The Muslim Coalition of Connecticut (MCCT) was founded in 2004 by a group of local leaders in an effort to provide an alternative narrative to the negative portrayals of Muslims. The leadership of the Berlin, Waterbury and Hartford Muslim communities came together with other activists to establish an organization that would focus on educating the public on Islam and Muslims and building alliances with other faith communities in Connecticut through social activism and collective civil programming.

The Muslim Coalition of Connecticut

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BUILDING BRIDGES IN THE COMMUNITY
The Muslim Coalition of Connecticut is a non-profit organization with a mission to promote American Islamic values through education, outreach and community service.

**Our Programs**

**Education**
Our Speakers’ Bureau provides presentations and panel discussions about Islam to non-Muslim audiences throughout CT.

**Community Service**
Each month, our volunteers provide meals for homeless people at Mercy Shelter in Hartford.

We participate in Habitat for Humanity Builds, making affordable housing a reality for low income residents.

We organize drives to collect clothes, towels, and toiletries for those in need as part of the National Day of Service.

We participate in the Walk Against Hunger in support of Foodshare, which provides food to needy individuals and families throughout the area.

**Community**
Our annual Eid Carnival brings together over a thousand Muslims across CT and neighboring states to celebrate Eid at Lake Compounce.

We host Women’s Fitness and Relaxation events twice a year.

**Outreach**
Each Ramadan, we host a free interfaith panel discussion and dinner program.

Our Annual Leadership Banquet recognizes community members and partners who have exemplified leadership on issues important to Muslims and the broader community.

We engage with the media regarding issues related to Islam and Muslims, correcting media bias and false narratives.

**Other Programs**
Our other programs include interfaith events, such as our “In the Footsteps of Abraham” program featuring dialogue with Christian and Jewish friends, and collaborations with partners such as the Hartford Seminary and CT Council for Interreligious Understanding for the “Honest Conversations with Muslim Neighbors” series.

**Our Goals**
- To clarify misunderstandings about Islam and Muslims through education and outreach in the local community.
- To establish a working relationship with educational institutions, organizations, government entities, and local healthcare facilities.
- To maintain active alliances with local groups on social issues of common concern.
- To establish opportunities for Muslim youth to actively engage in the public sphere through professional activities and community service.