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## **Our Vision and Mission**

The Muslim Family Education Centre Cologne, the Muslim Women's Education Centre Cologne and the Muslim Academy are recognized educational sub-organizations, represented by BFmF e.V. which is a registered entity run by Muslim women. We provide services to anyone, irrespective of gender and race. Our code of conduct explicitly rejects all discrimination and therefore takes the General Equal Treatment Law (Allgemeines Gleichbehandlungsgesetz AGG) into account. We see ourselves in particular as a bridge between cultures and religions.

With our wide range of services - always under the motto "to view cultural diversity as an enrichment"- we want to encourage women, men and their families to take part in our society as members with equal rights. Through education and support we want to motivate them to actively participate in shaping society and encourage them in their integration efforts.

We especially want to encourage Muslim women and their families to participate in society on an equal footing.

A part of our Muslim Family Education Centre Cologne we have committed ourselves to expanding and developing the educational skills of Muslim families in Germany. Our aim is to support and relieve families in their parenting duties. In addition, we empower them to practice non-violent and respectful parenting.

The Women's Education Centre aims to help adult learners, in particular women, to develop and strengthen their personal, social and career potentials. We aim at people who, due to their cultural and/or social background, are difficult to be reached by other educational institutions.

Athough the Muslim Academy is open to everybody who is interested, its main focus is on young adults. Seminars and educational events on current socio-political and cultural topics are offered. Furthermore, this educational offer is aimed at experts and multipliers to enrich their intercultural and interreligious knowledge.

As Muslims we stand for equal rights for all people. Our values and actions are based upon Islamic principles which are in accordance with international human rights, the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Germany as well as its notion of democracy, freedom and equal rights.

Appreciation of religious diversity, mutual tolerance and social solidarity in responsibility before God and Creation guide our action. Equal opportunities, gender equality, non-violent coexistence and the promotion of socially and educationally disadvantaged groups are extremely important to us.

Our team primarily consists of Muslim women from different backgrounds, thus we have a wide range of languages that enables us to reach people from many different cultural communities. We have a considerable number of both internal and external specialists and experts with interdisciplinary, interreligious and intercultural skills.

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