

European Muslim Peace Agents
Peace Agents without borders!
Together for peace!



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To read more visit www.peaceagents.se and www.peaceagents.eu

Sensus offers meeting places for learning, experiences and fellowship and has a wide range of study circles, courses, educational programs and culture all across Sweden. We are a study association that highlights questions concerning life, diversity and global issues. www.sensus.se

Ibn Rushd study association is currently one of the most exciting happenings in adult education in Sweden. We work with society's most important issues such as diversity, integration and democracy. Ibn Rushd's vision is that Islam should be a self-evident part of Sweden. www.ibnrushd.se

Communities in Action Enterprises is a UK based organisation that helps empower local people to play an active part in all sections of the community. It has a track record for developing and delivering religion and culture sensitive programmes. It trains young people to become active citizens and service providers to be more effective. To find out more please visit www.communitiesinaction.org or call Ajmal Masroor +44 9756 987 398

The Swedish Foundation for Human Rights is a politically and religiously independent organisation promoting human rights internationally and in Sweden. The Swedish Foundation for Human Rights' aim is to strengthen the work of civil society to promote and protect human rights. To find out more please visit www.humanrights.se



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What is a Muslim Peace Agent?

A Muslim peace agent is an active citizen who promotes positive interaction between Muslim and non-Muslim communities by for example visiting associations, schools, authorities and companies. They subscribe to the Islamic peace culture and counteract mutual prejudices such as phobia towards Islam and the Muslim (Islamophobia) and phobia towards the West and the non-Muslims (Westo-phobia). A successful programme funded by a number of Swedish agencies has already trained 100 Muslim Peace Agents in Sweden, produced the book Salam and participated in the creation of Sweden's first Muslim peace movement, Swedish Muslims for Peace and Justice.

The initiators, study associations Ibn Rushd and Sensus from Sweden and Communities in Action Enterprises from the UK, would now like to share the idea of Muslim Peace Agents with the rest of Europe and train Muslim Peace Agents through a new project: European Muslim Peace Agents.

Why should Europe invest in peace education based on an Islamic and European context?

We want to counteract all types of prejudices especially Islamophobia and Westo-phobia. There are currently more than 30 million Muslims in Europe and Islam is an important part of European's history and future. European Muslims have enriched and contributed to the development of European societies. We want to take advantage of this heritage and continue to be an organic part of Europe's diversity.

We want to lay the foundation for an active European Muslim peace movement which, in turn, can cooperate on an equal footing with other peace movements in Europe as well as worldwide.

We want to educate 1000 European Young Muslims between the ages 18-30 yrs from ten European countries to become peace agents. These 1000 European peace agents in turn can serve as a source of inspiration, information as well as leaders in their own countries. We will reach at least 100 000 young Muslims across Europe this way.

What kind of Europe would You like?

Inclusive Europe – All citizens of Europe are equal and should feel welcomed to engage and contribute in every civil society initiatives.

Diverse Europe – All faiths, cultures and ethnicities are accepted as an integral part of Europe. Racism, fascism, prejudice and discrimination must be eliminated from all sections of the European society.

Honest Europe – Integration is only possible when all parties are prepared to compromise. Double standards breed resentment and honesty wins hearts and minds. Hate and fear must not dominate the relationship between communities in Europe.

Just Europe – Fairness and justice for all forms the basis of Europe today. Rights of every citizen, protection of minorities and access to legal recourse and innocent until proven guilty must form the basis of tomorrow's Europe.

We are all equal and we must all be treated with honour and dignity.

