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## **National Muslim Women's Advisory Group Civic Skills Programme *'Play your part - make your Mark'***

Welcome and thank you for finding the time to look at the Civic Skills Programme application process.

The National Muslim Women's Advisory Group (NMWAG) was formed in November 2007 and is made up of 19 Muslim women from all over country representing a wide spectrum of communities, professions and traditions. We are determined that more Muslim women should play their *'part and make their mark'* in wider civic society.

We want to work with you to develop a civic skills programme that can provide the skills, knowledge, confidence, networks and mentors to seek public office at all levels including schools, voluntary groups and local councils. Women have much to contribute and now is the time for them to become fully engaged, have courage and conviction and step forward to achieve their true potential and act as inspiring role models for their families, communities and wider society.

Please take the time to read and complete the application form. If you have any questions about participating in the programme please feel free to visit [www.localleadership.gov.uk](http://www.localleadership.gov.uk) for FAQs or contact any of the National regional members of NMWAG or;

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# Application Form

## 1. Logistics

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Name:

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Address:

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Post Code:

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Telephone:

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Fax:

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E-mail:

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Age:

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Ethnic origin:

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Faith Group:

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Disabilities:

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Special dietary requirements:

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How did you hear about the programme?

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## 2. Personal history

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What positions do you currently hold in your community?

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What positions have you held in the past?

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What other interests do you have?

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### **3. Your issues and concerns.**

What do you think are the three main issues that face your local area?

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What are the three main issues that face the main organisation you represent or work for?

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What are the three main issues that face you in your current position?

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What do you think are the three main issues facing the UK?

**4. Your ambitions and expectations after Civic Skills Programme.**

What do you want the course to do for you?

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What do you expect to gain from the Civic Skills Programme?

### **Programme Fee**

All fees will be paid in full by the Department of Communities and Local Government. Fees cover all aspects of the programme, including materials, tutorial costs and an overnight stay per module. **Fees do not include travel to or from the programme venue.**

Each place costs over £1000. Competition for places is extremely high. Therefore those women who apply and are offered a place on the development programme would need to commit to the following;

1. Agree to fully attend all the programme development days.
2. Agree to work with mutually agreed mentors/network of contacts in order to further your career and success.
3. Agree to attend graduation ceremony, media and other designated meetings where practical.
4. Agree to provide feedback and allow tracking of your career path over a 3-5 year period.

### **Cancellations**

All cancellations, transfers of bookings and postponements must be made in writing as early as practicable and before the programme begins in order for us to offer the place to another candidate.

### **Personal data**

By returning this form you consent to the DCLG processing sensitive personal information about you. This information is confidential and will not be shared with any other agencies except those involved with the delivery of the programme.

**Please return this application form to Charlotte Eisenhart at Leadership Centre for Local Government at [Charlotte.Eisenhart@localleadership.gov.uk](mailto:Charlotte.Eisenhart@localleadership.gov.uk) (0207 630 2180) by February 23<sup>rd</sup> 2009. Address for postage Leadership Centre for Local Government, 25 Buckingham Palace Road, London SW1W 0PP.**

If you have any questions about the programme and its content please contact Paul Wheeler at [paul.wheeler@politicalskills.com](mailto:paul.wheeler@politicalskills.com) or 07884 312238.