What can organizations do to create inclusive communities?

We find ourselves in a moment in which we are deeply polarized as a nation by divides—cultural, religious, political—that impact our communities and even our families. At this critical juncture, we want to advocate a simple model for effecting social change: working at the grassroots level in our neighborhoods, workplaces, schools, houses of worship, and civic organizations to model the civility and respect we want to see upheld by everyone.

This is why Islamic Networks Group is launching the Know Your Neighbor: Multifaith Encounters Campaign with simple tools and resources for reaching out to build mutual understanding and respect. We believe that if enough Americans engage in one or two simple grassroots encounters, we can strengthen our communities, foster relations among all Americans, and live up to our national ideal of pluralism and acceptance.

We invite you to participate in this effort by using the suggestions and resources on the KYN webpage for individual, community, and youth actions.

What you can do within your community...

- Encourage your congregants to invite their friends and family to attend a worship service
- Host an interfaith film screening
- Organize a book club around a piece of fiction or non-fiction which explores some aspects of faith, values, culture, or identity
- Encourage your next gathering or community invocation to be interfaith based or led by a faith leader of a different tradition

Ways to engage with other communities...

- Hold a community interfaith event
- Create a day of service with other faith communities
- Organize a social gathering centered around foods from different countries and cultures
- Organize a multifaith prayer service
- Encourage other communities to join this campaign with you

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