

مجلس الأئمة القادرين إلى الأستزاري

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL IMAMS COUNCIL



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## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT

# APPOINTMENT OF DR NADA GHAMRA-OUI AS ANIC SENIOR EDUCATION ADVISOR



The Australian National Imams Council (ANIC) is pleased to appoint Dr Nada Ghamra-oui as Senior Education Advisor.

ANIC is a Muslim Peak body and an umbrella organisation consisting of Muslim Imams, clerics and Islamic scholars representing each Australian State and Territory. ANIC represents the wider interests of the Australian Muslim Community.

Recently, ANIC has been engaging in an increased number of community related initiatives, including participating in various

forums and discussions with government and non-government agencies to address issues on education and advocating for positive outcomes for the Muslim community and future generations. Dr Nada has assisted with some of ANIC's initiatives in particular in recent days with the new ANIC NSW Scripture program (*Australian Islamic Education Services*) and her appointment is an important step in formalising her ongoing involvement.

As ANIC's Senior Education Advisor, Dr Nada will focus on advocating the best interest of the Muslim community in the education space and advise ANIC on matters of education.



Dr Nada Ghamra-oui grew up in Sydney and is an educator who has had enriching experiences across various roles in the three educational sectors in Australia. Her experience of thirty years as practitioner, educational leader and researcher have highlighted important issues pertaining to the cultural politics of education; educational leadership scope, possibilities and limitations; and the education of young Muslims in Western contexts.

Her doctoral enquiry into *Constructing the Espoused Purpose of Islamic Schools in Australia* contributes to evidence-based research to support educational institutions and schools that host Muslim populations and the day-to-day work of their practitioners. The findings offer significant insights into the challenges and struggles of educational leaders of Islamic schools in aligning rhetoric with action against a backdrop of neoliberal educational policy and Islamophobia. It offers key strategies for leadership interventions as they negotiate an educational landscape that is oriented towards narrowed interpretations of excellence and racialisation.

As director of NNG Educational Consultancy, Nada combines research with the provisions of educational services and professional development to educational institutions. Nada's two-fold goal is to support the Muslim and wider Australian community in providing young Muslims with a culturally congruent education for parity of outcomes as well as contribute to scholarship in her area of practice. Her research interests include the cultural politics of education, Islamic schools, educational leadership, school culture and belonging. Nada's work has been published in reputable peer reviewed international journals, including *Leading & Managing* and *Journal of Muslim Minority Affairs*.

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