



Summer Campaign

What can youth 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 Summer 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.



Join the Know Your Neighbor: Summer Youth Challenge

We've created a checklist of things you can do this summer to help us achieve the vision of an America in which all people are loved, understood, and cared for. Start by signing up for the campaign online, then print out the checklist and send us updates of what you've accomplished. For more information on how to accomplish these challenges check out the Resources section online.

Examples of challenges include:

- ◆ Sharing your spiritual or religious story on social media
- ◆ Inviting friends to your house for dinner so they can learn about your values firsthand
- ◆ Volunteering for a day at a senior center and learning about the life of those who go there



Know Your Neighbor: Bridge Builder Certification Program

Spend your summer working to create a more understanding nation while boosting your college resume! We recommend this challenge for high school students. Start by signing up for the challenge online, downloading the checklist, and sending interfaith@ing.org updates and pictures of your accomplishments. When you complete the challenge, we will award you a certificate that will look great on your resumes and college applications!

Examples of challenges include:

- ◆ Writing a letter of support to a person who is the victim of a hate crime
- ◆ Hosting an interfaith film night
- ◆ Going to a house of worship that you are unfamiliar with and having a conversation with the leader of that house of worship



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Know Your Neighbor: Multifaith Encounters (KYN:ME) is a grassroots project of the Islamic Networks Group (ING), whose mission is the pursuit of peace through education and interfaith engagement while working within the framework of the First Amendment's protection of religious freedom and pluralism. KYN:ME is a network of ING affiliates and over 50 interfaith organizations with a combined presence in all 50 states. To learn more about ING, visit us at www.ing.org. To join the KYN:ME network, write to Interfaith@ing.org.