ADAM ASLAM

YOUTH CHAPLAIN AND **YOUTH & COMMUNITY WORKER IN HAREHILLS**

I started finding my own voice when, at 13. I found an invitation to Radio Fever that encouraged me to speak my mind.



Keen to advance my spiritual and theological learning alongside school, I made time to balance caring duties and supported local youth initiatives including the Leeds Muslim Youth Forum.

I became the youth leader at Infinity & Leeds Street Team following the tragic death of young Iffy, which affected so many young people here in LS8.

My own family's journey, and being surrounded by loved ones who have gone through their own traumas, encouraged me to work with victims and perpetrators (where perpetrators are also often victims themselves). The global events of 7/7 & 9/11 created a particular focus on Muslim youth at that time and I really found my voice and to consider identity politics - what does it mean to be a British Muslim?

My mother has always been my home - such love and wisdom for my brother & me, and Ramadan during lockdown was a blessing, through traditional food, sharing old artefacts and photos, she shared many special family stories.

The last few months I have led a creative project called Quaranteens which invited the local youth. to document their own journeys through COVID and now I am working at Shantona on a Healthy **Relationships & Domestic Violence project.**

My message to you all - real education is not judging others. Take time to know the other, rather than just recognise the problems, start to find the solutions.



STAY ALERT > CONTROL THE VIRUS > SAVE LIVES





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LS8 & LS9 AND BEYON

Was released in Autumn 2020 to cheer people up, give them important information \mathcal{E} encourage them to get out and about!

Inspiring

THINGS TO DO PEOPLE TO TALK TO PLACES TO GO

PEOPLE TO TALK TO...

RETAS LEEDS: Online drop-in for refugees. Facebook Messenger: 10am - 12.30pm every Friday or call 07440 402 028

FORWARD LEEDS – 0113 887 2477 Advice, info and support if you are worried about alcohol or drug use.

MONEY BUDDIES - 0113 235 0276 Help with money problems.

SAMARITANS - Freephone 116 123 Need to talk? Confidential and emotional support 24 hours a day.

GAMCARE - 0808 802 0133 Help with gambling problems.

CRUSE BEREAVEMENT CARE - 0113 234 4150 Support for when someone dies.

SUICIDE BEREAVEMENT SERVICE - 0113 305 5803 Support if you have lost a loved one.

COVID SUPPORT - 0113 378 1877 Leeds City Council Hotline.

LEEDS REFUGEE FORUM - 0113 244 9600 Support for migrants.

LEEDS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SERVICE 0113 246 0401. 24 hour helpline for men and women.

CARERS LEEDS - 0113 380 4300 If you are struggling to care for someone.

NHS MENTAL HEALTH HELPLINE - 0800 183 0558 24 hour helpline if you are struggling with mental health.

LINKING LEEDS SOCIAL PRESCRIBING SERVICE 0113 336 7612. Someone to talk to and link you in with local activities and services.

IN A MEDICAL EMERGENCY - CALL 999 FOR NON-EMERGENCIES - CALL 111

GROUPS & ACTIVITIES...

MONDAY

MEN @ MEANWOOD (online) Mon 12 – 2pm. Contact Lawrence: 07835 954 742 HAREHILLS MEN'S SOCIAL GROUP

Mon 2 - 3pm. Contact Joe: 0113 248 4880

ANDY'S MAN CLUB (online) Mon 7pm. Contact: info@andysmanclub.co.uk

GARDEN TAI CHI 11am - 12noon. Contact Damian: 07701 338 841

TUESDAY

CONNECT MEN'S CLUB (online) Tues 1.30 - 3pm. Contact Aulson: 07593 436 608

GIPTON GROWERS The Old Fire Station, Gipton Approach, LS9 6NL 2 - 4pm. Contact Camille: 07519 042680

LEEDS DADS - 'Leeds Dads' private Facebook group for dads. Contact: leedsdads@gmail.com

WEDNESDAY

MEN'S WALKING GROUP - Harehills Park 12.30 - 1.20pm. Contact Tara: 07428 701 275

JOE'S ONLINE MEN'S QUIZ AND GAME GROUP Weds 1 - 2pm. Contact Joe: 07741 328 786

BURMANTOFTS SKILLS AND SOCIAL (online) Weds 4 - 5.30pm. Contact Joe: 07741 328 786

MEN'S OUT AND ABOUT GROUP Wed 1 - 4pm. Contact Joe: 07741 328 786

WEDNESDAY WALKS The Old Fire Station, Gipton Approach, LS9 6NL 1 - 2.30pm. Contact Natalie: natalied@space2.org.uk

THURSDAY

LONG DISTANCE SOCIAL CLUB

Weekly chat and support group for men on Zoom. Contact Duncan: duncan@humansbeing.org.uk

SPACE 2 SING. (Online) 3.30 -5pm. Contact Emma: emmaj@space2.org.uk

FRIDAY

MEN'S SOCIAL GROUP The Old Fire Station, Gipton Approach, LS9 6NL Thur 1 - 2.30pm. Contact Tara: 07428 701 275

HEALTH & LEISURE

THE GYM Level 3, The Core, LS1 6JD Members only - visit thegymgroup.com

Mon to Fri: 6am - 10pm; Sat to Sun: 8am - 8pm.

THE GYM HEALTH AND FITNESS 15-19 Cowper Rd, LS9 7AP - 0113 235 9489 Appointments only. Ring to book a place.

LEEDS FREESTYLE KICKBOXING

3 Glenthorpe Cres, LS9 7QP - 07912 526 345 Three classes per week. Ring to book on.

BAD COMPANY THAI BOXING 3 Glenthorpe Cres, LS9 7QP - 07885 270 267 Pre-booking only.

SNAP FITNESS

633 Roundhay Rd, LS8 4BA - 07860 719 077 Ring to book.



PLACES TO GO...

THE OLD FIRE STATION (pictured) **Gipton Approach, LS9 6NL - 0113 213 6813** Social activities, café, men's clubs. Contact reception for more information.

COMPTON CENTRE

Harehills Lane, Leeds LS9 7BG Mon to Fri: 10am - 4pm; Sat: 10am - 1pm. One Stop Centre; Job Shop; Library.

MEETING POINT CAFÉ

Harehills Lane, LS9 6AP Coffee, cake and chat. 7am - 1pm.