

Assessment 1 - Viva Voce

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What is a community

- Common Characteristics
 - Interests
 - Proximity
 - Social interactions
- Shape lives of individuals
- Social connectedness
- Neighborhoods and online etc.

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A community can be defined as a group of individuals who share common characteristics, interests, or geographic proximity and engage in social interactions and relationships within a particular context (Wenger, 1998).

Communities can take various forms, such as neighbourhoods, towns, cities, or online platforms, and serve as platforms for social interaction, engagement, and collective action (Wellman, 1999).

The muslim community

- 3.4 million
- 5.1%
- Steady growth
- Diversity: South Asia, Middle East, Africa, etc.
- Location: London, Birmingham, Manchester, etc
- Demographic: Young
- Legislations and policies: Equality and Human Rights Act

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According to the Office for National Statistics (ONS), the estimated Muslim population in the UK was approximately 3.4 million in 2020, accounting for around 5.1% of the total population (Office for National Statistics, 2021).

Muslims reside in various parts of the UK, with concentrations in certain regions and cities. For example, areas such as London, Birmingham, Manchester, Bradford, and Leicester have significant Muslim populations and are often characterized by vibrant Muslim communities (Arshad et al., 2017).

Health and Social Care issues for the Muslim Community

Prevalent
health issues

Mental Health
Concerns

Maternal and
Child Health
issues

Barriers to
Healthcare
access

The Muslim community in the UK is disproportionately affected by chronic diseases and NCDs, such as cardiovascular diseases, diabetes, and obesity (Hussain & Bittar, 2019).

Limited proficiency in English may result in difficulties understanding health information, communicating symptoms, and navigating healthcare systems (Higginbottom et al., 2020).

Discrimination and Prejudice

Forms of discrimination

Factors contributing to discrimination

Consequences of discrimination

Muslims in the UK frequently encounter religious discrimination, manifesting in various forms such as verbal abuse, physical attacks, and damage to property (Allen et al., 2016).



Education and Employment issues within the Muslim Community

Access to quality education

Educational attainment

Workplace discrimination

Muslim students in the UK often face educational disadvantage, characterized by lower academic attainment and limited access to quality education (Reay et al., 2010).

Muslim individuals in the UK often experience occupational segregation, with a concentration in lower-skilled and lower-paid jobs (Kundnani, 2014).

Health Initiatives

Health initiatives

Programs

Effectiveness

Mental health

Health initiatives targeting the Muslim community aim to address the unique health challenges faced by its members. These initiatives encompass a range of programs, including health promotion campaigns, culturally sensitive healthcare services, and community engagement activities (Mir et al., 2018).

Wellbeing Initiatives

Assessment

Promoting

Counselling

Discrimination

Wellbeing initiatives targeting the Muslim community encompass a wide range of programs and interventions aimed at enhancing physical, mental, and social wellbeing. These initiatives focus on addressing the unique challenges faced by community members, including cultural and religious factors that influence wellbeing outcomes (Ahmad, 2019).

Education Initiatives

Programs

Promoting

Role of
community

Initiatives focus on providing equal access to quality education, promoting educational attainment, and addressing barriers to academic success (Akhtar, 2016).

Inclusivity, diversity, and cultural awareness are important aspects of educational initiatives within the Muslim community. These initiatives strive to create inclusive learning environments that respect and celebrate diverse backgrounds (Bhopal, 2017).

Employment initiatives

Opportunities

Unemployment

Workplace discrimination

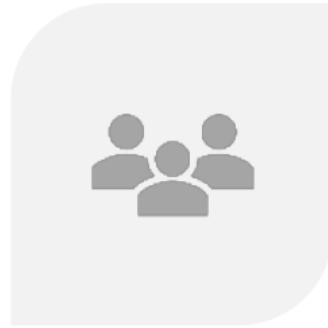
Employers and organizations can implement diversity training programs to enhance awareness and understanding of religious and cultural diversity, including Islam (Hoque, 2019).

Employers can implement robust anti-discrimination policies that explicitly address religious discrimination and create mechanisms for reporting and addressing instances of discrimination (EHRC, 2021).

Communication and Support



MOSQUES



COMMUNITY

Mosque-based health programs and partnerships with healthcare providers have been effective in delivering health education, screening programs, and counselling services (Khan et al., 2020).

Community organizations provide support, advocacy, and information dissemination, helping bridge the gap between healthcare providers and community members (Tariq et al., 2022).

Digital Technologies

- Role
- Potential
- Accessibility and effectiveness

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Digital communication and social media platforms have transformed community engagement and empowerment within the Muslim community (Ahmed et al, 2017)

Digital health platforms offer promising opportunities to deliver healthcare information and support to the Muslim community. These platforms include websites, applications, and online portals that provide access to reliable health resources, educational materials, and preventive care information.

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