

NEWSLETTER



ZARA MOHAMMED PODCAST IS OUT NOW!

The second of our current series of podcasts is out now and available to download, watch and listen to on Spotify, iTunes, Apple Podcasts, Google Podcasts, Sticher and Tunein.

And in this new podcast you can take a rare opportunity to listen to us talking with the Secretary General of the Muslim Council of Britain, the ground-breaking and brilliant Zara Mohammed. As the first female, the youngest ever and the first Scot to hold this position, Zara brings vibrancy, determination and innovation to the role. Since her election in February 2021 she has visited communities across the UK to inspire girls and young women to aspire for leadership, as well as shining a light on the contributions of British Muslim communities to society.

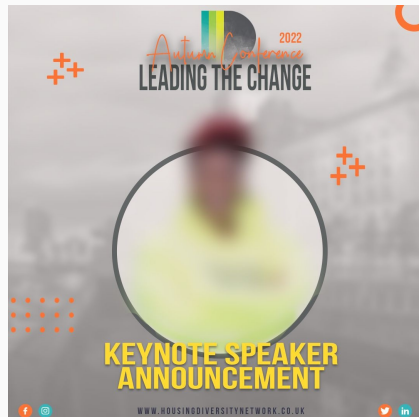
When we heard Zara was on her way to Dewsbury and Batley in West Yorkshire we sneaked in (before the BBC) to grab an insightful 30 minutes with her, and she gave her candid views on areas such as the search for opportunities for Muslim girls, Islamophobia in the UK and how she has approached her new position of great responsibility and influence.

We talked about the vital [Visit My Mosque](#) campaign which welcomes non-Muslim members of the community to learn more about the faith and lives of British Muslims, the perfect way to build immovable bridges in society which make it a better world for all of us.

Zara said: "I take great pleasure in meeting our communities across the country. It is inspiring to see the contributions British Muslims make to their local communities, every single day. As a national organisation we have to be connected to our grassroots in places like Dewsbury and Batley, because our success, nationally, lies in their hard work locally."

And it was a great pleasure for us to meet Zara.

MYSTERY OF THE KEYNOTE SPEAKER



We have some big news on our first keynote speaker coming out soon about our Autumn Conference in October.

Can you guess who it is?

It's starting to look like an event you definitely want to have in your calendar.

You will definitely want to secure your spot as soon as possible, with our Early bird offer now available! Click on the link to find out more.

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And you can find more details on our social media channels or by contacting

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JUNE SMP CELEBRATION...AND SPONSOR OPPORTUNITIES

Following their joyous hosting of the 2021 Staff Mentoring Programme Celebration, which was held online, Shuang and Stu have agreed to bring their double act to the stage on June the 9th for the 2022 event. Let's see if they are as good in person!



We're delighted to welcome Andersen James, the Housing Recruitment Specialists, as our first sponsors for this showcase celebration, which we expect to be a sell out event. We're looking for more sponsors; so for more information contact Michael@housingdiversitynetwork.co.uk.

We look forward to seeing you all at the event at Thinktank, Birmingham Science Museum, on the 9th June.

And remember; the 2022 - 2023 Staff Mentoring Programme opens for mentee registration on 19th April and closes Thursday 30th June. Look out for more details next week.

EVENTS



HDN Webinar: Rural Inequalities

Join us as we discuss the disparities and unique social and economic issues that affect rural communities

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HDN's Networking Mixer Leeds

A networking event for our members based up North.

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Hate Crime and Housing Providers Workshop

This three-hour workshop will help you and your organisation to provide an evidence-based approach to understanding hate crime

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THE ROYAL BOROUGH OF
**KENSINGTON
AND CHELSEA**

NOW HIRING



Chief Executive

This is an exceptional opportunity for an adaptable and innovative strategic leader to progress their career as Magenta grows, develops and transforms. The closing date for applications is Monday, 25th April 2022, and you can find out more about these vacancies [here](#).

Chair

We are currently seeking a new Chair, to join the Board in September 2022, with a view to leading it from September 2023 when our current Chair reaches the end of her tenure. The closing date for applications is Monday, 9th May 2022, and you can find out more about these vacancies [here](#).

What We Do at HDN Contact us to see if we can help



We work with organisations on a range of equality, diversity and inclusion issues. These include management and leadership training, board and executive team discussions on Black Lives Matter and/or the pandemic, and reviewing and helping on Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Action Plans and Strategies.

Contact [Mushtaq Khan](#) for further details.

WHAT THE TEAM'S BEEN TALKING ABOUT THIS WEEK

We're into the middle of April folks and you know what that means. It's the sound of willow against leather, punctuated by rain delays, and endless disappointment for England fans.

Yes it's the cricket season; and two of our number, Mushtaq and Stu, are already excited by the prospect of England's series against South Africa in late summer. We rather hoped that our South African contingent would join us at Old Trafford in August but sadly no. Carla claims she'll be on annual leave while Michael refuses to go to a cricket match unless he can bring his BBQ.

In Manchester...really?!

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