



# FAMILY COHESION IN THE WEST

## REALITY & CHALLENGES



THIS CONFERENCE AIMS TO SHED SOME LIGHT ON MANY OF THE CHALLENGES FACED BY MUSLIM FAMILIES IN THE WEST AND HOW TO DEAL WITH THEM TO PROTECT AND PRESERVE FAMILY UNITY.

### **SPEAKERS:**

Dr Mohammad Abdul Bari (UK)  
Dr Mamoun Mobayed (Qatar)  
Hammadur Rahman Fahim (UK)  
Majda Oheiba (UK)  
Mohamed Abdulmalek (UK)  
Dr Mohamed Moustafa (Turkey)  
Mohamed Alabdullah (UK)  
Dr Suzy Ismail (USA)  
Dr Hafida Rabia (UK)

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Talks in English & Arabic with translation

**SAT & SUN 14-15TH MAY 2022**  
**10:00AM-6:00PM**

**VENUE:**  
**DIDSBURY MOSQUE**

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# Family Strong Covenant Annual Conference

مؤتمر الميثاق الغليظ السنوي



Under the title of:  
**Family Cohesion in the West  
Reality & Challenges**

بعنوان:

التماسك الأسري في الغرب - الواقع والتحديات

**Didsbury Mosque**  
**271 Burton Road**  
**Manchester**  
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**Saturday & Sunday**  
**14-15<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

**10 am – 6 pm**



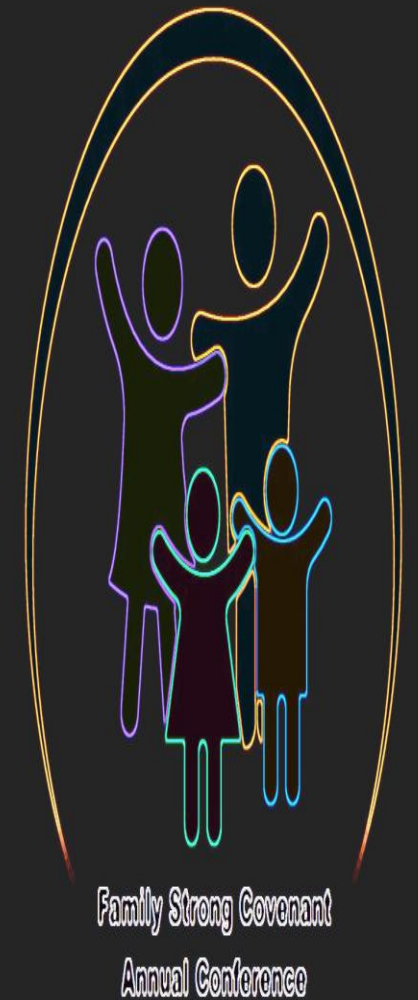
**Family is the cornerstone of the community.** Families whose members stick together and support each other live happily ever after and provide the community with citizens who contribute positively to it as well as benefit from it. Failure to do so, results in disintegration and negative impacts on the whole community, not just the family itself. We at Didsbury Mosque believe in the importance of family unity and its effect on yielding happy and productive members of the society who can in turn contribute to the happiness and wellbeing of others.

**We believe the mosque has an important role in standing up to the challenges that Muslim families in the west are facing these days.**

With that in mind, we bring to you this family conference to raise awareness and shed some light on many of the issues and challenges that Muslim families in the west are facing nowadays. This conference will cover a number of topics and struggles they encounter and help provide some knowledge tools, and solutions to deal with them in a secure environment.

**“The Strong Covenant”** is not just a one-time event. It is a project that will run over the next few years to help enlighten Muslim families in the west on the current situations and challenges and provide them with tools and knowledge that empower them to face these challenges in the right way.

## Introduction





■ **Welcome speech** كلمة الترحيب

By: [Hammadur Rahman Fahim](#)

Head of Manchester Shariah Council

English with Arabic translation

الكلمة باللغة الإنجليزية مع ترجمة للغة العربية

■ **Contemporary Family Challenges**

تحديات الأسرة المعاصرة

BY: [Dr Mohammad Abdul Bari](#)

English with Arabic translation

الكلمة باللغة الإنجليزية مع ترجمة للغة العربية

■ **Rejecting Roles: an Islamic understanding of gender dynamics in marriage**

صراع الأدوار: المفهوم الإسلامي لديناميكية الجنـدرة في الزواج

By: [Dr Suzy Ismail](#)

English with Arabic translation

المحاضرة باللغة الإنجليزية مع ترجمة إلى اللغة العربية

■ **Culture Effects on Family Cohesion**

آثار الثقافات على تماسك الأسرة

By: [Majda Oheiba](#), [Hammadur Rahman Fahim](#)

English & Arabic with translations

الندوة باللغتين العربية والإنجليزية مع الترجمة

■ **Raising them Right :a parenting talk on gender fluidity, social constructs, and Islamic identity**

تربيتهم حق لهم : توجيهات الأبوين في موضوع الميوعة الجنسية، والنظم الاجتماعية ، والهوية الإسلامية

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**Day One  
Program**

**Saturday  
14<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

**10 am – 6 pm**



- Marital Communication Theory:  
Effects, Results & Applications  
نظرية التواصل بين الزوجين - الآثار والنتائج والتطبيقات  
By: [Dr Mohamed Moustafa](#)  
Arabic with English translation  
الكلمة باللغة العربية مع ترجمة للغة الإنجليزية

- Addiction & Moral Deviations &  
Their Impact on Family  
Disintegration  
الإدمان والانحرافات الأخلاقية وأثرها في التفكك الأسري  
By: [Dr Mamoun Mobayed](#) & [Mohamed Abdul Malik](#)  
Seminar in English with Arabic  
translation  
الندوة باللغة الإنجليزية مع ترجمة للغة العربية

- Family Spending & Stewardship  
الإنفاق والقوامة  
By: [Dr Hafidah Rabia](#) & [Sh. Mohamed Alabdullah](#)

Seminar in Arabic with English translation  
الندوة باللغة العربية مع ترجمة للغة الإنجليزية

- Family protection through training  
الحفاظ على الأسرة من خلال التدريب  
By: [Dr Mamoun Mobayed](#)  
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## Day Two Program

Sunday  
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10 am – 6 pm



**Dr. Suzi Ismail:  
USA**



Dr. Suzy Ismail is the Founding Director of Cornerstone, a nonprofit, faith-based communication intervention organization with several locations around the world that focuses on youth, family, marriage, identity, and relationship rebuilding. She is the author of many books including "Modern Muslim Marriage" and "When Muslim Marriage Fails".

Dr Ismail specializes in educating and empowering women, youth, and vulnerable populations. Her humanitarian work has been recognized with numerous awards including the Ambassador for Peace Award and the Visionary Muslim Award. She holds a PhD in Family Studies & Intervention Strategies.

**Mohamed Abdulmalek  
(Abu Sondes): UK**



Born in Lybia in 1956. He is a husband, father & grandfather. Abu Sondes holds a Masters degree in engineering as well as a diploma in counseling. He is also a trustee and acting Imam at the MYF (Muslim Youth Foundation) with 30 years of experience in counseling with emphasis on marriage problems.

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### **Dr Mamoun Mobayed:** **Qatar**



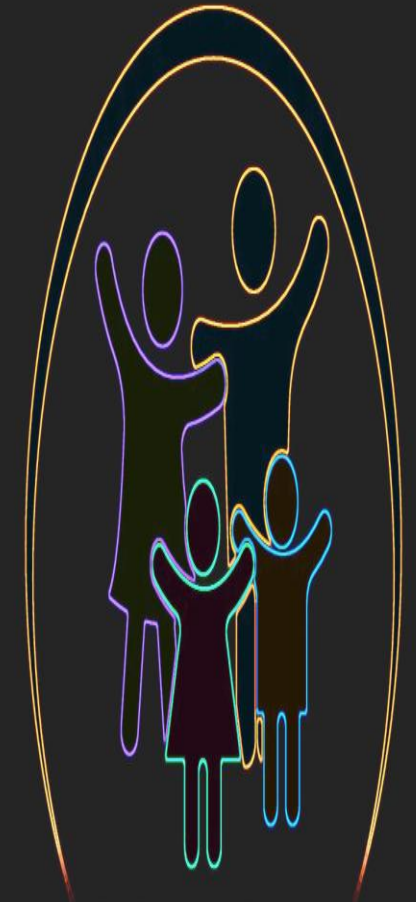
Consultant Psychiatrist and Director of Treatment and Rehabilitation Department at Behavioral Healthcare Center-Qatar. He is the president of the Syrian Association for Mental Health (SAMH). Formerly, Professor of Psychology and Social Psychology at Qatar Community College.

Dr Mobayed has a special interest in the trauma of wars and disaster. Since 2002, he has conducted many field visits to many places and now with Syrian refugees in Turkey, Jordan and Lebanon. He published many psychiatric papers as well as many cultural and intellectual articles.

### **Majda Oheiba:** **UK**



Majda holds a diploma in Social Work as well as a master's degree in sociology. Majda is a certified trainer in human development and a lecturer in Benghazi University, Tripoli University & currently in Sociology Department, Zawya University, Libya. She worked as a social worker in the centre of Excellence which specializes in teaching students with exceptionally high IQ. She is also a family counselor and a social worker at MIC, Manchester, UK.



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### Dr Mohamed Moustafa: Turkey



Counselor, psychologist & life coach. Born in Egypt in 1971. Graduated from Rosecliff University with BA in Psychology in 2003, followed by a master's degree from the same university in 2008 in Marriage & Family Therapy. He also holds a PhD from Cambell University in 2012 in Behavioural Science & Psychiatry and is a certified practitioner in NLP & Hypnosis as well as expertise in family counseling.

### Dr Muhammad Abdul Bari: UK



Educationalist, Parenting consultant & author. After gaining his PhD in Physics and following his teaching career as a behaviour specialist, he now writes and works on contemporary social issues such as family, parenting, youth, identity and civic activism.





**Dr Hafida Rabia:**  
**UK**



Dr Rabia obtained her master's degree from Al-Madinah International University (Malaysia) in jurisprudence foundations followed by a PhD in "The Features of Aisha's (R.A) School of Thought" from Beirut Islamic University. She has a license in Islamic Jurisprudence from The University of Algiers. She is also one of the founders of Arriyada Sharia Circles & Afaq Association for women. In addition, she is an experienced lecturer at The European Institute of Human Sciences & at Almanhal Association. She published an article for Al-Madinah Usul-ul Fiqh Studies Review.

**Sh. Mohamed Alabdullah:**  
**UK**



Sheikh Alabdaullah graduated from the faculty of Shariah, Damascus University. He got his master's degree in Islamic economy from Jinan University, Lebanon. He is a certified trainer with experience in Mediation & Family Reconciliation. He has many years of experience in teaching Arabic language & Islamic Studies and has many publications in both fields.

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**Sh. Hammadur Rahman Fahim:**  
**UK**

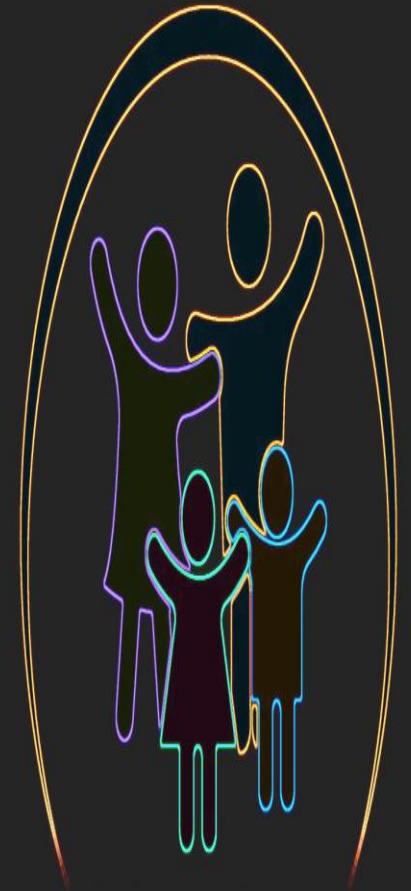


Solicitor, advocate & director of education and outreach at EHS. He graduated from the prestigious Al-Azhar University (Egypt) in the Faculty of Shariah with a BA (Hons) degree in Islamic Jurisprudence. Executive committee member of the British Academy of Quranic Studies (BACS). In 2018, he completed his studies graduating in law (GDL) and his training as a civil lawyer. He has a great passion for studying and teaching Quranic subjects with special focus on the eloquence of the Quranic language and Quranic exegesis.

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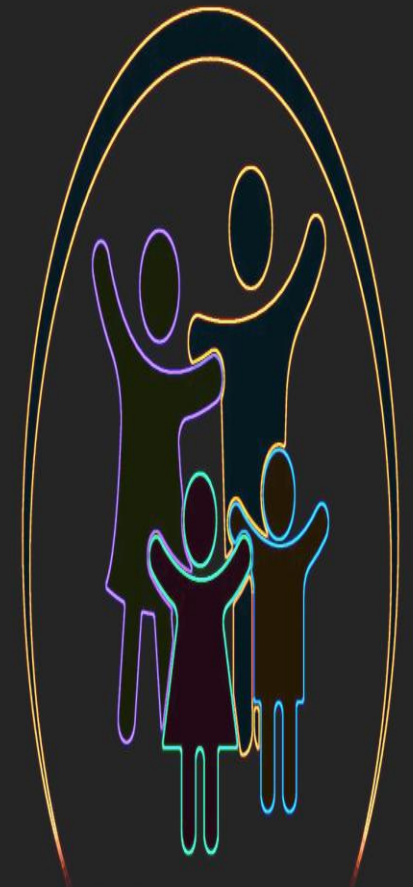
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