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USPAK EVENTS

Collaborative Problem Solving Techniques Workshop



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.

NCTC holds Community Engagement Forum

National Counterterrorism Center (NCTC) Director Matthew G. Olsen has initiated a program of engaging and partnering with American Muslim Community. The first such forum was held on Sep 18th in Washington DC. Various American Muslim organizations including USPAK Foundation participated in the forum. This event will bring together community and U.S. government (USG) leadership to address the challenges of violent extremism both domestically and overseas; and exchange information and ideas on the best ways for communities and the USG to counter terrorist radicalization and recruitment. All participants agreed that neither the government nor communities can achieve success alone in this endeavor; collaboration on these complex issues is paramount. Purpose of this ongoing engagement will be to share resources amongst various communities, prepare material to be used by American Muslim Community and Law enforcement agencies. MPAC is preparing such a handbook to be available in December.

American Journalist rewriting book about Pakistan



[Ethan Casey](#) an American freelance journalist who for many years lived in Pakistan plans to re write his book "[Alive and Well in Pakistan](#)" on the tenth anniversary of the first printing of this book. The reprint will be available to public in early spring in 2014. Casey is currently on a national tour getting feedback and support for his upcoming book. One such meeting was organized by Qaisar Shareef at his home in Washington DC. Charter Members from USPAK Foundation and OPEN DC chapter attended the event. They provided material, resources, and feedback for Casey's work.

In his writing and frequent public speaking, Casey works especially to help improve Americans' awareness of both the historic and the contemporary situations in Pakistan, and to remove any inaccuracies and misinformation. You can reach Ethan at info@ethancasemedia.com to provide any resources or support for his upcoming book.

NEWS

PAKPAC President's Message on Church Bombing in Peshawar

Pakistani American Public Affairs Committee strongly condemns the recent bombing in Pakistan. On September 22, 2013, terrorists attacked All Saints Church in Peshawar, claiming 83 lives and injuring over 150 people. This cowardly act was committed by two suicide bombers who targeted the Christian community. Worshippers were coming out of the church when bombs ripped through the crowd, killing innocent men, women and children.

This is an act of hate. We stand united with the Christian community in Pakistan and demand justice from the government of Pakistan. The Pakistan Ulema Council, the largest clerical body, condemned this vicious attack and urged support for the Christian community.

Our Thoughts and prayers are with the victims and their families. We ask the government of Pakistan to protect its citizens, with equal justice for All. Dr. Salman Malik

[CAIR Condemnation](#)

New strategy tests for dangerous stage of tuberculosis in Asia



More than 20,000 people in Pakistan are being tested for the potentially deadly stage of tuberculosis using a new strategy developed at UC Davis Health System to effectively detect the disease in children for the first time.

At least 600 million people in Pakistan, India and Bangladesh are infected with the tuberculosis bacterium *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*. Each year at least three million people reach the potentially deadly stage called active TB. The condition is treatable with antibiotics, but conventional tests inevitably miss more than one out of three active cases. About 400,000 die from the disease in South Asia every year.

The new TB screening strategy looks for telltale antibodies in the blood that are found only when a person is fighting off active TB. In conventional screening, a laboratory worker must identify the bacterium in a sputum sample observed under a microscope. This century-old test rarely picks up more than 50 percent of active cases of lung TB. The new antibody test is expected to detect about 80 percent of active cases. The new test requires a few drops of a blood sample and takes two hours to provide results, while the sputum microscopy test requires three sputum samples collected over three days. The speed of the antibody screening means that many millions more people could be screened worldwide per year, according to researchers. [Read more](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Pakistani-American physicians assist with free Kansas City Kansas Health Fair

The Association of Physicians of Pakistani Descent of North America (APPNA) Heartland Chapter and Mercy & Truth Medical Missions are partnering to sponsor a free health fair Saturday, **Sept. 28, 2013 from 2 to 6 p.m.**

The health fair will be held at the Mercy & Truth KCK Clinic, located at 721 North 31st Street, Kansas City, Kan.

Physicians on the Providence medical staff who are members of the APPNA and who will be volunteering at the health fair include Aman Khan, M.D., pulmonologist and sleep medicine specialist; Maria Javaid, M.D., interventional cardiologist; and Hussain Haideri, M.D., nephrologist. They are among the 40 physicians of Pakistani descent from across the metro that will be providing their services at the event. [Read More](#)

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.

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