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Save the date

[**Community Policy Forum**](https://emea01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fcommunitypolicyforum.com%2F&data=05%7C01%7C%7C39958140702248392b1a08dbf002e124%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C638367667398855480%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=PSsTKrU0jiLGLOsqQFeyzcD9gbsMAnyg5boDkOMHUYI%3D&reserved=0)**will be hosting an event at Westminster to mark**[**Islamophobia Awareness Month**](https://emea01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.islamophobia-awareness.org%2F&data=05%7C01%7C%7C39958140702248392b1a08dbf002e124%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C638367667398871103%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=AP6jESN5nMI%2F5JnJo%2FDHex%2FB2QUng61nGahI%2BgiyS0s%3D&reserved=0)**(IAM). We are incredibly grateful to have the sponsorship of Naz Shah MP for this event.**

This year's IAM theme centres on [Muslim Stories](https://emea01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.islamophobia-awareness.org%2Fmuslim-stories%2F&data=05%7C01%7C%7C39958140702248392b1a08dbf002e124%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C638367667398881596%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=dBySsVMw3lqpnZJyL16tciSwY6MGtrsjyWt0O2YqQv4%3D&reserved=0), and we would like to showcase and celebrate the inspiring stories of women from all backgrounds.

Date: 04/12/2023

Time: 14:45-16:45

Room: Grimond Room, Portcullis House

To register for the event, please fill out the form [here](https://emea01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fbit.ly%2Fmuslimwomenstories&data=05%7C01%7C%7C39958140702248392b1a08dbf002e124%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C638367667398889940%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=8rkCrl%2FiX2JwwhnRKCE1KKo8AgMs7rZK%2BWuTZ7Sn4CY%3D&reserved=0)[.](https://emea01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fforms.gle%2F7BXA4MUfBkt4rVLHA&data=05%7C01%7C%7C39958140702248392b1a08dbf002e124%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C638367667398898411%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=RjeP291nNbsPeyZQHl83ZtI%2BBniDHn%2F5MIiq1W2g0MU%3D&reserved=0)

Government

**Tell us about possible terrorist activity**

Norfolk Constabulary

<https://www.norfolk.police.uk/tua/tell-us-about/ath/possible-terrorist-activity/>

Reports and Papers

**UK: Government's Prevent Duty 'fundamentally incompatible' with human rights - major new report**

Amnesty International

PRESS RELEASE: <https://www.amnesty.org.uk/press-releases/uk-governments-prevent-duty-fundamentally-incompatible-human-rights-major-new-report>

REPORT: <https://www.amnesty.org.uk/Prevent>

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**The pressure-cooker effect: The harm of self-censorship on Palestine**

Prevent Watch

<https://www.preventwatch.org/pressure-cooker-effect-harm-self-censorship-palestine-could-backfire/>

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**Amnesty calls for Prevent strategy to be abolished over ‘human rights abuses’**

Vikram Dodd

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2023/nov/01/amnesty-calls-for-prevent-strategy-to-be-abolished-over-human-rights-abuses>

**ICCT in the Media: Thomas Renard on the myth of the "lone wolves"**

Thomas Renard

<https://www.icct.nl/multimedia/icct-media-thomas-renard-myth-lone-wolves>

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**Prevent anti-terror programme incompatible with human rights, says Amnesty**

Shropshire Star

<https://www.shropshirestar.com/news/uk-news/2023/11/02/prevent-anti-terror-programme-incompatible-with-human-rights-says-amnesty/>

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Aine Fox

<https://www.standard.co.uk/news/politics/prevent-amnesty-government-wales-england-b1117598.html>

**We need to overhaul how this country polices extremism – but a few new directives aren’t going to cut it**

Henry Hill

<https://conservativehome.com/2023/11/02/we-need-to-overhaul-how-this-country-polices-extremism-but-a-few-new-directives-arent-going-to-cut-it/>

**Israel-Palestine war: UK schoolchildren 'at risk' from Gaza-linked Prevent referrals**

Simon Hooper

<https://www.middleeasteye.net/news/israel-palestine-war-uk-schoolchildren-risk-gaza-prevent-referrals>

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Reuters

<https://www.reuters.com/world/two-women-charged-with-uk-terrorism-offences-after-pro-palestinian-protest-2023-11-03/>

**Prevent programme has ‘chilling effect’ on human rights in the UK, according to Amnesty report**

Melin Onal

<https://www.thejusticegap.com/prevent-programme-has-chilling-effect-on-human-rights-in-the-uk-according-to-amnesty-report/>

**Islamophobia plays ‘major role’ in referrals to UK anti-extremism program: Amnesty**

Arab News

<https://arab.news/byaej>

**Boy, 11, referred to ‘chilling’ government’s anti-terror scheme for making joke during fire drill**

Maira Butt

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/prevent-anti-terror-scheme-boy-joke-amnesty-b2440545.html>

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**London mayor 'worried' about youth radicalisation over Israel-Gaza conflict**

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MEE Staff

<https://www.middleeasteye.net/news/israel-palestine-war-uk-seeks-brand-undermines-country-extremist>

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**NURIT PELED : Palestinians do not exist in Israelis' consciousness.**

Frank Barat

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MBNpSvwnxHo>

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Afroze Fatima Zaidi

<https://www.newarab.com/opinion/british-muslims-are-being-silenced-israel-destroys-gaza>

**Israel’s attempt to destroy Hamas will breed more radicalisation, UN expert says**

Patrick Wintour

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2023/nov/07/israels-attempt-to-destroy-hamas-will-breed-more-radicalisation-un-expert-says>

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Peter Oborne, Imran Mulla

<https://www.middleeasteye.net/opinion/uk-robin-simcox-government-found-cheerleader-own-brand-extremism>

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**UK government prepares crackdown on political opposition with new “extremism” definition**

Robert Stevens

<https://www.wsws.org/en/articles/2023/11/09/mvqs-n09.html>

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**Calls for council to tackle 'significant threat' posed by extremism**

Timothy Edgley

<https://uk.news.yahoo.com/calls-council-tackle-significant-threat-120000622.html>

**We are all extremists now! How the Right are exploiting the Israel/Gaza tragedy to redefine extremism**

Gabrielle Pickard-Whitehead

<https://leftfootforward.org/2023/11/we-are-all-extremists-now-how-the-right-are-exploiting-israel-gaza-tragedy-to-redefine-extremism/>

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**Suella Braverman hits out at Rishi Sunak: 'Britain faces threat of radicalisation, your response has been weak'**

Saurabh Sharma

<https://www.businesstoday.in/latest/world/story/suella-braverman-hits-out-at-rishi-sunak-britain-faces-threat-of-radicalisation-your-response-has-been-weak-405725-2023-11-14>

**Agenda: Scotland must resist this attack on our rights**

Elizabeth Thomson

<https://www.heraldscotland.com/politics/viewpoint/23919298.agenda-scotland-must-resist-attack-rights/>

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**Report Reveals Scale of Teenage Terrorism for First Time**

Gina Vale, and ISD (Institute for Strategic Dialogue) analyst Hannah Rose

<https://www.miragenews.com/report-reveals-scale-of-teenage-terrorism-for-1124074/#google_vignette>

**Sunak has failed on antisemitism and ‘hate marches’, says Braverman**

JC Reporter

<https://www.thejc.com/news/politics/sunak-has-failed-on-antisemitism-and-hate-marches-says-braverman-qznyIEVrs7SI3QrX9uMsb>

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**James O’Brien explains why the Government’s own rules should see Lee Anderson refer himself to its anti-extremism programme**

Oonagh Keating

<https://www.thepoke.com/2023/11/17/james-obrien-explains-governments-rules-should-see-lee-anderson-referred-to-anti-extremism-programme/>

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**Corrupted by extremist Islamists, the Left is now openly anti-British**

Janet Daley

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2023/11/18/corrupted-by-extremist-islamists-left-openly-anti-british/>

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**Experts issue warning about children targeted by UK’s Prevent strategy**

Rob Carter

<https://5pillarsuk.com/2023/11/20/experts-issue-warning-about-children-targeted-by-uks-prevent-strategy/>

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**Britain faces fresh terror threat as Israel-Hamas war ‘radicalises young people’, ex-MI6 boss fears**

“Sir Alex Younger said that Iran's influence could be driving radicalisation”

LBC

<https://www.lbc.co.uk/news/mi6-chief-hamas-iran-radicalising-young-people/>

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**Jews across community sign up to Muslim-led fightback against radicalisation**

Jewish Chronicle

<https://www.thejc.com/news/jews-across-community-sign-up-to-muslim-led-fightback-against-radicalisation-n8j3mdtm>

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See: <https://www.theguardian.com/politics/2016/may/02/inside-ricu-the-shadowy-propaganda-unit-inspired-by-the-cold-war>

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**What to do if you think a friend is developing extreme political views**

Serena Smith

<https://www.dazeddigital.com/life-culture/article/61446/1/what-to-do-if-friend-radicalised-far-right-extremism-politics-fascist>

**Chaplain at £40,000-a-year Trent College was reported to counter-terror police after telling pupils they should question LGBT ideology in the same way they did Brexit**

Elizabeth Haigh

<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-12799113/dr-bernard-randall-trent-college-police-lgbt-brexit.html>

**Palestinians don’t need deradicalization. They need better lives.**

TOM MOCKAITIS

<https://thehill.com/opinion/international/4329186-palestinians-dont-need-deradicalization-they-need-better-lives/>

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**GAZA CONFLICT RAISES RISK OF TERROR ATTACKS IN LONDON, SAYS MET TERRORISM CHIEF**

Martin Bentham

<https://www.standard.co.uk/news/london/met-police-terror-warning-radicalisation-war-gaza-b1123439.html>

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