

Support Students wearing the Islamic Dress on Campus
Zone: Society and Citizenship

Conference Believes

1. Jack Straw commented on the Muslim women's face veil also known as the niqab as being an obstacle to community relations and a "visible statement of separation and of difference".
2. The Niqab is a valid Islamic opinion.
3. A Muslim woman had her Hijab (head veil) torn off by a white man in Liverpool after Jack Straw made his comments.
4. On hospital campus students are bound by hospital trust policy.

Conference Further Believes

1. The Niqab is not a political statement.
2. Jack Straw's comments on the Niqab have not helped facilitate improved relations between the Muslim community and society in general; but have in fact caused deterioration in relations.
3. The Niqab does not stop interpersonal communication.
4. Unfounded prejudice has been a cause of tension in community relations.
5. The practice of Islam is the concern of the Muslim people.

Conference Resolves

1. To support the right of the Muslim students on campus in their right to wear what they consider the Islamic dress, including JILBAAB (long dress), HIJAB (head veil) and the NIQAB (face veil).