Muslims against Islamophobia

Region: Catalonia

Organisation responsible: McIslmofobia

Period: Since 2015

Activity: McIslmofobia is a platform against Islamophobia constituted

by Muslim civil society (and also with the support of non-Muslim people and entities) where the common denominator is respect for Muslim religiosity and fighting against Islamophobia.

Objectives

Defending civil and political rights of Catalan citizens and residents of Catalonia who, because of the fact they are Muslims, see them violated.

Promoting the empowerment of Muslim Catalan citizens and Muslim residents of Catalonia.

Promoting social and political activism for the normalization of Islam in society.

Description

McIslamofobia is basically working on denouncing and promoting the complaint against the discriminatory act or the crime of hatred, directed towards Muslim people. It acts in different areas, including institutional islamophobia, islamophobia in the media, social islamophobia, social networks, and violent extremism throughout advocacy, raising awareness campaigns, legal assistance and psychological support.

On this last issue, McIslamofobia advocates for break the cycle of hatred, extremism and in the worst cases of terrorism and death, through a new narrative and actions that build a European reality, truly secular, diverse and inclusive with shared values of respect for the rule of law and diversity.

Beneficiaries

Muslim people living in Catalonia, Catalan society.

GOAL 2: Reinforce education and resilience at local level

(64) Promote anti-rumors networks to face hatred and intolerance and reinforce local resilience in face of the message of violent extremist.

GOAL 8: Raise alternative narratives in social media and traditional media

(120) Design and implement awareness raising campaigns informing about the negative impact of violent extremist ideologies targeting the same audience of hate speech promoters.

GOAL 9: Promote the adoption of local, regional and National Plans of Actions

(129) Ensure that Plans of Actions do not to focus exclusively on religious extremism, but consider instead the full range of extremist discourses and behaviors. Racist, ultra- nationalist or extreme-right ideologies are other current threats that foster violent extremism.