**COMMITTEE:** Union Council

**SUBJECT:** Islamophobia Awareness Month

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**PROPOSER:** Abdullah Okud

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**SHEFFIELD HALLAM STUDENTS UNION NOTES:**

1. 1 IN 3 Muslim students attacked on campus as Islamophobia Hate crime surges. One female Muslim student was left ‘in tears’ and felt unsafe after she was targeted at university.
2. The National Union of Students (NUS) survey, shared with The Independent, reveals that most students (79 per cent) who suffered abuse felt they had been targeted because of being Muslim.
3. "Fatima Diriye, a history and politics student at Soas University of London told The Independent that she felt unsafe when two students took photos and drew a sexualized image of her in a jilbab."
4. "Police forces recorded 110 hate crimes directed at Muslim places of worship between March and July this year, up from 47 over the same six month period in 2016."

**SHEFFIELD HALLAM STUDENTS UNION BELIEVES:**

1. The union and university have a responsibility on its student's safety and ensuring that as a union we stand firmly in protecting our students when xenophobia or islamophobia arises at University.

**SHEFFIELD HALLAM STUDENTS UNION RESOLVES:**

1. Via Islamophobia Awareness month educate students on Islam and as a union lead on this every academic year in November
2. To include external speakers and ensure adequate sessions, workshops and events are provided for students at Hallam. This will aid students to love not hate on Muslim students, and make Hallam more inclusive and supportive for Muslim Students.
3. The President and Student’s Union along with the BAME Ambassadors should work with Islamic Society to ensure that Islamophobia Awareness month Campaign, take place. Ensure separate and adequate funding is provided by the union and the sabbatical team.
4. Organize and create a working group with the university to tackle islamophobia on campus.
5. Ensure that the union and university make the university more inclusive and welcoming for Muslim students, from providing a voice for Muslim students feedback to be taken and to ensure the facilities at the union and university is inclusive and appropriate for Muslim students.
6. To boycott and not work with TELL MAMA, an organization that spy on the Muslim Community is not one to trust.

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