

RESOURCES

Recommended Resources for LGBTQ American Muslims

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LGBTQ & ALLIED ORGANIZATIONS

UNITED STATES

Al Gamea

A human services organization established for support, socialization, education and awareness in the Gay, Lesbian, Bi-sexual and Transgender Middle Eastern Community.

www.algamea.org

American Islamic Congress

A civil society development organization promoting civil and human rights through advocacy, engagement and education.

www.aicongress.org

MECCA Institute

An online center of Islamic learning and contemporary Islamic research.

www.mecca-institute.org

Muslim Advocates

A national legal advocacy and educational organization that works on the frontlines of civil rights to guarantee freedom and justice for Americans of all faiths.

www.muslimadvocates.org

Muslim Alliance for Sexual and Gender Diversity

An organization working to support, empower and connect LGBTQ Muslims.

www.muslimalliance.org

Muslims for Progressive Values

An inclusive community rooted in the traditional Qur'anic ideals of human dignity and social justice.

www.mpvusa.org

Reaching All HIV+ Muslims in America

An organization that addresses HIV/AIDS in the American Muslim community through education, advocacy and empowerment.

www.haverahma.org

Tarab NYC

An organization fostering an inclusive and safe community of LGBTQ and/or gender non-conforming Arab, Middle Eastern and/or North African in the greater NYC area.

www.tarabnyc.org

Trikone

An organization for LGBTQ people of South Asian descent.

www.trikone.org

INTERNATIONAL

Imaan

An organization based in the United Kingdom that supports LGBT Muslim people, their families and friends, to address issues of sexual orientation within Islam.

www.imaan.org.uk

Inclusive Mosque Initiative

A volunteer organization working toward establishing a place of worship for the promotion and practice of an inclusive Islam.

www.inclusivemosqueinitiative.org

Salaam Canada

An organization in Canada dedicated to Muslims who are LGBTI, as well as those questioning their sexual orientation or gender identity, their families and friends.

www.salaamcanada.org

Safra Project

A resource project in the United Kingdom working on issues relating to LBT women who identify as Muslim religiously and/or culturally.

www.safraproject.org

The Inner Circle

An organization based in South Africa working within an Islamic framework to give psychospiritual and social support to Muslims who are marginalized based on sexual orientation and gender.

www.theinnercircle.org.za

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ARTS & THEATER

PERFORMANCE THEATER AND FILM

FILMS

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[Gay Muslims](#). Love Productions, 2006.

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[Naz + Maalik](#). Pecking Wilds, 2015.

ART

[Coming Out Muslim: Radical Act of Love](#).

[Just Me and Allah: A Queer Muslim Photo Project](#)

EDUCATIONAL VIDEOS

[Homosexuality in the Qur'an](#). YouTube. Jun. 14, 2015.

[Imam Daayiee on Islamic Spiritual Revival and Shari'ah Legal Reform](#). YouTube. Aug. 20, 2015.

[LGBTQ Lecture Series](#). YouTube. Oct. 20, 2014.

- Intro to LGBTQ Lecture Series

- What About Sodom and Gomorrah? Qur'anic Truths vs. Culture

- Social Context - S&G As Understood in 7th Century, Golden Age, Modern Times

- Development of Jurisprudence on Sex Prohibitions

- Gender in the Golden Age and Modern Times

- Gender and Sexual orientation

- Know Your Rights -- Understanding United Nations Declaration of Human Rights

- History - Comparison of Judaic, Christian and Islamic Views on Mental health

- What Constituted Mental Illness -- 7th Century, Golden Age, Modern Times

- Medical -- Medical Responses on Sexual Ambiguities

- Political -- Golden Period and Modern Times

- Muslim Families and Tribal Culture on LGBTQ Muslims

- Counterpoints -- The Spectrum of Gender and Sexual Orientation

- LGBTQ and Living Healthy as Sexual Minorities

WEBSITES & SOCIAL MEDIA

SUPPORT GROUPS AND WEBSITES

Ahwaa, An open space to debate LGBTQ-related issues in the Middle East. www.ahwaa.org

KhushDC, A DC-based social and support group providing a safe and supportive for LGBTQ South Asians. khushdc.blogspot.com

LGBT Arabs, Advocating for Tolerance & Equality of LGBT Arabs through education and the eradication of ignorance. www.arabs4tolerance.org

LGBT Muslims, Information on sexual diversity in the Muslim community. www.islamandhomosexuality.com

Muslim LGBTQ Retreat, A weekend of powerful dialogue, spiritual nourishment and emotional renewal for LGBTQ Muslims. www.lgbtmuslimretreat.com

Totally Radical Muslims, A group of Oakland-based Muslims who have started a zine to confront, share, name and re-imagine experiences of islamophobia. www.totallyradicalmuslims.com

TRIKONE, an organization for LGBTQ people of South Asian descent serving communities in San Francisco, Atlanta, Seattle, Michigan.

FACEBOOK

LGBT Muslims & Their Allies

Muslims Against Homophobia and LGBT Hate

Queer Muslims of Boston

Queer Palestinian Empowerment Network

Salaam: Queer Muslim Community

Tarab NYC

Trikone (Atlanta, Bay Area, Chicago, Northwest)

TUMBLR

Allah Made Me Queer (allahmademequeer.tumblr.com)

Asexual Muslims (ace-muslim.tumblr.com)

I am not Haraam (iamnotharaam.tumblr.com)

Queer Muslims (queermuslims.tumblr.com)

Transgender Muslim Support Network (trans-muslims.tumblr.com)