

MMC Faith Equity Capacity Building Programme 2026

We cannot build equitable mental health systems without recognising the role of faith in shaping resilience, recovery, and belonging. At MMC, we work within existing services, bringing together Muslim practitioners and community insight with mainstream practice to strengthen how care is designed and delivered.

Evidence shows Muslim communities face barriers to access, trust, and engagement, often where services lack cultural and faith literacy. This programme supports organisations to embed faith-sensitive approaches that improve access and deliver more equitable outcomes — **Sabah Gilani, Director, Muslim Mind Collaborative**

We're partnering with Muslim Mind Collaborative because we believe in a future of equitable mental health care. This work will support our members to build confidence, tackle inequalities, and strengthen engagement with Muslim communities — **Dania Hanif, Interim CEO, Association of Mental Health Providers**

Build Faith-Equitable Mental Health Services: A 6-month programme supporting organisations to strengthen how they engage and support Muslim communities through faith-sensitive, culturally responsive approaches.

What the Programme Offers

Selected organisations will receive a tailored package of support, including:

Specialist Training

- Muslim mental health, identity, and lived experience
- Anti-Muslim hate and culturally responsive practice
- Data, research, and social impact reporting

Partnership & Community Engagement

- Guidance on engaging Muslim communities, mosques, and grassroots organisations
- Identifying gaps in access, outreach, and service provision
- Strengthening trust, representation, and inclusive practice

Practice Development

- Support to design and deliver a pilot or service improvement initiative
- Recommendations tailored to your organisation and local context

Network & Peer Learning

- Access to the MMC network of practitioners, researchers, and community organisations
- Opportunities for shared learning and collaboration

Sector Visibility

- Opportunity to be featured in MMC's annual capacity building report

- Recognition as part of emerging best practice in faith-equitable mental health care
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Who Should Apply

We welcome applications from organisations that:

- Work with diverse or underserved communities
 - Want to strengthen engagement with Muslim communities
 - Are committed to developing faith-sensitive, culturally competent practice
 - Are open to learning, collaboration, and implementing change
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Programme Details

- Duration: 6 months (June – November 2026)
- Format: Online workshops, training, and supported partnership work

This is a bespoke programme with limited places available.

A small number of supported places are offered to organisations that:

- are unable to fully fund participation
- can demonstrate clear need and potential for impact
- are committed to contributing to shared learning, including case studies and testimonials



Deadline: 5 May 2026

How to Apply

Submit a short Expression of Interest (max. 500 words) covering:

- Organisation overview and local context
- Relevant experience (training, projects, or partnerships)
- Strategic commitment to equity and faith-sensitive care
- Community engagement with Muslim communities
- Understanding of local needs
- Key priorities and intended outcomes

Optional:

- Current challenges
- Initial ideas for a pilot or service improvement



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