

## AMYNA *How To Guide* For Muslim Youth Organizations

In the Name of Allah, the Beneficent the Merciful.

Assalaamu Alaykum Brother/Sister in Islam,

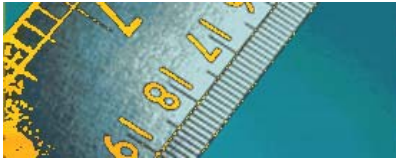
Insha'Allah this letter reaches you in the best of health and increasing spirituality. We are writing to you on behalf of the Allied Muslim Youth of North America (AMYNA), a youth-based initiative to connect and empower Muslim youth from across North America through resource sharing and networking.

We are pleased to inform you that you have been selected to help write for the AMYNA *"How to Guide for Muslim Youth Organizations."* This step-by-step resource guide will give invaluable insight and advice to hundreds of emerging Muslim leaders and activists involved in initiating and building grass root movements.

You're a proven and dedicated leader in your community: That is why your invaluable experience must be translated and shared at a larger scale to Muslim youth who need it. We are asking that you contribute a "How To" subsection in our landmark guide, which we hope to publish online, and in printed format in the near future.

Please contact Br. Ali Dabaja at [alidabaja@yahoo.com](mailto:alidabaja@yahoo.com) for more information or any questions you may have. We hope to hear from you soon. May Allah (swt) reward you for your continued efforts.

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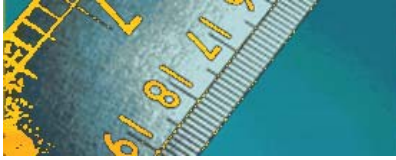
Adequate resources are an invaluable asset that many organizations require to be successful in their endeavors. AMYNA recognizes that new youth organizations have a membership that may be less experienced, but are eager to serve. AMYNA believes that this gap can be bridged with the strengths of others. It is crucial now more than ever to provide instructional advice on issues ranging from “starting a youth group” to “Writing tools for Muslim activists”. By providing such resources to young Muslim activists, we hope to foster leadership and professional skills, while promoting grassroots movements that represent the Faith of Islam.

The concept is simple. Many are familiar with the step-by-step informational articles and books that are available for common tasks people face today. Whether it is managing a business, tiling your floor, or learning a language: If you want to learn how, the information is available with the click of the mouse. Given the above, one can envision a thorough guide providing step-by-step instructions for our youth activists

AMYNA’s current plan is to extend the invitation to proven and dedicated leaders and activists across our North American Muslim community to contribute sections in this “How To Guide”. As the guide starts to take form, we hope to make it available online via our website. In addition, we hope to showcase the resource by publicizing it to member organizations taking part in the AMYNA network.

Below you will find proposed sections of the ‘How To’ publication. Many of the topics we will be completed shortly. Others will require more time investment.

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## **How to Guide Proposed Contents**

### **Standards to Work By**

- Leadership Principles as Derived from the Ahlul Bayt [a]
- Sincerity for Muslim Activists
- How To Manage a Group
  - Building Team Trust
  - How To Integrate and Nurture New Members
  - How To Resolve Interpersonal Conflicts
  - How To Deal with Crisis
  - Inspiring Your Members
- Communicate Better: Can We All Get Along?
- Defining Boundaries for Brother and Sister Organizers
- Galvanizing the Sisters in Your Group
- Principles of Organizational Success
- 10 Organization Secrets to Live By
- Community Service: Why Should I get Involved?
- The Spirit of Muslim Activism
- The Shia Struggle to Fit In: Retrospection and Advice
- First Among Equals: The Balancing Act of Leadership
- How to Deal with Red Tape
- The Limelight: Practice What You Preach
- Building Support for Reform in Your Group

### **Starting Your Group**

- Recruiting Proper Leadership
- Architecting Organizational Structure
  - Creating a Mission
  - Defining a Vision
  - Choosing a Group Name
  - Drafting Bylaws
  - Defining Roles & Positions
- Initiating Community Outreach
- Starting A Student Group in Brief
- Starting A Youth Group in Brief

### **Maintaining Organizational Stability**

- Keeping the Motivation
- Organizational Expansion
- Agenda Setting
- Organizational Procedures in Brief
- Communication Methods For Organizers
- Incorporating Political Activism
- Community Networking

- Surpassing Expectations: Setting & Meeting Goals
- Ways to Energize Your Meetings

### **Organizational Programming**

- Proposal Drafting
- Point of Entrance to Point of Exit: Complete Program Guide
- Selecting Speaker(s)
- Fundraising Initiatives
- Outreach: Recruiting For Your Program
- Post-Event Review