

SCADDING COURT COMMUNITY CENTRE STATEMENT ON ISLAMAPHOBIA, TERRORISM, HATE AND THE TRAGEDY IN LONDON, ONTARIO

Scadding Court Community Centre (SCCC) joins all across the country and internationally in condemning the hate-motivated, terrorist actions that resulted in the death of an entire family, saving only one, now-orphaned, nine year old, boy, in London, Ontario.

Our Muslim brothers and sisters were among the first arrivals to Canada in 1882; today Muslim faith communities across Canada continue to experience a rising wave of anti-Islam sentiment, targeting citizens, residents, mosques and entire communities. **This must stop.**

Our Prime Minister, Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, has acknowledged and highlighted the fact that this was a “terrorist attack”. He further went on to state “...their lives were taken in a brutal, cowardly, and brazen act of violence. This killing was no accident. This was a terrorist attack, motivated by hatred, in the heart of one of our communities.”

Countries across the world have called on the international community to take action. We are part of the international community, and this happened here, in Canada. In Ontario. In London.

Our Muslim communities are 3.2 percent of Canada’s population, more than double any other community defined in Canada, as a visible minority.

WHAT WE CAN DO

- Report hate crimes [here](#).
- Support the call for a National Action Summit on Islamophobia [here](#).
- Use the hashtag #OurLondonFamily when posting on social media
- Check out the Council of Agencies Serving South Asians’ Anti-Hate Community Leaders’ Group resources [here](#).
- Learn more about how Islamophobia is on the rise in Canada since COVID-19 [here](#).
- Learn more by watching the Ontario Council of Agencies Serving Immigrants (OCASI) video on Islamophobia [here](#).
- Learn Seven Keys to Protecting and Welcoming Refugees and Newcomers [here](#).
- Read the resource on Helping Students Deal with Trauma Related to Geopolitical Violence and Islamophobia [here](#).
- Learn more about Ontarians’ Attitudes and Perceptions Towards Immigrants, Ethnic Minorities and Religious Groups through an OCASI survey, with more information, [here](#).
- Donate to the London Community Against Hate Relief Fund:
https://www.launchgood.com/campaign/london_community_united_against_hate#!/
- Consider reaching out in solidarity with local partner agencies, formal and informal groups locally, to offer supports and relief

Sources: City of Toronto, Council of Agencies Serving South Asians (CASSA), CTV, Government of Canada, Ontario Council of Agencies Serving Immigrants (OCASI)

