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USPAK EVENTS

Register for Collaborative Problem Solving Techniques Workshop

The USPAK Foundation invites College, High School and Middle School Students to a hands-on workshop on

COLLABORATIVE PROBLEM SOLVING TECHNIQUES

Saturday, 19th Oct 10a-4p
Farmington Valley American Muslim Center
35 Harris Road, Avon, CT

- Workshop: Finding creative solutions to social conflicts
- Learn: skills on how to deal with bullying in and outside of the classroom
- Network: Socialize and meet with like minded peers

REGISTER
Workshop is FREE for students (registration required)

Come join us for a day of fun, games and learning!

For more information:
email: ed@uspakfoundation.org
call : 202.505.4725 (General Info)
call : 860.977.8438 (Ramla Shiekh)



USPAK Foundation invites College, High & Middle School Students to a hands-on workshop on **“Collaborative Problem Solving Techniques”** on Saturday October 19th from 10 AM to 4 PM at Farmington Valley Muslim Center, 35 Harris Street, Avon, CT.

At this workshop you will learn

- Creative solutions to problems and social conflicts
- Skills on how to deal with bullying, in and outside of the classroom

Presenters:

[Mehlaqa Samdani](#), Director [Critical Connections](#), MA

[Dr. William Howe](#), State Title IX Coordinator, [CT State Department of Education](#)

This is an ideal opportunity for students to network: socialize and meet fellow students for a full day of fun and games.

Program:

10 -10:30 am	Welcome & Introduction
10:30-11:15 am	Bullying – Dr. William Bill Howe
11:30 -1:00 pm	Collaborative Problem Solving Techniques – Mehlaqa Samdani
1:00 – 2:30 pm	Lunch
2:30 – 4:00 pm	Networking and Social Time

The workshop is **FREE** for students, registration is required,

REGISTER

For more information email: ed@uspakfoundation.org or call :202.505.4725; 860 977 8438, review [Workshop Flyer](#)

This event is co sponsored by Critical Connections and Farmington Valley Muslim Center.

4th Annual Youth Leadership Conf Videos

Lena Shareef a rising leader with USPAK Foundation has created two short videos covering USPAK Y4th Annual Youth Leadership Conference held at American university, Washington DC in June 2013. These videos have been uploaded on [USPAK Foundation channel](#). The two videos covering youth activities during the four days of leadership conference can be viewed by clicking on the following links.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kgsZfEtDQEE>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HWuGfSQXWWg>

Special thanks to Lena Shareef for her efforts and hard work in producing these videos.

Civil Rights Organizations press DOJ to investigate NYPD practices

Civil Rights organizations including USPAK have reached out to Department of Justice to investigate New York Police Department questionable polices towards targeting and in-filtering Muslim Communities. Below is a letter sent to DOJ by over 100 Civil Rights organizations.

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Dear Acting Assistant Attorney General Samuels and Section Chief Smith:

The undersigned civil rights, faith, community, and advocacy groups request that the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice commence a prompt investigation under 42 U.S.C. § 14141 into the New York City Police Department's ("NYPD") discriminatory surveillance of American Muslim communities.

As shown by the NYPD's own documents, for over a decade, the Department has engaged in unlawful religious profiling and suspicion less surveillance of Muslims in New York City (and beyond). This surveillance is based on the false and unconstitutional premise, reflected in the NYPD's published "radicalization" theory, that Muslim religious belief, practices, and community engagement are grounds for law enforcement scrutiny. That is a premise rooted in ignorance and bias: it is wrong and unfairly stigmatizes Muslims, who are a law-abiding, diverse, and integral part of our nation and New York City. Unsurprisingly, the NYPD's surveillance program has had far-reaching, deeply negative effects on Muslims' constitutional rights by chilling speech and religious practice and harming religious goals and missions. It has frayed the social fabric of Muslim communities by breeding anxiety, distrust, and fear. The NYPD's biased policing practices hurt not only Muslims, but all communities who rightfully expect that law enforcement will serve and protect America's diverse population equally, without discrimination.

Under the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994 § 210401, the United States Attorney General is authorized to conduct investigations concerning "a pattern or practice of conduct by law enforcement officers . . . that deprives persons of rights, privileges, or immunities secured or protected by the Constitution or laws of the United States." 42 U.S.C. § 14141(a). Where there is reasonable cause to believe that such a pattern or practice has occurred, the Attorney General may pursue equitable and declaratory relief in a civil action. Id. § 14141(b). A Department of Justice investigation is warranted here: the attached appendix details the NYPD's unlawful policies and practices and their resulting harms to Muslims.

We respectfully request that the Civil Rights Division promptly investigate the NYPD's unconstitutional program of religious profiling and suspicion less surveillance of Muslims.

Sincerely,

Signatures of over 100 Civil Rights Organizations, including USPAK.

STUDY ABROAD OPPORTUNITIES

U.S. Department of State Announces Scholarships for American High School Students to Study Abroad

The National Security Language Initiative for Youth (NSLI-Y) offers merit-based scholarships to U. S. high-school aged students for overseas study of seven critical foreign languages:

Arabic, Chinese (Mandarin), Hindi, Korean, Persian (Tajiki), Russian and Turkish.

The NSLI-Y program is designed to immerse participants in the cultural life of the host country, giving them invaluable formal and informal language practice and sparking a lifetime interest in foreign languages and cultures. Applications for summer 2014 and academic year 2014-2015 programs are due **November 5, 2013**. Visit www.nsliforyouth.org for more information.

The Kennedy-Lugar Youth Exchange and Study (YES) Abroad Program offers scholarships to American high school students to spend the 2014-15 academic year in countries that may include Bosnia & Herzegovina, Egypt, Ghana, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Mali (semester), Morocco, Oman, South Africa, Thailand, Tunisia, and Turkey .This post 9/11 program focuses on increasing understanding between people in the U.S. and countries with significant Muslim populations. Visit www.yes-abroad.org for more information.

The Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange Program (CBYX) was established in 1983 to celebrate German-American friendship based on common values of democracy. Secondary school students, ages 15-18, live with host families, attend local schools, and participate in community life in Germany. Young professionals (undergraduates) and high school graduates of vocational studies, ages 18-24, study and participate in practical training. Scholarships are now available for academic year 2014-15. For more information and application deadlines, visit the organization in charge of recruitment for your state at <http://www.usagermanyscholarship.org/>

The American Youth Leadership Program offers opportunities for American high students and educators to travel abroad on a three- to four-week-long exchange program to gain first-hand knowledge of foreign cultures and to collaborate on solving global issues. Several different organizations implement this program, and each has organized an academic and experiential educational exchange focused on dialogue and debate, leadership development, and community service. Recruitment areas and application deadlines vary, so please check the <http://exchanges.state.gov/us/program/youth-leadership-programs> website for more information.

For more information on exchanges sponsored by the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, please visit www.exchanges.state.gov

Help Us Help You

USPAK is a volunteer organization working for the betterment of Pakistani Americans. Our efforts are focused on developing future leaders of our country from within our community. We also work to address issues of concern of our community, ranging from immigration, civil liberties, religious freedom, and socio-economic development of Pakistani American community.

It is through help of supporters like you that we are able carry on our vision promoting the ambitions and aspirations of Pakistani Americans. Your support today can ensure that Pakistani Americans have a place at the table, as we shape the policies on immigration, the economy and civil rights. You can help build a more vibrant and inclusive democracy.

Can we count on you to help? Can you donate \$500, \$250 or \$150 today? [Click here](#) and use **Donate** button. USPAK is a 501 c3 non-profit organization; your donation qualifies for tax deduction.