

Being British



Islam and Citizenship

- Islam teaches us that to be a good Muslim is to be a good citizen.
- Citizenship teaches us that all good citizens are helpful to the communities in which they live.
- ‘The best of people are those that benefit others.’
- ‘None of you is a true believer until he likes for his brother [and sister] what he likes for himself.’ (Bukhari, Muslim)
- Acting on Islamic values we will become good Muslims and to be a good Muslim is to be a good citizen

- We have a perfect role model for the whole world and that is our beloved Prophet Muhammad (s.a.w).

As the Qur`an tells us:

‘Certainly in the Messenger of God there is a beautiful example for you.’ (Surat al-Ahzab 33:21)

- As Muslims we are encouraged to follow the character of Prophet Muhammad (s.a.w).
- In times of difficulty and in the face of much anger and abuse the Prophet prayed for those who abused him and spoke lies about him.
- By following His teachings and lifestyle, we can become good Muslims.

What does it mean to be British?

- What does 'British mean'?
- What are 'British values'?
- What is your perspective on Britain?
- What is your role in Britain?
- Do you see yourself as being part of the British community?

What are British Values?

As British citizens:

- **Respect** and **tolerance** for everyone regardless of their gender, color, religion, sexual orientation, ethnicity. We are all **EQUAL**.
- We appreciate living in a **liberal democracy** where we are given the right to:
 - Vote
 - Freedom of speech
 - Freedom of religion
 - Freedom of movement



In Britain do we have the right to?

- Vote for people who will govern us
- Have a fair trial
- Own a property
- Travel anywhere
- Belong to any organisation
- Protest against laws we think are unfair
- Go on demonstrations
- Express our opinions
- Disagree with people
- Save money
- Wear what we like
- Read what we like

What makes Britain so good?



Inspirational Muslim Brits



A lawyer, a businesswoman, a campaigner and a cabinet minister, Sayeeda Warsi has had many roles, but she is best known for being the **first Muslim woman to serve in a British cabinet** and the foremost Muslim politician in the Western world.



Shazia Saleem is a 29-year old entrepreneur who has started up 'ieat foods', the first British ready meals brand offering halal dishes likes pies, pasta and pizza prepared in accordance with Islamic law.

The young food entrepreneur's business, founded last October, aims to give Muslims in the UK more choice about their food and has already been snapped up by Sainsbury's for 24 of its stores.

Saleem previously worked for Dragons' Den star Peter Jones and is planning to launch the 'Khadija Foundation' after her role model Khadija r.a.



James Khan CBE, is the founder and CEO of Hamilton Bradshaw, based in Mayfair, London. James is a keen supporter of many charities and set up The JCF in 2006 predominantly to help underprivileged children get access to education



Mo Farah is double Olympic & double World champion and the UK's greatest ever distance runner - a far cry from his humble beginnings in Somalia, arriving in London from Mogadishu at the age of 8 and speaking very little English.

On the 4th August 2012, Farah created history at the London Olympic Games.

Farah now joins just 5 people in the history of the Olympic Games to win the 5k/10k double and the only athlete to do it on home soil.



Salma Yaqoob is the former leader, and former vice-chair, of the Respect Party and a former Birmingham City Councillor. She is also the head of the Birmingham Stop the War Coalition and a spokesperson for Birmingham Central Mosque. She also writes for The Guardian.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=97gNKutA2Nw>

Inspirational Brits



Betty Boothroyd, Baroness Boothroyd, OM, PC (born 8 October 1929) is a British politician, who served as Member of Parliament (MP) for West Bromwich and West Bromwich West from 1973 to 2000, initially for the Labour Party and, from 1992 to 2000, as Speaker of the House of Commons. **She was the first, and to date only, female Speaker.**



Margaret Thatcher was Britain's first female prime minister and served three consecutive terms in office. She was one of the **dominant political figures** of 20th century Britain, and Thatcherism continues to have a huge influence.

Thatcher has been Britain's **only** female prime minister.



Florence Nightingale was a celebrated English **social reformer and statistician, and the founder of modern nursing**. She gave nursing a highly favourable reputation and became an icon of Victorian culture, especially in the persona of "**The Lady with the Lamp**" making rounds of wounded soldiers at night.



Suffragettes were members of women's organization (**right to vote**) movements in the late 19th and early 20th century, particularly militants in Great Britain such as members of the Women's Social and Political Union (WSPU). Women in Britain over the age of 30, meeting certain property qualifications, were finally given the **right to vote in 1918, and in 1928 suffrage was extended to all women over the age of 21**



Jessica Ennis-Hill, CBE is a British track and field athlete, specialising in multi-eventing disciplines and 100 metres hurdles, she is the current **Olympic heptathlon champion**. She is also the former European and world heptathlon champion and the former world indoor pentathlon champion. She is the current **British national record holder** for the heptathlon and the indoor pentathlon. She is a former British record holder in the 100 metres hurdles and the high jump.

You Have A Voice, You Have An Opportunity

- Living in the United Kingdom, you have the freedom to be who you want.
- You are given the same opportunity as everyone else
- You are equal
- You are given the rights and freedoms, people all around the world are fighting for.
- Help your country become a better place.
- Help your community prosper.
- Become an active citizen.
- Become role models for future generations.
- Be the Change you want to see.



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Muslim is Being a Good Citizen**