

Meeting the Needs of Muslim Youth: Getting Race Right

Four Ways to Make Non-Black-Led Muslim Spaces More Inclusive of Black Youth

1. Build Anti-Racist Awareness and Capacity

- Integrate anti-racist curriculum into adult and youth education.
- Deliver khutbahs on intra-Muslim racism (see www.ispu.org/talk-toolkits).
- Conduct a MuslimARC training.

3. Establish a Zero Tolerance Policy on Racism

- Include a zero tolerance policy in bylaws.
- Make anti-racism part of the organization's culture and norms.

2. Conduct In-Depth Needs Assessments

- Listen, don't assume.
- Conduct a needs assessment of Black Muslim youth attending the Muslim center to identify their needs.

4. Create Brave Spaces

- Brave spaces are where members can have difficult conversations about race.
- Chaplains are trained in intercultural competence. Leverage their leadership to build these spaces and lead these conversations.

