**INGYouth Speakers Program**

**Country:** US  
**Organisation responsible:** Islamic Networks Group  
**Date:** 24-25 May 2017

**Activity:** The INGYouth Speakers Program empowers young Muslims to formally and informally present on Islam and Muslims.

**Objectives**

- Countering prejudice and bullying by increasing young American Muslims’ religious literacy.
- Building confidence in their Islamic identities based on a sound understanding of their faith.
- Inspiring bridge-building between American Muslims and people of other faiths, and/or those with no faith.
- Preventing extremism which is often based on ignorance of authentic religious teachings.

**Description**

The program consist of a set of presentations focusing on various aspects of Muslim life and history. Topics include: Getting to Know American Muslims, A History of Muslims in America, Muslim Contributions to Civilization, and Muslim Women Beyond the Stereotypes. It also includes tips about how to share and present youth’s experiences as Muslims with their friends and classmates in a respectful and educational manner.

In the Anti-Bullying section, a Bullying Prevention Guide for educators, parents and mosques can be downloaded.

**Beneficiaries**

Young American Muslims

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**GOAL 6: Reinforce the role of youth as actors for change**

(100) Implement education programs that promote global justice, soft skills and critical thinking, tolerance and respect for diversity, in order to promote peace and nonviolent values.  
(101) Explore means of introducing civic and peaceful education into school curricula, textbooks, teaching materials and trainings and awareness to teachers.