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Stop Hate UK
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I am delighted that St Paul's is able to welcome so many brave and good people at the beginning of National Hate Crime Awareness Week this year. It is shaming that through history, and into the present day, the Church has not always been on the side of minorities, often the most vulnerable communities who suffer hatred in our streets, workplaces and schools. It is therefore essential that we work to correct this and we can only do this in partnership with those who understand what it means to be a victim of such hate and the tribal scapegoating that, sadly, seems to be escalating. As a Patron of TellMAMA I am hugely grateful that this year special focus is being given to the rise of Islamophobic hate crime. Together we stand together unapologetically, though with many broken hearts amongst us, to uphold the dignity and beauty of each and every human life. The world depends urgently on protecting this unshakeable truth. As always StopHate UK helps lead the way.



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