

Why Ottawa Hijab Solidarity Day?

Let's say No to Islamophobia

Ottawa Hijab Solidarity Day
February 25, 4:00 – 6:00,
Councillor's Lounge, City Hall
#hijabsolidarity

World Hijab Day, founded in 2015, has taken place in more than 116 countries. It is a worldwide event that encourages women of all faiths and backgrounds to learn from Muslim women as to their experience in wearing a hijab (headscarf).

World Hijab Day is a response to the misinterpretation of the hijab. It is believed that Muslim women who wear the hijab do so only because they are forced to. In some countries, many women experience the hijab as a method of oppression. While this is the case in some places, the assumption that it applies to all women who wear the hijab is wrong and harmful.



Women who wear the hijab are especially susceptible to discrimination because they are visibly Muslim. There is an escalation of such incidents in Ottawa. When women are harassed for wearing a hijab, all women are hurt.

All women should be free to wear what they choose and be safe in doing so. Women wearing a hijab or niqab (the face veil) should be able to access services free of discrimination. These are rights enshrined in Canada's Charter of Rights and Freedoms, as well as in our Human Rights Codes.

The goal of hijab day is to foster global religious respect and understanding among communities, and stand in solidarity with Muslim women. World Hijab Day achieve these goals by giving women of all backgrounds an opportunity to learn from women who wear hijabs.

This reception will be an opportunity for Muslim women who wear the hijab to share their perspectives. Women, who choose, can personally experience what it is like to wear the headscarf.

Come join us for a unique experience that may surprise you!

Sponsored by City for All Women Initiative (CAWI) and Coalition of Community Health and Resource Centres, Ottawa Coalition to End Violence Against Women.

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