Reimagining Muslim Spaces Study

Country: US

Organisation responsible: Institute for Social Policy and Understanding

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Activity: Reimagining Muslim Spaces Study creates a roadmap to help communities transform their current spaces into ones that are inclusive to all community members and responsive to their collective need. In order to bring the research directly to communities, ISPU has created an Inclusivity Workshop Toolkit, including videos, participant surveys, and exercises that centers can use to address issues at hand and create an action plan for incorporating study recommendations.

Objectives

Stimulating and supporting mosques and community centres to meet the diverse social, civic, and economic needs of their congregants with special attention to often marginalised groups, including women, youth, and converts.

Description

ISPU identified exemplary models of mosques and community centers that have high participation rates for young people, with a special focus on women and converts, and exceptional programs that meet the needs of their constituents. Through using this data-driven research approach, coupled with actionable recommendations, the RMS Study aspires to move the concept of being "unmosqued" from a buzzword to a solvable social challenge.
ISPU has developed a community education toolkit, including case studies and community briefs, that mosques and community centers can use to practically implement the RMS Study's recommendations. These case studies focus on engagement and inclusivity, social service programming, civic engagement models, and governance issues.

Beneficiaries
Decision-makers, civil society actors, citizens.

Access to the Inclusivity Workshop Toolkit here.

GOAL 7: Promote democratic values and protect civil society space
(107) Advocate and monitor the provision of basic services in a non-discriminatory manner, ensure accountability for service delivery and the extension of state services at local level, and create an environment where entrepreneurship can flourish and societies can become more peaceful, fair and inclusive.

(108) Promote the political space for nonviolent dialogue among all essential stakeholders and for the prevention of violent extremism. This dialogue should be based on the respect for the rights to freedom of expression and assembly. Also, recognize and protect nonviolent civil society groups as essential partners in creating democratic and plural societies.