# **#VisitMyMosque Day 2016**

## **Full List of Press Coverage**



## **National Articles**

## Al-Jazeera English

80 UK mosques to open doors to non-Muslims in bid to tackle Islamophobia <a href="http://www.aljazeera.com/news/2016/01/mosque-day-uk-bids-tackle-islamophobia-160130172406868.html">http://www.aljazeera.com/news/2016/01/mosque-day-uk-bids-tackle-islamophobia-160130172406868.html</a>

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British mosques 'explain faith' in #VisitMyMosque day https://www.rt.com/news/331625-uk-mosques-event-islamophobia/

#### **BBC News Online**

British Muslims open doors to mosques to 'demystify' them <a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-35515953">http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-35515953</a>

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Mosques across UK open doors to public <a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-35514840">http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-35514840</a>

## The Guardian

Visit My Mosque day: British Muslims offer tours and tea to public <a href="http://www.theguardian.com/world/2016/feb/05/visit-my-mosque-day-muslims-offer-tours-and-tea-to-the-curious">http://www.theguardian.com/world/2016/feb/05/visit-my-mosque-day-muslims-offer-tours-and-tea-to-the-curious</a>

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Visit My Mosque day: questions from prayers to beards answered <a href="http://www.theguardian.com/world/2016/feb/07/visit-my-mosque-day-questions-from-prayers-to-beards-answered">http://www.theguardian.com/world/2016/feb/07/visit-my-mosque-day-questions-from-prayers-to-beards-answered</a>?CMP=share\_btn\_tw

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### Independent

Why UK Mosques are opening their doors in a bid to tackle Islamophobia <a href="http://i100.independent.co.uk/article/why-uk-mosques-are-opening-their-doors-in-a-bid-to-tackle-islamophobia--b1QMobyjwpe">http://i100.independent.co.uk/article/why-uk-mosques-are-opening-their-doors-in-a-bid-to-tackle-islamophobia--b1QMobyjwpe</a>

### **Express**

'They are feeding ISIS' Muslims call for halt to PEGIDA support on 'visit my mosque day' <a href="http://www.express.co.uk/news/uk/641890/They-are-feeding-ISIS-Muslims-call-for-halt-to-PEGIDA-support-on-visit-my-mosque-day">http://www.express.co.uk/news/uk/641890/They-are-feeding-ISIS-Muslims-call-for-halt-to-PEGIDA-support-on-visit-my-mosque-day</a>

#### **Sky News**

Mosques Open Their Doors To Tackle Prejudice

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Mosques open doors to show unity 'at a tense time'

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Reclaiming the mosque

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## SchoopWhoop

Around 80 Mosques in Britain Are Opening Their Doors To the Public to Counter Islamophobia <a href="http://www.scoopwhoop.com/Around-80-Mosques-In-Britain-Are-Opening-Their-Doors-To-The-Public-To-Counter-Islamophobia/">http://www.scoopwhoop.com/Around-80-Mosques-In-Britain-Are-Opening-Their-Doors-To-The-Public-To-Counter-Islamophobia/</a>

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## Tribute (Pakistan)

80 UK mosques to open doors to non-Muslims in bid to tackle Islamophobia <a href="http://tribune.com.pk/story/1037370/80-uk-mosques-to-open-doors-to-non-muslims-in-bid-to-tackle-islamophobia/">http://tribune.com.pk/story/1037370/80-uk-mosques-to-open-doors-to-non-muslims-in-bid-to-tackle-islamophobia/</a>

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North West mosques take part in open door event

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### **ITV News Wales**

Mosques across Wales take part in open day to encourage people to find out more about Islam <a href="http://www.itv.com/news/wales/2016-02-07/mosques-across-wales-take-part-in-open-day-to-encourage-people-to-find-out-more-about-islam/">http://www.itv.com/news/wales/2016-02-07/mosques-across-wales-take-part-in-open-day-to-encourage-people-to-find-out-more-about-islam/</a>

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Mosques across Wales open their doors in bid to share 'positive message' of Islam http://www.walesonline.co.uk/news/wales-news/mosques-across-wales-open-doors-10854011

#### **Irish News**

Belfast Islamic centre opens its doors to 'dispel myths'

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Mosques open doors to show unity 'at a tense time'

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#### **Belfast Telegraph**

Belfast mosque opens doors in bid to educate visitors

http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/northern-ireland/belfast-mosque-opens-doors-in-bid-to-educate-visitors-34431536.html

#### **Newsletter Northern Ireland**

Islamic Centre among UK sites opening doors amid weekend of anti-Muslim demonstrations <a href="http://www.newsletter.co.uk/news/northern-ireland-news/islamic-centre-among-uk-sites-opening-doors-amid-weekend-of-anti-muslim-demonstrations-1-7202374">http://www.newsletter.co.uk/news/northern-ireland-news/islamic-centre-among-uk-sites-opening-doors-amid-weekend-of-anti-muslim-demonstrations-1-7202374</a>

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Belfast Islamic Centre opens doors for the day

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#### **Asian Image**

Mosques up and down the country open their doors as part of #VisitMyMosque Day <a href="http://www.asianimage.co.uk/news/14259599.Mosques up and down the country open their doors as part of VisitMyMosque Day/">http://www.asianimage.co.uk/news/14259599.Mosques up and down the country open their doors as part of VisitMyMosque Day/</a>

#### **The Muslim News**

UK mosques open doors for interfaith dialogue

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Thousands of Brits take part in #VisitMyMosque Day

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#### 5pillarsUK

Non-Muslims experience beauty of Islam at East London Mosque

http://5pillarsuk.com/2016/02/09/non-muslims-experience-the-beauty-of-islam-at-east-london-mosque/

#### **ILM Feed**

Non-Muslims React to #VisitMyMosque Events Across Britain

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## National - TV/Radio Clips

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## **Sky News TV**

Visit My Mosque Day in UK <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Uh0r8Eb7z54">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Uh0r8Eb7z54</a>

### **PressTV**

Mosques across UK open doors to non-Muslims <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GvzitYmalBg">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v= s8c-GsPO50</a>

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British Muslims open doors to mosques to 'demystify' them <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0Ql">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0Ql</a> NiAugYU

Finsbury Park mosque welcomes visitors on open day https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ifN-odF6wNM

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Open Day at Newcastle Mosque <a href="http://www.itv.com/news/tyne-tees/2016-02-07/open-day-at-newcastle-mosque/">http://www.itv.com/news/tyne-tees/2016-02-07/open-day-at-newcastle-mosque/</a>

## **ITV News Wales**

Mosques across Wales take part in open day to encourage people to find out more about Islam <a href="http://www.itv.com/news/wales/2016-02-07/mosques-across-wales-take-part-in-open-day-to-encourage-people-to-find-out-more-about-islam/">http://www.itv.com/news/wales/2016-02-07/mosques-across-wales-take-part-in-open-day-to-encourage-people-to-find-out-more-about-islam/</a>

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BBC Radio Leeds

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https://www.facebook.com/BBCRadioLeeds/videos/10152929590497824/

**BBC** World Service

http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p03hvybf

Further clips (pending upload):

BBC Scotland News BBC Asian Network LBC Drive Time ITV Meridian BBC Breakfast Show

## **Foreign Press**

## World Bulletin (Turkey)

'Visit My Mosque Day' held in UK

http://www.worldbulletin.net/headlines/169199/visit-my-mosque-day-held-in-uk

## **Deccan Herald (India)**

Mosques across Britain host 'open day' to explain faith

http://www.deccanherald.com/content/527532/mosques-across-britain-host-open.html

## **Daily Sabah Europe**

90 mosques across the UK open doors for interfaith dialogue

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Mosques in Britain opt for 'open days' to explain faith

http://www.siasat.com/news/mosques-britain-opt-open-days-explain-faith-913432/

#### i24 news (Israel)

Visit My Mosque day in UK aims to counter negative perceptions of Islam

http://www.i24news.tv/en/news/international/europe/101894-160206-visit-my-mosque-day-in-uk-aims-to-counter-negative-perceptions-of-islam

### Los Angeles Times (US)

How are Muslims around the world reacting to Obama's visit to a mosque?

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## Pakistan Observer (Pakistan)

'Visit My Mosque' Day held in Britain - <a href="http://pakobserver.net/detailnews.asp?id=288612">http://pakobserver.net/detailnews.asp?id=288612</a>

## **Independent Catholic News**

UK: Thousands take part in 'Visit My Mosque' initiative

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## Interreligious world federation for World Peace

http://www.irfwp.org/wp/index.php/british-mosques-explain-faith-in-visitmymosque-day/

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UK mosques bid to alter perceptions of Islam

http://gulfnews.com/news/europe/uk/uk-mosques-bid-to-alter-perceptions-of-islam-1.1671428

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## **Evangelical Alliance urges Christians to build links with Muslims**

http://www.christiantoday.com/article/evangelical.alliance.urges.christians.to.build.links.with.muslim s/78781.htm

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## **Warrington Guardian**

'This will help engage residents' – community invited to mosque open day

<a href="http://www.warringtonguardian.co.uk/news/14225118">http://www.warringtonguardian.co.uk/news/14225118</a>. This will help engage residents community invited to mosque open day/

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Islamic association to open doors of Lincoln Mosque to residents http://thelincolnite.co.uk/2016/01/lincoln-mosque-to-open-its-doors-to-residents-to-explore-islam/

#### **Lincolnshire Echo**

Lincoln Mosque opens its doors for Visit my Mosque Day - Gallery

http://www.lincolnshireecho.co.uk/pictures/Lincoln-Mosque-opens-doors-Visit-Mosque-Day/pictures-28687499-detail/pictures.html#ixzz3zZR46eQR

## **Guardian (East London)**

Mosque inviting people to open day to promote greater understanding of Islam

http://www.guardian-

series.co.uk/news/wfnews/14218092.Mosque inviting people to open day to promote greater understanding of Islam/

## **Liverpool Echo**

The UK's oldest mosque, which is in Kensington, opened its doors to the public <a href="http://www.liverpoolecho.co.uk/news/liverpool-news/uks-oldest-mosque-kensington-opened-10855133">http://www.liverpoolecho.co.uk/news/liverpool-news/uks-oldest-mosque-kensington-opened-10855133</a>

## **South London Press**

Creating harmony by opening mosques' doors to general public

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Mosques in Harrow and Stanmore to open their doors on #VisitMyMosque Day

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Mosque to open its doors for community bonding

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#### Londonist

London's Mosques Invite All Londoners Inside This Sunday

http://londonist.com/2016/02/london-s-mosques-invite-all-londoners-inside-this-

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Mosques open doors to show unity 'at a tense time'

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Finsbury Park mosque welcomes visitors on open day

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#### **RexFeatures**

Jeremy Corbyn visits Finsbury Park Mosque (Gallery)

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### **South Wales Evening Post**

Swansea mosques open their doors to build bridges between Muslims and wider community <a href="http://www.southwales-eveningpost.co.uk/Mosque-open-day/story-28687768-detail/story.html">http://www.southwales-eveningpost.co.uk/Mosque-open-day/story-28687768-detail/story.html</a>

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Mosque opens the door to community to develop better understanding of Islam

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Mosques open doors to show unity 'at a tense time'

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Hastings Mosque filled on busy open day

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In pictures: Visit My Mosque day at Masjid Al Jannah

http://www.sloughexpress.co.uk/News/All-Areas/Slough/In-pictures-Visit-My-Mosque-day-at-Masjid-Al-Jannah-08022016.htm

#### **Canterbury Times**

Britain First protesters fail to put a dampener on Canterbury Mosque open day

http://www.canterburytimes.co.uk/Britain-protesters-fail-dampener-Canterbury/story-28687665-detail/story.html

### **Kent Online**

Britain First supporters demonstrate outside Canterbury Muslim Cultural Centre <a href="http://www.kentonline.co.uk/canterbury/news/protestors-demand-no-more-mosques-90556/">http://www.kentonline.co.uk/canterbury/news/protestors-demand-no-more-mosques-90556/</a>

#### **Rochdale Online**

Visit My Mosque Day at Neeli Mosque

http://www.rochdaleonline.co.uk/news-features/2/news-headlines/100933/visit-my-mosque-day-at-neeli-mosque

#### **Swindon Advertiser**

Manchester Road Mosque opens doors to dispel myths about Islam

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Blog

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## **Diamond Geezer**

Blog

http://diamondgeezer.blogspot.co.uk/2016/02/visit-my-mosque.html

'Visit My Mosque' Can Play an Ingenious Role in Paving the Way for Muslim Civic Participation Blog

http://www.huffingtonpost.co.uk/muhammad-abdul-bari/visit-my-mosque-can-play-b 9183804.html