

Scottish Launch of the **COUNTER-ISLAMOPHOBIA KIT**

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Islamophobia must be defeated

After Christchurch, it is clearer than ever that Islamophobia must be defeated. The 'Counter-Islamophobia Kit' (CIK) provides some tools for the struggle. We encourage individuals and organisations to draw on it as a resource in their anti-racism work.

“The horrific terrorist attacks on innocent worshippers in two New Zealand mosques ... is the inevitable outcome of the rampant Islamophobia that has been whipped up globally by politicians, far right activists and the media.”

-Islamic Human Rights Commission

“Christchurch was an act of very specific race terror directed at Muslims, created out of wall to wall Islamophobia. The whole spectrum of Islamophobia, from the softest to the hardest, played its part.”

- SACC Chair, Richard Haley

What is the Counter-Islamophobia Kit?

The 'Counter-Islamophobia Kit' (CIK) was launched at the European Parliament in Brussels on 26 September 2018.

CIK is a ground-breaking project with key messages for policy makers, national governments, professionals, civil society, the media and practitioners from across the EU.

“In effect, Islamophobia has become part of the fabric of a national story of what it means to be British.”

- Arzu Merali

The last two decades have witnessed a steep rise in anti-Muslim prejudice, discrimination and violence in Britain. Studies have all shown an increase in anti-Muslim antipathy to the extent that it can be said that the experience of Islamophobia has become almost universal for Muslims.

“Counter-narratives must reset the parameters of conversations about Islam and Muslims, unconditionally including Muslims in the national conversation on their own terms”

- Arzu Merali

The CIK project was led by the University of Leeds (UK). Case study expertise and fieldwork was carried out by the project's academic partners, the Centre for Ethnicity and Migration Studies, University of Liège (Belgium), Centre for Social Studies, University of Coimbra (Portugal), Alba Business School (Greece), Center for Policy Studies, Central European University (Hungary), Institute of Sociological Studies, Charles University (Czech Republic), and non-academic partners the Islamic Human Rights Commission (France, Germany and UK).