

Bio-Speaker, Author, Impact leader, Women's advocate, Interfaith promoter

Dr. Daisy Khan is an award-winning author, public speaker, media commentator, and the founder of the Women's Islamic Initiative in Spirituality and Equality (WISE), a global network dedicated to peacebuilding, gender equality, and human dignity. With over two decades of grassroots involvement in combating anti-Muslim bias, she is recognized as a thought leader on Muslim women's rights and Islam in America. As a bridge builder, she has produced impactful interfaith programs such as "Same Difference" and the Cordoba Bread Fest.

Dr. Khan is a prolific speaker who has lectured at prestigious institutions, including the Council on Foreign Relations, Aspen Institute, Chautauqua Institution, World Economic Forum, Harvard University, Citi, Bloomberg, and many others.

To counter Islamophobia and violent extremism, Daisy Khan published "WISE Up - Knowledge Ends Extremism." Her memoir, "Born with Wings," narrates her path to women's leadership. In "30 Rights of Muslim Women," she debunks Islamophobic myths and demystifies hardline extremist views on Muslim women's rights.

Committed to the shared values of Islam and America, Dr. Khan sees combating Islamophobia and anti-Muslim bias as a civic duty and a long-term investment. She provides a clear strategy to combat Islamophobia through webinars and training uniquely tailored for corporations, schools, government, and nonprofit institutions.

As a media commentator and Op-Ed writer, she has appeared on CNN, MSNBC, ABC, PBS, and BBC. She is featured in documentaries and publications like The Guardian, Newsweek, New York Times, Wall Street Journal, and Elle Magazine.

Dr. Khan has received over twenty awards, including the Eleanor Roosevelt Human Rights Award, the Edinburgh Peace Award, and recognition as one of "21 Women of the 21st Century" by Women's E-News. TIME Magazine mentioned her in their "100 Most Influential People" list and featured her in "9-11, Portraits of Resilience." The Huffington Post listed her among the "Top Ten Women Faith Leaders." Described as "a link between moderate Islam and the West" by MORE Magazine, she holds a special place among the "100 Most Notable American Muslims" by the Interfaith Institute of Long Island.

Born in Kashmir, Dr. Khan dedicated twenty-five years to architectural design for Fortune 500 companies before devoting herself to full-time community service and creating positive change in the United States and around the globe. She lives in the New York tri-state area and loves reading, traveling, gardening, and cooking.

Awards and Honors

- 2024- **Citizen Diplomat**- Global Ties USA
- 2022- **100 Most Notable American Muslims**- Interfaith Institute of Long Island
- 2022- **Outstanding Contribution of Major Significance To Religious Freedom Civic Engagement**- International Center for Ethno- Religious Mediation
- 2018- **Interfaith Peacebuilder**- Swami Vivekananda Vedanta Society of New York
- 2017- **Int'l Peace Organizer, Service & Dedication to Community**- NY State Assembly Citation
- 2017- **Community Service Award**- Bronx Community Council
- 2017- **An Outstanding Citizen, Worthy of Esteem in NYC**- NY City Council Citation
- 2016- **Service to Humanity Award**- One Spirit Learning Alliance
- 2015- **Honoring Muslim Women in Our Community** – Islamic Center of Long Island
- 2014- **Faith in Action**- International Center for Religion & Diplomacy
- 2013- **Voices That Challenge**- The Interfaith Alliance of New York State
- 2012- **Charles Ansbacher Award**-Hunt Alternatives Fund
- 2012- **Mentioned in 100 Most Influential Leaders**- TIME Magazine
- 2012- **Top Ten Women Faith leaders**- The Huffington Post
- 2012- **7 Women You Must Follow on Twitter**- Glamour Magazine
- 2012- **Inspiring Commitment To Interfaith Work**- Common Ground
- 2011- **Building Bridges Through Interfaith Dialogue**- IQRA Int'l Educational Foundation
- 2011- **Eleanor Roosevelt Human Rights Award**- Unitarian Universalist Service Committee
- 2011- **The Edinburgh Peace Award**- City of Edinburgh, Festival of Spirituality and Peace
- 2011- **Prophetic Voice**- The Shalom Center
- 2010- **Commitment to Action**- Clinton Global Initiative
- 2010- **Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition**- Caroline Maloney, Member of Congress
- 2010- **Women Who Empower and Inspire**- Arab American Family Support Center
- 2010- **Interfaith Visionary Award**- Temple of Understanding
- 2010- **Tireless Advocate For Women's Rights**- Sister Fund
- 2008- **21 Leaders for the 21st Century**- Women's E-News
- 2007- **Faithfully Caring For Our Seniors**- Affinity Health Plans
- 2007- **Prime Mover**- Hunt Alternatives Fund
- 2006- **James Parks Morton Interfaith Award**- The Interfaith Center of New York
- 2005- **Lives of Commitment**- Auburn Theological Seminary

Current Advisories & Board Positions

Founding Partner, **Starts With Us: with Daniel Lubetzky- CEO, of Kind Bars**

National Council Member, **Muslim Jewish Advisory Council**

Board Member, **Interfaith Institute of Long Island**

Advisory Board Member, **Unfreeze Afghanistan**

President's Committee on Interfaith Action, **Claremont Lincoln University**

National Advisory Council Member, **First Amendment Voice**

Advisory Committee, **World Religions for Peace, Women of Faith**

International Advisory, **Women's Regional Network**

Advisory Board Member, **One Voice Movement** - Palestinian Israeli peace movement

Past Board Positions and Advisories

Advisory Board Member, DEI Institute **Warner Music Group**

Board Emeritus, **White House Project**, train women, political candidates

Leadership Group- **US-Muslim Engagement Project**, led by Secretary Madeleine Albright

Advisory for educational programming for **9/11 Memorial Museum in New York**

Muslim Advisory Council to **New York Police Department**

Advisor for community affairs, **Muslim Voices, New York City cultural event**

Advisory group to **Her Majesty Queen Rania on Interfaith relations**

Advisory Council for **Religion Dispatches**

Advisory Council for **Asian American**



TIME Techland

News and reviews about gadgets, gear, apps and the web

@DaisyKhan: One of TIME's [Top 140 Twitter Feeds of 2012](#)



GLAMOUR

7 Women You Must Follow for LOLs, OOHs and AHHs

@DaisyKhan was also included in [Glamour's Best of Friday](#) feature!



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