

Thanking Amy Awad for her time with NCCM

The NCCM Board and Staff would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank Amy Awad for her service as the NCCM's Human Rights Coordinator in 2013-2014. Although Amy was temporarily replacing Amira Elghawaby during her maternity leave, she quickly became an integral and valuable member of the NCCM team.



Her wide-ranging skills and legal expertise were instrumental in NCCM's success in several human rights cases, as well as in coordinating our Ottawa fundraising dinner. Even after the completion of her term, Amy has remained as a core volunteer, continuing to offer support to NCCM on an upcoming Supreme Court case, as well as in other key areas. On behalf of the NCCM team, thank you Amy, and may your future be full of happiness and much success. We look forward to seeing more of your important contributions to our country and to Canadian Muslim communities.

Youth Criminal Justice: What Parents Should Know - "Train the Trainer Workshop" | Ottawa, July 8, 2014

On July 8, 2014, Human Rights Coordinator Amy Awad attended a training session on offering community workshops about Youth Criminal Justice. The training included information on how to provide information to parents about youth criminal justice issues and systems as well as an information session with Ottawa Police, the Defence Counsel Association of Ottawa, Legal Aid Ontario, the Ministry of Attorney General, the Public Prosecution of Canada and the Ministry of Children and youth Services.

Meeting with Security Agencies | Ottawa, Summer 2014

The NCCM met with senior security officials in Ottawa to discuss concerns about national security practices including emerging issues.

Participating in Research Study on Impact of National Security Policies on Muslim Community | Ottawa, July 22, 2014

The NCCM staff met with researchers from the Kanishka Project, of the Canadian Network for Research on Terrorism, Security, and Society (TSAS), to respond to questions about the impact of different government policies on Muslim communities in Canada.

Meeting with Ottawa Police and Community Leaders in Response to Youth Radicalization | Ottawa Police Headquarters, Fall 2014

The NCCM staff participated in several meetings with Ottawa Police and different Muslim community leaders in order to contribute ideas on a city-wide approach to address the issue of youth radicalization.

Pro Bono Students Canada Reception & Program | Ottawa, Fall 2014



NCCM welcomed four new University of Ottawa law students to work on human rights cases and public advocacy files (Tiffany Santos – pictured right - Shazia Hafiji, Janan Arafa – pictured below - and Christian Azzi). These students work closely with NCCM's human rights committee, currently volunteer chaired by London-based Human Rights lawyer Mihad Fahmy, LL.M.



Kanishka Project Workshop | University of Ottawa, November 7, 2014

NCCM Human Rights Coordinator Amy Awad, attended a full day workshop with researchers from the University of Ottawa Kanishka Project. The project, a five-year, \$10M government funded initiative, involves research into questions related to terrorism and counter-terrorism for Canada, such as preventing and countering violent extremism. During the workshops, different researchers presented their projects and some of their preliminary

findings and challenges. Participants including representatives from public safety and other researchers were able to provide initial feedback and seek clarifications. Research projects presented included projects that examined civil library advocacy efforts in Canada, changes in national security policy and structures within government since 9/11, and media portrayals of terrorist acts and its impact on the public approval of government policies.

Presentation on Human Rights in Islam | Carleton University, Ottawa, November 18, 2014

Human Rights Coordinator Amy Awad made a presentation on religious freedom in Islam to the Carleton University class on Religion and Human Rights taught by Dr. Melanie Adrian. The presentation, which included a general overview of Islam was well-received and offered students an opportunity to ask questions.

Summer & Eid Festivals | Ottawa, Summer & Fall 2014

NCCM takes every opportunity to go out into the community to raise awareness about our critical advocacy work. We thank the volunteers who support us and invite supporters to invite us to visit their communities in the future.

Take Back the Night & December 6 Vigil for the Victims of the Montreal Massacre | Ottawa, Fall & Winter 2014



In 2013, as part of its mandate to promote civic engagement, NCCM joined Ottawa's Women's Event Network (WEN). The committee organizes four campaigns each year to bring awareness about Violence against Women and to promote public responsibility in stopping this violence. The events include the December 6 Vigil for the Victims of the Montreal Massacre, and Take Back the Night.

Wreath laying at War Memorial | Ottawa, October 24, 2014



Following the tragic murder of Corporal Nathan Cirillo at the War Memorial in Ottawa, NCCM coordinated a press conference and silent walk from the city's Human Rights Monument to the War Memorial with leaders and members of the city's Muslim communities that same week. Speakers condemned the crime and paid their respects to the fallen soldier by laying a wreath at the memorial.

Launch of United Against Terror Handbook | Winnipeg, September 2014

In collaboration with the Islamic Social Services Association (ISSA) and the RCMP, NCCM created a handbook aimed at providing Canadian Muslim communities with information on how to deal with concerns around radicalization towards extremist violence.



The handbook has been well-received and is currently being distributed by ISSA.

International Civil Liberties Monitoring Group (ICLMG) | Ottawa, Fall 2014



NCCM continues to work with civil society partners on issues of mutual concern around civil liberties.

Our partners include ICLMG which includes Amnesty International, the Canadian Council for Refugees, Inter Pares, and many other social justice organizations and caring individuals.

Civic Engagement Team Launched | Canada-wide, Fall/ Winter 2014

NCCM launched a civic engagement team to begin preparations for the upcoming federal election. Volunteers will assist in compiling voter information as well as outlines of key issues affecting Canadian Muslim communities. NCCM welcomes new volunteers; sign up on our website to help on this project, or let us know if you're interested in helping out on other relevant issues.

Leadership Bootcamps | Ottawa, Calgary & Edmonton Fall & Winter 2014

NCCM staff and board members held several successful leadership bootcamps in three Canadian cities this fall.



Participants learned about media readiness, human rights, and confronting Islamophobia.

Fundraising Dinner | Ottawa, October 25, 2014

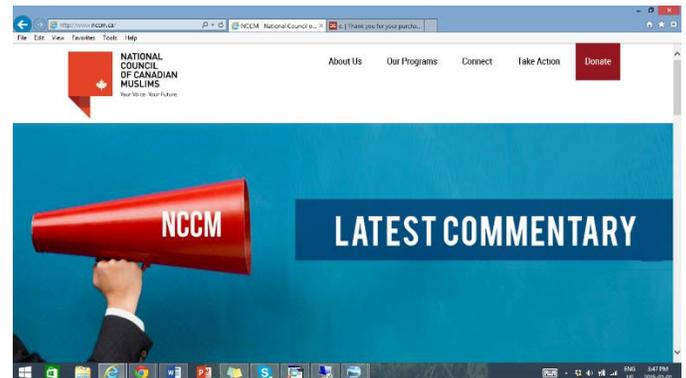
Renowned American Muslim author and researcher Dalia Mogahed was the keynote speaker at our Ottawa fundraising dinner. Over 100 guests helped raise needed funds to support NCCM's important work.



NCCM's GTA Coordinator Maryam Dadabhoy with Dalia Mogahed and NCCM Board Member Khadija Haffajee.

To see more photos of our fundraising dinner, and/or of many of the events mentioned here, visit our Flickr page:

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