

WORLD HIJAB DAY



A global campaign to promote religious tolerance, cultural understanding, and international solidarity

WHERE IT ALL BEGAN

At a young age, Nazma Khan immigrated to New York City from Bangladesh. Not knowing the culture or the language, Nazma found herself the only one wearing the hijab (headscarf) in middle school, where she was constantly bullied. This constant discrimination followed her throughout high school and college. After 9/11, her situation got even worse. Now, she was being chased down the street and labeled a ‘terrorist’ for being visibly a Muslim. She realized that many women in hijab in different parts of the world were encountering similar discrimination. She wanted to do something to address the stereotypes and improve circumstances. Therefore, she invited women from all ethnic backgrounds to wear the hijab for a day to foster religious tolerance and cultural understanding. She called this global event ‘World Hijab Day.’ This event is commemorated in over 150 countries every February 1st.

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Nazma Khan, founder of World Hijab Day

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WHO WE ARE

A registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization (Tax ID: 823067789)

A global movement to encourage religious tolerance, cultural understanding, and international solidarity

Independent of any political ideology or economic interest

Campaigning for a world where Muslims can proudly and freely practice their faith

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” To my surprise, the veil was strangely liberating, an unapologetic form of self-expression.”

[Joe Galvez, Catholic, Philippines]

ABOUT

What? A one-day annual global campaign to bring awareness and educate the general public about the hijab

Who? Women of all backgrounds, irrespective of faith

When? February 1st

Where? 150+ countries

Why? To promote religious tolerance, cultural understanding, and international solidarity

HOW TO Participate

Participate by covering your hair with a headscarf (hijab) on February 1st. Men can wrap a winter scarf around their necks. Hold up an “I Support The Right Of Hijab” sign. Post participation selfies on social media with the hashtags **#DressedNotOppressed** & **#WorldHijabDay**. Tag us **@WorldHijabDay**.

