

Edinburgh protest to be held against punish a Muslim campaign

April 3rd – hyped as [Edinburgh](#) will hold a Stand Up To Islamophobia Day event in Scotland's capital city on Tuesday, one of a series of similar events across Britain. Among the speakers at the event on the Mound between 5.30pm and 6.30pm are Scottish Trades Union Congress president Satnam Ner and Leith Labour councillor Gordon Munro.

The Muslim Women's Association is encouraging people to get involved with their Love A Muslim Day campaign on the same date.

Muhammad Adrees, convener of the Muslim Council of Scotland, said the letters, which police said have not been sent to anyone in Scotland, have already triggered Islamophobic incidents. . . allegations of five serious hate crimes in 10 days, including an allegation that a schoolboy asked a young girl if he could pull her hijab off and film it to earn "points" for the campaign.

Meanwhile in London

A spokesman for the [46 – last night a teenage girl](#) was shot in Tottenham in gang crossfire and a 16 year old boy was stabbed in Walthamstow and is fighting for his life – he died overnight. Now 47 murders this year) that London has overtaken New York for violence (was New York really ever that violent?

[A Muslim cafe owner](#) has organised a day of kindness in response to the vile 'Punish a Muslim Day' campaign supposedly planned for April 3.

Ali, together with Barakah Foods staff, friends, family, and volunteers from his community, are set to give out free tea and cake in Chorlton on April 3. "We'll be there all day with tea and biscuits and cake. People are free to come and go and have a chat if they want. We want to spread a message of love..."Manzoor said he and his wife Aiysha started Barakah Foods by 'selling a few curries', and now operate a successful takeaway. The couple also run an eponymous food aid initiative delivering groceries and toiletries to those in need. *That actually sounds genuine and rather sweet and a bit of neighbourhood goodwill never goes amiss.*

New York might statistically be safer than London but the NYPD are taking no chances.

...the Pakistani American Youth Society (PAYS), along with [busy with reassurance](#) but in California it "has no credible threat for [permanently barred from Twitter](#) as are several other activists known to me. He has been arrested for 'potential breach of the peace' more than once. I wonder sometimes how much I am watched and I'm small fry.

If the Metropolitan Police say they have no credible evidence, they have absolutely nothing, I mean nothing, to justify arrests and questioning to pre-empt anything which might, just might, offend. And the anti-terrorism police are very good at foiling plots. but they have not come up with the perpetrator (How many post-boxes are there in Sheffield? How much CCTV in public space trained on those boxes? How much fingerprint, DNA testing and suchlike could potentially be done on all these letters? Such a furore and no-one arrested yet)

Any incident today can be chalked up to Punish a Muslim day. Tell MAMA and Fiyaz Mughal will have 'evidence' to support his activities. To make his [Freedom of Information](#) request TELL MAMA has received a grant of £182,000 for 2015/16 and and has so far received £90,982. I have no information how much public money has gone their way since. But every little helps.

My sentiments are with the commentor in the