

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

Introduction

All Praise is to Allah (swt) who bestowed on us the blessing of Islam and peace and blessings be upon the Messenger of Allah (saw) and His family, companions and all those who followed him.

On the 30th of Rajab 1437 Hijri, corresponding to the 7th of May 2016, the Women's Section in the Central Media Office of Hizb ut Tahrir held an international women's conference entitled, "*Muslim Youth: Pioneers of Real Change*" to address the global challenges to the Islamic identity of Muslim youth across the world.

This important event took the format of seminars held in three countries on the same day: Tunisia, Indonesia, and the UK, with speakers from Europe, Africa, the Middle East, and Asia participating in the talks and discussions. Hundreds of influential women attended the seminars in the three regions, including teachers, scholars, youth workers, university students, youth activists, politicians, journalists, leaders of the community, and representatives of organisations. The conference also included talks and panel discussions addressing the regional problems and challenges facing Muslim youth in the West, in the Arab world, and in Asia as well as testimonials from attendees – including from teachers, mothers and youth - giving first-hand accounts of the issues and dilemmas facing young Muslims they have witnessed and dealt with in their communities.

The conference was the culmination of a three-week intensive global campaign on the subject that enjoyed extensive support from Muslims across the world.

This important campaign and conference was organized to address the many intense challenges that Muslim youth face today in holding on to their Islamic identity, including: the global strategy being pursued by secular governments and international organisations to win Muslim youth to the secular liberal way of life and its system; the effect on young Muslims of the secularization of the education curricula and environment of schools in the Muslim lands; and the negative influence of social media and the celebrity culture on the Muslim youth which are Westernizing their thoughts, lifestyle, inclinations, aspirations and allegiances and distancing them from their Deen. The campaign and conference also sought to present Islam's vision for our youth and how as an Ummah we can make them strong adherents to Islam, instilled with the confidence to defend attacks against their Deen, and embodying the qualities to become pioneers of real change in this world able to build a better future for the Muslim Ummah and the rest of the world through the light and justice of Islam.

We have presented in this booklet, the talks that were presented at the conference.

We ask that Allah (swt) reward all those who participated in the campaign and conference and that the messages they presented are spread far and wide to create an exemplary future generation for this Ummah who are a pillar of strength for this Deen and who aid the swift establishment of the System of Allah (swt) upon this earth. Ameen.

Dr. Nazreen Nawaz

Director of the Women's Section in the Central Media Office of Hizb ut Tahrir