

# #MYPROJECTISUSA

## MY First Community Leadership Conference

Saturday & Sunday, January 16 & 17, 2016

For Muslim Youth & Adults (Age 13+)

Columbus, Ohio

emergeUSA



2016



Saturday, January 16, 2016

- 9:00 – 9:30 Registration/Networking  
9:30 – 9:40 Welcome/Recitation of Quran  
9:40 – 10:10 Ice Breaker

### SESSION ONE: HEAR THE CALL

- 10:10 – 10:40 Public Service: The Prophetic Profession Ahmed Deeb, *Village of Razjan*  
10:40 – 11:05 The State of the Muslims in the Union Salam Al-Marayati, *Muslim Public Affairs Council (MPAC)*  
11:05 – 11:35 The American Dream: Keynote Speaker:  
From Dr. King to Our Three Winners Ameena Matthews, *Pause for Peace*  
11:35 – 11:50 Answer the Call: Make an Impact Zerqa Abid, *MY Project USA*  
11:50 – 12:05 Why it Matters Abdirizak Farah, *Homeland Security Department*

\_\_\_\_\_ Lunch, Dhur Prayers, Networking \_\_\_\_\_

### SESSION TWO: IDENTIFY AND STOP VIOLENT EXTREMISM

- 1:00 – 1:25 Common Misconceptions about the Caliphate Dr. Wayel Azmeh, *Muslim Public Affairs Council, MPAC*  
1:25 – 1:40 Foster a Safer World Salam Al-Marayati, *Muslim Public Affairs Council, MPAC*  
1:40 – 2:30 Combat Violent Extremism on Social Media Wajahat Ali, *Al-Jazeera America*  
Mehreen Farooq, *World Organization for Resource Development and Education (WORDE)*  
2:30 – 3:00 Open Discussion

### SESSION THREE: ASSESS YOUR POWER; POSITION TO CHANGE

- 3:00 – 3:25 Stand Your Ground: Islamophobia & More Romin Iqbal,  
*Council on Islamic American Relations CAIR-OH*  
3:40 – 4:10 Build a Stronger America Mayor M. Hameeduddin, *The City of Teaneck, NJ*

### SESSION FOUR: MASTER THE ART OF CREATIVE EXPRESSIONS

- 4:10 – 5:30 Be Creative – Change the Narrative Abdul-Malik Ahmed, *Native Deen*

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9:00 – 10:30 Networking

### SESSION FIVE: BRING JUSTICE TO ALL

10:30 – 10:50 Hilf ul Fadul: The Prophet's Pact of Alliance  
Horsed Nooh,  
*Abubakar Assiddiq Islamic Center, AAIC*

10:50 – 11:15 Join the Movement: Black Lives Matter  
Ameena Matthews

11:15 – 11:40 Empower: The Immigrants, The Labors & More  
Rubén Castilla Herrera,  
*The Central Ohio Worker Center*

11:40 – 11:50 Q&A

### SESSION SIX: BUILD A COMPASSIONATE COMMUNITY

11:55 – 12:20 Be There for Hungry and Homeless  
Saad Haq, *Being There*

12:20 – 12:45 Refugee Care: Go Beyond the Basics  
Angie Plummer  
*Community Refugee & Immigration Services (CRIS)*

12:45 – 12:55 Q & A

\_\_\_\_\_ Lunch, Dhur Prayers, Networking \_\_\_\_\_

### SESSION SEVEN: ORGANIZE. ORGANIZE. ORGANIZE.

1:30 – 2:00 Build Alliances – Build Capacity  
AJ Durrani, *EMERGE USA*

2:00 – 2:20 Mobilize the Community  
Zerqa Abid, *Muslims for Ohio PAC*

2:20 – 3:00 Make Friends with Media  
Karen Dabdoub,  
*Council on Islamic American Relations, CAIR-OH*

### SESSION EIGHT: FORTIFY YOUR NEIGHBORHOODS

3:00 – 3:30 Stop Gangs, Drugs & Bullies  
Ameena Matthews

3:45 – 4:15 Help End the Modern Day Slavery  
Morgen Morrissette, Esq.,  
*Muslims Against Human Trafficking*

### SESSION NINE: SAVE THE PLANET AND ITS PEOPLE

4:20 – 4:40 The State of the Environment  
Hannah Tyler, *Ohio Environmental Council*

4:40 – 5:00 Take Care of Earth as a Mosque  
Khaula Zafar, *MY Project USA*

5:00 – 5:25 Grow to Empower the Community  
Heather O'Bannon, *MY Project USA*

### SESSION TEN: EMBRACE, EMPOWER, CELEBRATE

5:40 – 6:20 Team Up to Carry the Torch  
Breakout Session to join various causes

6:20 – 6:30 Closing Remarks & Dua  
Zerqa Abid, *MY Project USA*