. The panel will also explore how Muslim women in business can apply Islamic practices within a capitalist system and explore alternative methods of economic organisation that allow the financial autonomy of Muslim women.

Speakers: Priyanka Ashraf, Asia Hassan, Eman Serhan and Dr Sultana Lubna Alam

Facilitator: Mariam Mohammed

PANEL

Radical Unity

This enlightening panel discussion will seek to confront the issue of sectarianism within the Muslim community. Together, we'll explore strategies to overcome divides and foster a sense of solidarity that transcends sectarian lines. Through candid conversations and shared experiences steeped in Islamic principles, we'll uncover how internal divisions hinder our collective ability to unite and advocate for common goals.

Speakers: Naz Sharifi, Hajeh Maha Abdo OAM, Ramila Chanisheff

Facilitator: Hawraa Kash

PANEL

On the Medical Front Lines

Whether it is being on the front lines during a genocide, advocating against racism, taking the stand or developing health resources for migrant communities, these doctors will share their compelling stories of strength that extend beyond a duty of care and into compassion.

Speakers: Dr Naba Alfayad, Dr UMBER Rind, Dr Amireh Fakhouri and Dr Bushra Alfayadh

Facilitator: Dr Mariam Tokhi

Q&A

PANEL

Struggling With Sisterhood: Connection in the Digital Age

In a world bombarding us with messages of hyper-individuality, navigating sisterhood in 2024 is not an easy ask! How do you make new friends and keep existing ones in a world that prioritises digital communication? How do you deal with the fallout when a friendship comes to a heartbreaking end? This panel will shed light on the challenges we all face in balancing self-care with the need to create, maintain and sustain real connections with our sisters.

Speakers: Zebunissa Khan, Rana Hussain, Adriana Ridzwan, Haneen Mahmood Martin

Facilitator: Eman Mourad

PANEL

Radical Realisations

In this enlightening dialogue, we'll delve into the transformative power of Islam, exploring how it can empower us to embrace our beliefs unapologetically - whether that is praying publicly in a park or explaining to your boss the lunar calendar for Eid. This panel of proud Muslim women, some of them reverts, will candidly discuss how faith can provide a profound sense of purpose and direction, without romanticising their own journeys.

Speakers: Meg Sowersby, Ruhee Meghani, Angelica-Hazel Toutounji

Facilitator: Dr Eugenia Flynn

IN-CONVERSATION

The Cost of Free Speech

Muslim Women of Colour routinely pay the price for speaking their community's truths; from online and workplace bullying to demeaning media headlines. Senator Mehreen Faruqi and Sara Saleh will unpack their experiences and the important lessons they have learnt in the last 12 months.

Speakers: Senator Mehreen Faruqi and Sara Saleh

PANEL

The Write Side of History

This thought-provoking discussion will delve into the intricate ways language has been wielded to dehumanise marginalised communities. We will explore the profound impact of media narratives in shaping perceptions and how certain linguistic constructs perpetuate stereotypes and strip the humanity of those affected. From the demonisation of statements of solidarity to the wording used to describe the systematic murder of Brown and Black bodies, the verbiage to describe violence against women and the way language is co-opted, this panel will dissect the subtle yet powerful ways in which language shapes our understanding of the personal and the global.

Speakers: Dr Susan Carland, Dr Nora Amath, Samah Sabawi, Lamise Hamouda

Facilitator: Haneen Mahmood Martin

ROTATING INTERVIEWS

Radical Love

with Miski Omar -
Filmmaker In Residence

Radical Candour

with Amal Wehbe -
Journo In Residence

LEARNING SESSIONS

All About (Sexual) Consent

FACILITATOR:
TOLTU TUFA

Explore the widely debated topics of sexual consent and intimacy through a fresh, contemporary lens rooted in Islamic values. This session offers culturally-relevant insights into consent within faith-centred relationships, providing a safe space to dispel myths, challenge taboos, and deepen understanding of the spiritual and emotional aspects of intimacy.

Sunday Kitchen

POP UP
BREAKFAST
\$15 ENTRY

Join food creative Karima Hazim for a special Sunday breakfast featuring traditional preparation of Lebanese food. Attendees will be served warm zaatar man'oush and will be guided by Karima on the importance of preserving recipes in celebration of culture, tradition and family.

LEARNING SESSIONS

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Destigmatising Divorce

FACILITATOR:
LAMIA DAHER

This supportive session will help you navigate relationships by highlighting key qualities to seek in a partner and identifying red flags early on. You'll also learn when to consult a counsellor or lawyer, along with insights into the divorce process. Our facilitator will share her expertise in the legal field, providing valuable perspectives on both the emotional and practical aspects of divorce. Stick around for an open Q&A to address your questions about relationships and the legal landscape.

Making Bank: Financial Literacy Workshop

FACILITATOR:
MARIAM MOHAMMED

In this empowering workshop, co-founder of Money Girl Mariam Mohammed will help you uncover your money story and how it impacts your everyday money management. Learn practical skills such as budgeting tips and methods, and springboard yourself into better financial literacy. The session will also involve a Q&A segment at the end, so that you can ask all your big money questions!

Healing through Health: Fertility, Healthcare, Wellbeing and the Amannah of our Bodies

FACILITATOR:
ANGELICA LINDSEY-HAZEL

This workshop will guide you on how to heal from the inside out. It seeks to provide participants with a sense of strength of information by tackling topics of fertility, health care, ill-health, body positivity and how to be gentle with the amannah we are given.

Advocacy In Action (for teens aged 16+)

FACILITATOR:
NAZ SHARIFI

Join us for Advocacy in Action, a transformative workshop led by Naz Sharifi, proud Hazara woman, first Muslim Female President of Sydney University Law School and Board Director at USYD Union. Drawing from her extensive leadership and advocacy experience, Naz will guide you through essential skills in leadership, public speaking and self-advocacy. This workshop is aimed at empowering young people to influence decisions that impact their lives and will also serve as a vibrant networking space, allowing you to connect with like-minded peers who share your passion for making a difference. Ignite your advocacy journey and claim your seat at the decision-making table!

LEARNING SESSIONS

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Intimate Session: Parenting in Practice

**FACILITATORS:
DR. SELMA MUSIC
AND TOLTU TUFA**

In this intimate Q&A session, parents will be able to unpack parenting hacks and delve deeper into the unconscious biases that impact our styles and approaches to parenting. Get ready to (un)learn in this empowering hour with Dr Selma Music and Toltu Tufa.

COLLABORATIONS

HER RUN:

Morning Run and
Yoga

An.Other Collective:

Petal Pals

Six Degrees:

Nourishing Wellbeing
through Sisterhood

TICKETS

FESTIVAL PASSES INCLUDE ACCESS TO ALL TALKS AND SESSIONS MARKED AS FREE

1 DAY

\$30

Concession Full
Day Pass

\$50

Adult Full
Day Pass

\$110

VIP Pass

Two day access
plus a Wardah
goodie bag

2 DAYS

\$50

Concession Two
Day Pass

\$80

Adult Two
Day Pass

PLEASE NOTE:

CHILDREN AGED UNDER 16: FREE*

WORKSHOP ADD ONS: START FROM \$15

*Not including entry to paid workshops

ART AND WELLNESS WORKSHOPS

\$20

Islamic Calligraphy FOR KIDS(AGES 8+)

Facilitator: Ayesha Shaf (1.5 hours)

Discover the beauty of Islamic calligraphy in our engaging workshop, where children can come together to explore this ancient art form in a fun way. Join us for a mindful experience that fosters creativity and connection, as participants will be guided through the intricacies of calligraphy and its rich history. Your children will also have the opportunity to leave with a beautiful piece of art and cherished memories!

\$40

Paint and Sip Workshop FOR ADULTS

Facilitator: Aysha Tufa (2 hours)

Join us for a delightful Paint and Sip workshop designed to celebrate the special bond between sisters! In this guided session, you'll unleash your creativity while enjoying a complimentary mocktail in a relaxed, inviting atmosphere. Whether you're a seasoned artist or just looking to have fun, this is the perfect opportunity to connect, create, and make lasting memories together. Grab your sister and let's paint the day away.

free

Healing Circle

Facilitator: Malakah (Fitrah Counselling) and Ayse Han (2 hours)

As part of the 2024 Muslim Agenda Festival, this women's circle offers a sacred space for storytelling, focusing on personal and ancestral narratives of homeland. In light of humanitarian crises' unfolding around the world, this circle will be a safe space for women to share stories of resilience, belonging, and resistance. Through these powerful personal accounts, we will explore broader themes of radical unity, justice, and healing. Join us in this intimate circle where we weave together our stories of strength and hope. Participants are encouraged to bring an item that represents "home" and a journal for reflection. Together, we will nurture self-love, share gratitude, and set powerful intentions for personal growth and collective healing.

free

Jars of Self-Preservation

Facilitator: Dr Randa Abdel-Fattah

This workshop invites participants to bring their favourite Quranic verses and their favourite quotes by feminists, warriors, philosophers, activists, carers, healers, preachers, kitchen-table sages in their communities. We will curate a jar of quotes to dip into when feeling overwhelmed, overpowered and alone. This workshop aims to nourish attendees' hearts, minds, bodies, and spirits through honouring the solidarity practices, forms of self-care, knowledge and activism in our communities of co-resistance.

ART AND WELLNESS WORKSHOPS

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\$30

Perfume Making

Facilitator: Kareema Toutounji of Aquil Ouds
(1.5 hours)

Enjoy an uplifting sensory experience where you will learn the art of perfumery and embark on a journey to create your own personalised scent.

\$15

Henna Workshop

Facilitator: Henna by Mona

Join us for a captivating Henna Art Workshop, where you'll discover the beauty and tradition of this ancient body art! In this hands-on session, you'll learn to create intricate henna designs, guided by an experienced artist. Perfect for beginners and enthusiasts alike, you'll explore different techniques and patterns while enjoying a relaxed and welcoming atmosphere. Bring your creativity and leave with stunning henna art to showcase on your own body! Come immerse yourself in this cultural experience and create beautiful, temporary art that tells a story.

free

Taekwondo Workshop (Ages 12+)

Facilitator: FITNAS

Join us for a Back to Basics Taekwondo class designed for all skill levels! This engaging session focuses on fundamental techniques and essential drills, allowing you to build a strong foundation in this dynamic martial art. Expect light exercises to enhance your flexibility and strength while fostering discipline and focus. Whether you're new to Taekwondo or looking to refine your skills, this class provides a supportive environment to learn and grow!

free

Poetry Workshop

Facilitator: Bankstown Poetry Slam

If you want to find your power and strength on the stage, then this introductory poetry slam workshop is the perfect springboard into the poetry slam world. Engage in inspiring writing and performance exercises from Bankstown Poetry Slam, Australia's largest regular poetry slam, and walk away with a renewed sense of confidence!

ART AND WELLNESS WORKSHOPS

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\$20

Paint and Sip for Kids (AGES 8+)

Facilitator: Sumaya Asvat (1.5 hours)

Join us for a fun-filled Paint and Sip session designed just for kids! In this creative workshop led by an experienced arts teacher, young artists will unleash their imagination. Children will learn painting techniques as they create their own vibrant masterpieces. This is a fantastic opportunity for kids to express themselves, make new friends, and leave with a beautiful piece of art to take home!

\$30

Tezhip Workshop

Facilitator: Meryem Aker (2 hours)

Join us for an inspiring Tezhip workshop, where you'll delve into the intricate art of traditional Islamic illumination! In this hands-on session, you'll learn about the history and techniques of Tezhip, as you create your own beautiful decorative patterns and designs. Perfect for all skill levels, this workshop encourages creativity and mindfulness in a serene atmosphere. Guided by an experienced instructor, you'll explore the vibrant colours and delicate details that make this art form so unique. Unleash your artistic spirit and leave with a stunning piece of art that reflects your newfound skills!

free

Halaqa FOR TEEN GIRLS (AGES 12+)

Facilitator: Sanabel Ramahi

Through a range of exploratory activities, Palestinian educator Sanabel Ramahi will lead the conversation and hold space for attendees to explore concepts of connection and sisterhood. Drawing inspiration from the Islamic faith in understanding the role of decolonisation in our everyday lives, this will be the perfect opportunity to reconnect with yourself and your higher purpose.

\$20

Islamic Crafternoon FOR KIDS (AGES 8+)

Facilitator: Sumaya Asvat (1.5 hours)

Get ready for a day of creativity in our Islamic themed Arts and Crafts Session for kids! This hands-on workshop encourages young creators to explore their artistic side through various fun and engaging projects. Your kids will have the chance to experiment with different materials and techniques. Led by an experienced and enthusiastic instructor, this session is all about imagination, creativity, and, of course, having a blast! Come join us for a day filled with colourful fun and memorable creations!

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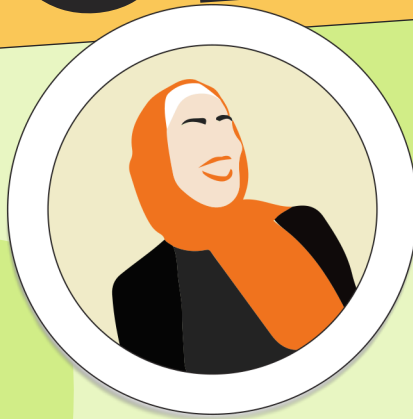


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