

Milestones

1993

- February - organization first formed under the name "Bay Area Media Watch." The central focus of the organization initially was to monitor and react to biased media coverage relating to Islam and Muslims.
- September - ING changes its name to Islamic Networks Group (ING) and becomes more proactive by educating the media and other public institutions about Islam and Muslims.
- September - ING initiates the first of its kind meetings with local media outlets to address media coverage about Muslims and Islam, and suggest editorial guidelines.
- September - ING also initiates the first of its kind "Islamic Speakers Bureau" program for schools and colleges. In its first year, ING presented to 350 classrooms.
- December - ING initiates the first of its kind "Muslim Community Calendar and Directory" which listed events for Bay Area Islamic centers and organizations.

1994

- January - ING holds the first of its kind training seminar for social service agencies, at Santa Clara County Social Services Agency.
- February - ING begins the first of its kind media campaign in the San Francisco Bay Area, focusing on Ramadan and Eid ul-Fitr.
- April - ING initiates the first of its kind law enforcement program, including membership in hate crime networks, cultural competency police trainings, and advisor for state Commission on Police Officers Standards and Training (POST).

1995

- January - ING becomes officially incorporated as a non-profit 501(c) 3 educational organization.
- April - Following Oklahoma City Bombing ING organizes meetings between local media outlets and Muslim leaders similar to 1993 meetings.
- July and September - ING organizes the first of its kind series of meetings between national media outlets and national Muslim leaders to address coverage of Islam and Muslims. Meetings were held at 15 national media outlets including NYT, WSJ, Washington Post, Time, Newsweek, ABC, CBS, NBC, FOX, ABC-Radio, CBS-Radio, NPR, AP, Reuters. Representatives of ISNA, AMC, MPAC and WD Muhammad Ministry attended the meetings.

1997

- ▶ July - ING holds the first of its kind training seminar for San Jose Unified School District teachers and school administrators.
- ▶ August - ING participates for first time in ISNA's annual convention, where it has participated in workshops and main sessions since then.

1998

- ▶ May - ING holds the first of its kind corporate training at Santa Clara County Water District.
- ▶ June - ING holds a hate crime prevention training at MCA in Santa Clara.

1999

- ▶ February - ING publishes "School Series, Presenting Islam in Islam in Schools, Grades 7-12 Coordinator's Start-Up Kit," with step-by-step procedures for starting and operating an Islamic Speakers Bureau.
- ▶ May - ING initiates its first affiliated bureau outside California in Phoenix, Arizona.
- ▶ August - ING publishes a series of Muslim activist guides titled: the "Media Series, Coordinator's Start-Up Kit;" "Law Enforcement Series, Coordinator's Start-Up Kit;" "Community Calendar, Coordinator's Start-Up Kit;" and "School Series, Presenting Ramadan and Eid in Elementary School Grades K-6 Kit for Parents and Teachers."
- ▶ November - ING begins including school principals and district superintendents in its mailings to schools to inform them about Speakers Bureau presentations, as well as dates of Islamic holidays to include in district calendars and suggested accommodations for Muslim children.

2000

- ▶ December - ING holds the first of its kind healthcare seminar for Kaiser Permanente employees at Kaiser Facilities in all of California, Oregon and Hawaii.

2001

- ▶ September - In response to the September 11th terrorist attacks ING initiates a series of media and community events including press statements, vigils, speakers and spokesperson training, and letter to schools on bullying of Muslim children.
- ▶ September - ING receives an unprecedented number of requests (100% increase) from a variety of institutions seeking to learn more about Islam and Muslims.

2002

- August - ING releases a Muslim activist guide titled: "MSA Series, Presenting Islam on College Campuses Coordinator's Start-Up Kit."
- August - ING releases CD's with nine ING presentations for public institutions, including schools, police, corporations, and churches.

2003

- March - ING initiates a campaign to prevent harassment of Muslim and Arab children in schools during Iraq war beginning with a press conference attended by police chiefs, district superintendents, school board members, and leaders of various communities and organizations. Campaign included opinion pieces in three major Bay Area newspapers; mosque workshops for parents and youth on hate prevention, and mailings on preventing harassment sent to 5000 district superintendents, principals and social studies teachers in eight counties.

2006

- March - ING establishes a Board of Trustees whose first members include Isha Abdullah, Kamal Ahmed, Amer Haider, Faisal Haq, Imam Faheem Shuaibe and Marwa Elzankaly.
- May - ING conducts its first strategic planning session and updates its mission to include teaching about world religions.
- June - ING adds its first board members of other faiths that included Cisco EVP Randy Pond and SJPD Police Chief Rob Davis.

2008

- March – ING launches the first of its kind Interfaith Speakers Bureau.

2009

- August – ING was one of three Muslim-founded organizations in the nation that were first to be accredited by the Better Business Bureau. Better Business Bureau accreditation certifies that ING is a well run and operated nonprofit organization and that it meets standards that go well beyond federal and state requirements.

2010

- April - ING convenes several meetings with the Dept. of Education and White House to discuss the problem of bullying of Muslim/South Asian students.
- June - ING attends a conversation with the Dept of Education on the role of community-based organizations in American education.
- August - ING attends the first annual Federal Partners in Bullying Prevention Summit in Washington D.C.
- September - ING responds to ant-Park51 campaign by co-developing with Tanenbaum curriculum for teachers titled "Turning Park 51 into a Teachable Moment, Curriculum Guide and Fact Sheets" and releasing a letter with Dept of Education to school administrators nationwide on responding to student bullying.

2011

- February - ING releases the first of its kind iPhone app called "Multifaith News and Events".
- March - ING attends a White House Conference on Bullying Prevention.
- July - ING conducts the first of a series of Bullying Prevention seminars at the MYNA and ISNA annual conventions and conferences, reaching over 500 Muslim youth.
- August - ING executive director Maha Elgenaidi attends White House Ramadan iftar and is seated with President Obama at his table.
- September - ING attends the second annual Federal Partners in Bullying Prevention Summit in Washington DC.
- December - ING releases the first of its online curriculum for educators.
- December - ING reaches over a third of states with ING affiliates: 21 in 19 states, including California, Arizona, Utah, Colorado, Minneapolis, Illinois, Michigan, Nebraska, Ohio, Texas, Georgia, Kentucky, Florida, Iowa, New York, New Jersey, Philadelphia, Delaware, and Missouri.

2012

- June - ING convenes an Affiliate Conference in San Jose, California which was attended by more than half of the ING affiliate directors.
- August - ING initiates a new Affiliate in Nashville, TN.
- August - ING attends the White House Ramadan Iftar for the second year.
- October - ING releases more of its online curriculum for educators in addition to answers to frequently asked questions about Islam, Muslims and Shariah.