



Timetable 2025 Muslim Institute Winter Gathering (as of 22.11.25)

Friday 28 November – Sunday 30 November 2025, Sarum College, Salisbury.

Conference rapporteur: Yahya Birt, community historian & Research Director at the Ayaan Institute.

FRI 28 NOVEMBER: REGISTRATION OPENS 3PM (DINNER 6.30pm)

OPENING KEYNOTE LECTURE 8-10PM

'The Relationship between the Sultan and the Sheikh / Caliph and Mufti' delivered by Professor Fozia Bora, Professor of Islamic History, University of Leeds.

+ Humera Khan (an-Nisa Society). Short introduction on research project on Muslims in Birmingham

Chair: Hassan Mahamdallie

SAT 29 NOVEMBER FIRST SESSION 10-11.30AM

Political Self-Empowerment: national models

Dr Wajid Akhter, Sec Gen MCB. Recorded video address.

Shahab Adris, Leeds Green Party Co-Ordinator.

Chair: Dr Abida Malik.

COFFEE / Zuhr 12.01

SECOND SESSION: 12.15-1.45pm

Economic Empowerment – funding self-reliance

Dr Sohail Hanif, CEO National Zakat Foundation & former lecturer at Cambridge Muslim College.

Dr Mohammed Sinan Siyech, lecturer in International Relations and South Asian Politics at the University of Wolverhampton.

Chair: Professor Tahir Abbas

LUNCH / Asr 13.46

THIRD SESSION 2.45-4.15PM

Political Self-Empowerment: grassroots models

Rokhsana Fiaz OBE (Mayor of Newham) in conversation.

Chair: Asim Siddiqui.

COFFEE / Maghrib 16.07

FOURTH SESSION 5pm-6.30pm

Saturday keynote: The Organisation of Afro-American Unity and the legacy of Malcolm X.

Kehinde Andrews, Professor of Black Studies, Birmingham City University and author of Nobody Can Give You Freedom – The Real Mission of Malcolm X.

Chair: Dr Josef Linhoff.

DINNER

SATURDAY EVENING 8pm-9.30pm

Book launch: with Tharik Hussain, author of *Muslim Europe: a Journey in Search of a Fourteen Hundred Year History.*

Chair: Sameera Hanif.

SUNDAY 30 Nov FIRST SESSION 9.30am-10.45am

(Note: Check out rooms at Sarum College by 9am)

Creating New Narratives: Research, lobbying and the legacy & new media.

Dr Myriam François, journalist, filmmaker, podcaster and writer.

Rizwana Hamid, Director, Centre for Media Monitoring.

Chair: Shenaz Bunglawala.

COFFEE

FINAL SESSION 11.15am - 12.45pm

Yahya Birt rapporteur plenary session.

Chair: Hassan Mahamdallie

Lunch 1pm and depart.