

A photograph of three women wearing hijabs. The woman in the center is wearing a black hijab and has her hands placed on the shoulders of the woman on her right, who is wearing a pink hijab. The woman on the left is wearing a peach-colored hijab. The background is a dark, textured surface with large, semi-transparent letters spelling 'AGENDA'.

**MUSLIM AGENDA**  
Australia's First Muslim Women's Festival

03 - 04 JUNE 2022

**It's time to get with  
THE PROGRAM.**



**ASMA FAHMI**

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**WASIELAH NOORSJAMSI**

**NAWAL SARI**

**OVER 60+ MUSLIM  
SPEAKERS & ARTISTS**

**NOOR TAGOURI**

**MANAL YOUNUS**

**AMANI HAYDAR**

We acknowledge and pay our respects to the traditional owners and custodians of all the lands on which we walk, work and live. We pay respects to the Dharug people on whose land we hold this important festival.

**On behalf of our community we send our salams (blessed greetings) to all elders past, present and emerging.**

**This land was, is and always will be, Aboriginal Land.**



# Forged in the fires of community, bolstered by pride and driven by purpose.

**Introducing Australia's first Muslim women's festival – platforming over 60 Muslim female speakers and artists from all backgrounds, disciplines and denominations.**

We are bringing together trailblazers and community leaders, celebrities and quiet achievers and everyone in between from a range of different fields including academia, medicine, law, the arts and education and platforming their stories and perspectives. A phenomenal opportunity for our sisters to build networks, draw connections and foster collaborations that go beyond the festival; ultimately leading to our collective empowerment.

The name of the festival is a tongue-in-cheek subversion of the narrative that every Muslim-led event is a trojan horse for the 'muslim agenda' – ours being empowerment, enrichment and elevation.

**OVER 85%** of victims of Islamophobia Australia-wide are veiled women.

Source: Third Islamophobia in Australia report, Dr Derya Iner, March 2022.



Delicious catering by Sunday Kitchen (halal, of course!)  
+ Drinks by La Soif  
+AUSLAN interpreted  
+Prayer facilities available

Speed Networking  
+ Screening of "Towel Head"  
**+Sisters Slam**  
**+ Reading by Amani Haydar**

3RD  
JUN

MUSLIM AGENDA  
**OPENING  
NIGHT**

20  
22

Proudly  
hosted at the  
Bankstown  
Arts Centre

6 pm to 9 pm

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**Admission**  
**\$25/\$15 conc**

\*booking fee not included

10 Panels  
8 Workshops  
Over 50 panellists,  
stalls, art installations,  
food trucks & more!



CHILD-MINDING  
AVAILABLE

4TH  
JUN

# MUSLIM AGENDA FESTIVAL

20  
22

Hosted at the Bankstown Arts Centre  
5 Olympic Parade, Bankstown

Featuring "Second Chances" - a showcase of textiles and ceramic artworks by female artists from the Rohingya community and an exhibition of visual artworks from newly arrived artists nurtured by SSI's Arts and Culture program. Presented by SSI and the Australian Rohingya Women's Development Organisation in partnership with the Bankstown Arts Centre.

## Featuring International Speakers



**Noor Tagouri**  
In conversation with  
Nour Haydar.  
Appearing via Zoom.



**Linda Sarsour**  
Keynote address and  
Q&A session.  
Appearing via Zoom.



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## ENTRY TICKETS\*

**Panels &  
Workshops**      **\$15 Adult  
\$10 Conc**

\*Free entry for Yoga and Financial Literacy  
Workshops (bookings essential)  
+ Paint n Sip Chai Sessions \$30

Note: booking fees not included

# JUNE 04 2022

8:00-9:00	Yoga with May	COURTYARD
9:00-9:30	Acknowledgment of Country, Quran Recitation and Opening Speech	COURTYARD
9:30-10:30	<b>Glass Ceilings and Gaslighting:</b> Overcoming office obstacles and navigating workplace politics <b>RS1</b> <b>Changing Gears:</b> Finding your purpose in new career paths <b>THEATRE</b> <b>Poetry Toolkit Workshop</b> - with Manal Younus <b>STUDIO 1</b>	
10:30-11:30	<b>Radical and Resisting:</b> Speaking up and breaking down political systems <b>RS1</b> <b>Connecting Up and Out:</b> Strengthening your spirituality and connection with Allah swt in your day to day life <b>THEATRE</b> <b>Islamic Calligraphy Workshop</b> - with Ghadeer Ali <b>STUDIO 1</b> <b>+ Paint n Sip Chai</b> - with Demitra (9:30 am - 11:00 am)	
11:30-12:30	<b>Noor Tagouri x Nour Haydar: In Conversation</b> <b>RS1</b> <b>Financial Literacy Workshop</b> - with Arise Foundation <b>STUDIO 1</b> <b>+ Paint n Sip Chai</b> - with Demitra (11:30 am - 1:00 pm)	
Lunch/Duhr	<b>Keynote Address by Linda Sarsour</b> <b>RS1</b> <b>Flash Fiction Writing Workshop</b> - with Lamisa Haque <b>STUDIO 1</b>	
1:30-2:30	<b>Pen to Prayer:</b> Exploring Muslim identities through authentic storytelling <b>RS1</b> <b>Balancing the Grind:</b> Pipe dream or possibility? <b>THEATRE</b> <b>Media Training Workshop</b> - with Nour Haydar <b>STUDIO 1</b>	
2:30-3:30	<b>Breaking the Box:</b> Subverting stereotypes in unorthodox industries and stretching the seams. <b>RS1</b> <b>Front Foot in Fashion:</b> Exploring fashion as armour. <b>THEATRE</b> <b>Know Your Rights Legal Workshop</b> - with Lydia Shelly <b>STUDIO 1</b> <b>+ Paint n Sip Chai</b> - with Shereen Kahil (1:30 pm - 3 pm)	
Break/Asr	<b>Paint n Sip Chai</b> - with Shereen Kahil (3:30 pm - 5 pm) <b>STUDIO 2</b>	
4:00-5:00	<b>"Warning: Not for Consumption":</b> Investigating the hyper-policing of Muslim women's bodies <b>RS1</b> <b>Ask an Aunty:</b> Open Forum <b>RS2</b>	
5:00-5:15	Poetry Performance, Closing Address <b>COURTYARD</b>	

**ALL PANELS ARE AUSLAN INTERPRETED**  
Prayer facilities available in Studio 2

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT PANELS & SPEAKERS VISIT [WWW.MUSLIMAGENDA.COM.AU](http://WWW.MUSLIMAGENDA.COM.AU)

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# EVENT SCHEDULE

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# The Agenda

FREE

## Yoga with May

Start the day off on the right foot!

Quran  
Recitation  
by Zainab  
Jaber

Opening  
Address  
by Sara  
Mansour

8:00-9am

9-9:30am

## Glass Ceilings & Gaslighting

**FACILITATOR**  
Miriam Makki

Leading careerists share their learnings on how they overcame office obstacles and navigated workplace politics to get to the top of their game. Essential listening if you are looking to advance in your field without compromising who you are.

**SPEAKERS**  
Diana Sayed  
Mariam Veiszadeh  
Yusra Metwally  
Dr. Fatima Elassaad  
Muneera Bano

## Changing Gears

**FACILITATOR**  
Rameen Malik

Taking a leap of faith is often seen as daunting - but it is only the first stage of the process. Four women walk you through what comes after the leap, how they transformed their careers and how they found their real passion and purpose.

**SPEAKERS**  
Zulfiye Tufa  
Lina Jebeile  
Asma Fahmi  
Karima Hazim

9:30-10:30

## Poetry Toolkit Workshop with Manal Younus

9:30-10:30

## Radical and Resisting

**FACILITATOR**  
Sara Saleh

How far do you go in the pursuit of justice and how much of yourself is at stake? These extraordinary women will share their experiences on speaking up and breaking down political and social systems and inspire the fire within you.

**SPEAKERS**  
Tasneem Chopra  
Safiah Rind  
Mehreen Faruqi  
Assala Sayara

## Connecting Up and Out

**FACILITATOR**  
Nahida Hafza

In a world filled with distraction, work and daily strife, it is becoming increasingly difficult to maintain our connection with our Creator. If you are looking for practical ways to strengthen your spirituality, these wise women are a guiding light.

**SPEAKERS**  
Saltanat Bora  
Toltu Tufa  
Maha Abdo  
Ibtisam Hammoud

10:30-11:30

Islamic Calligraphy  
Workshop w/ Ghadeer Ali

10:30-11:30

Paint 'n' Sip Chai  
w/ Demitra

9:30-11:00



All speaking sessions AUSLAN interpreted

11:30-12:30

## Noor Tagouri x Nour Haydar: In Conversation

Nour gets the scoop on Noor, followed by a Q&A session

FREE

**Financial Literacy Workshop**  
w/ **Arise Foundation**

11:30-12:30

**Paint 'n' Sip Chai**  
w/ **Demitra**

11:30-1:00

PRAYER BREAK

12:30-1:30

## Keynote Address by Linda Sarsour

Followed by a Q&A session



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12:30-1:30

**Flash Fiction Writing Workshop**  
w/Lamisa Haque, Sydney Story Factory (best for ages 7-17)

1:30-2:30

### Pen to Prayer

**FACILITATOR**  
Iman Etri

Storytelling is a vehicle for change and these women are taking us on that journey. From filmmakers to authors, five Muslim writers share how they successfully tell stories that are authentic, honouring their identities while dealing with any internal and external push-back.

**SPEAKERS**  
Randa Abdel-Fattah  
Melati Lum  
Rawah Arja  
Naima Ibrahim  
Hebah Ali

### Balancing the Grind

**FACILITATOR**  
Basmah Kahil

Is work-life balance as a woman with caring responsibilities a pipe dream or a possibility? These women impart their wisdom and explore how we can advocate for a more equitable society.

**SPEAKERS**  
Maysaa Fahour  
Dr. Mariam Chaalan  
Nisreen Hanafi  
Heba Shaheed  
Raja Yassine

1:30-2:30

**Media Training Workshop with Nour Haydar**

All speaking sessions AUSLAN interpreted

2:30-3:30

### Breaking the Box

**FACILITATOR**  
Naz Sharifi

Meet the pioneers. The ones who are cracking the code, against the odds, and leading by example. From music to STEM, sports to screens, these women share how they stretch the seams in "unorthodox" industries and how you can too.

**SPEAKERS**  
Amina Elshafei  
Sereen Omran  
Assmaah Helal  
Rameen Hayat  
Wasielah Noorsjamsi

### Front Foot in Fashion

**FACILITATOR**  
Massilia Aili

Modest fashion holds power but also has a complex relationship with the fashion industry. From issues of tokenistic representation to sustainability, this exciting conversation will take a deep dive into the ethics of it all with four women at the fore.

**SPEAKERS**  
Nawal Sari  
Nigara Momin  
Shereen Kassir  
Meltem Kilicoglu

1:30-3pm

### Paint 'n' Sip Chai with Shereen Kahil

PRAYER BREAK

Afternoon (Asr)

### Know Your Rights Legal Workshop with Lydia Shelly

4-5pm

### "Warning: Not for Consumption"

**FACILITATOR**  
Aishah Ali

The Muslim female body has become a site of social autopsy. We are picked apart, socially, politically and culturally both within and outside our community. This "no holds barred" conversation explores the hyper-policing of our bodies and what we can do about it.

**SPEAKERS**  
Dr. Ghena Krayem  
Dr. Anisa Buckley  
Widyan Fares  
Anisa Khan  
Lydia Shelly

### Ask an Aunty

**FACILITATOR**  
Sara Mansour

These women collectively hold a wealth of information that could serve generations and generations and they are yours for the hour. Come along to this open forum where you can ask these leaders all your deepest questions (anonymously or openly).

**SPEAKERS**  
Arwa Abousamra  
Mobinah Ahmad  
Sara Saleh  
Ola Elhassan  
Firdousi Obeidullah

3:30-5pm

### Paint 'n' Sip Chai with Shereen Kahil

5-5:15pm

Poetry Performance by Aishah Ali

Closing Address by Anhaar Kareem



# MEET THE TEAM

THE FACES BEHIND THE MAGIC



**Sara Mansour**  
Founder and Director



**Aishah Ali**  
Programming and Curation



**Rameen Hayat**  
Programming and Logistics



**Miriam Mubayyid**  
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Fundraising and Volunteer  
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**Rema Hamdan**  
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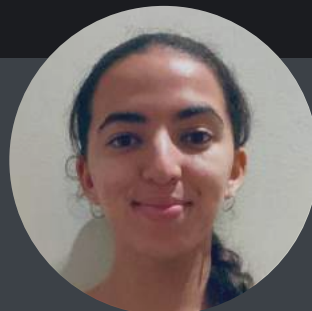
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