

Bristol Muslim Conference

8th November 2025 – Cross-Workshop Summary Report

Executive Summary

The Bristol Muslim Conference 2025 brought together communities across Bristol to address rising hate, division, and fear. Workshops covering Women, Youth, Politics, and Media revealed consistent concerns around safety, Islamophobia, far-right intimidation, harmful political and media narratives, and institutional failings. This report summarises the issues raised and the actions required from statutory and other partners.



At-a-Glance Summary Table

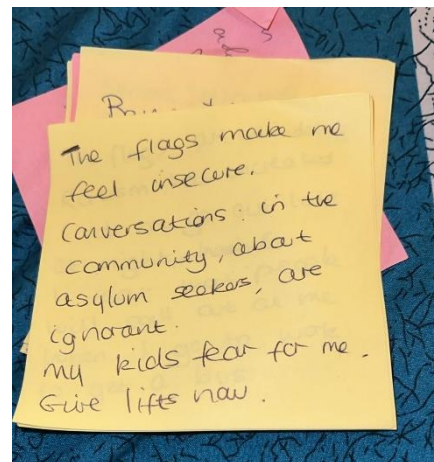
Workshop	Top Issues Identified	Priority Actions for Bristol Statutory Partners
Women	• Rising Islamophobia • Far-right intimidation • Safety concerns on buses • Misinformation about asylum seekers	• Increase visible policing • Rapid response to intimidation • Anti-Islamophobia training • Family/mental health support
Youth	• Anxiety from hate crime • Identity strain • Workplace discrimination • Refugee youth exclusion • Barriers to mental-health access	• Trauma-informed youth services • School-based anti-Islamophobia work • Refugee mentoring • Support young professionals
Politics	• Under-representation • Far-right narratives • Lack of accountability • Online harms	• MP/Councillor forums • Public stance against Islamophobia • Strengthen hate crime reporting • Advocate online harms regulation
Media	• Dehumanising coverage • Fake news/clickbait • Lack of newsroom diversity	• Community-media engagement • Diversity targets • Media literacy in schools



Workshop Findings & Required Actions

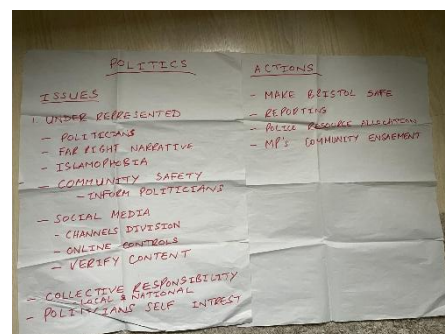
Women's Workshop

Women reported far-right intimidation, unsafe public spaces, fear on buses, racist encounters, and misinformation in communities. Many long-term Bristol residents still feel like outsiders. Urgent actions include visible policing, rapid response to intimidation, mental-health support, and involving Muslim women in decision-making.



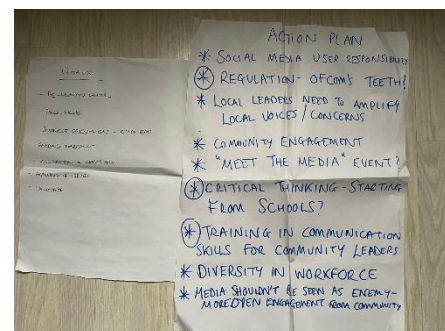
Politics Workshop

Participants highlighted under-representation, far-right rhetoric, lack of responsiveness, and self-interest among politicians. Actions include MP engagement forums, public condemnation of Islamophobia, better reporting systems, and political advocacy.



Media Workshop

Media narratives often dehumanise Muslims, reinforce prejudice, and embolden far-right groups. Actions include newsroom diversity, community-media events, and school media literacy.



Youth Workshop

Young people described high anxiety, identity pressure, discrimination in workplaces, and exclusion for refugee youth. Mental-health services feel inaccessible. Actions include youth trauma support, anti-Islamophobia school programmes, youth leadership, and refugee integration pathways.

