

Statement on Tackling Islamophobia

In marking Islamophobia Awareness Month, the NASUWT is proud to announce that its National Executive fully endorses the All Party Political Group (APPG) definition of Islamophobia.

The NASUWT recognises that Islamophobia is a global problem that blights the lives of many Muslims and their communities. It is rooted in racism and particularly anti-Muslim hatred and must be challenged and eradicated in all its forms.

The APPG report definition states that ***“Islamophobia is rooted in racism and is a type of racism that targets expressions of Muslimness or perceived Muslimness”***.¹

The APPG report demonstrates that Islamophobia plays a part in all aspects of public life, the media, schools and well as within the workplace and provides examples of the insidious nature of this disease.

The NASUWT is committed to challenging all forms of anti-Muslim hatred, intolerance or prejudice that is directed against any individual or group because of their perceived or actual religious background or identification.

Islamophobia Awareness Month also provides an opportunity to celebrate the positive contributions of Muslims and their communities. Raising awareness supports the eradication of harmful stereotypes and perceptions of Muslims and the Islamic faith.

Strategies for tackling Islamophobia and other forms of racial and religious hatred is embedded in the NASUWT Anti-Racism Action Plan, adopted by the National Executive, November 2022, which is available on the Union's website at www.nasuw.org.uk/BigConversation.

¹ APPG Report, (2018) Islamophobia Defined: the inquiry into a working definition of Islamophobia