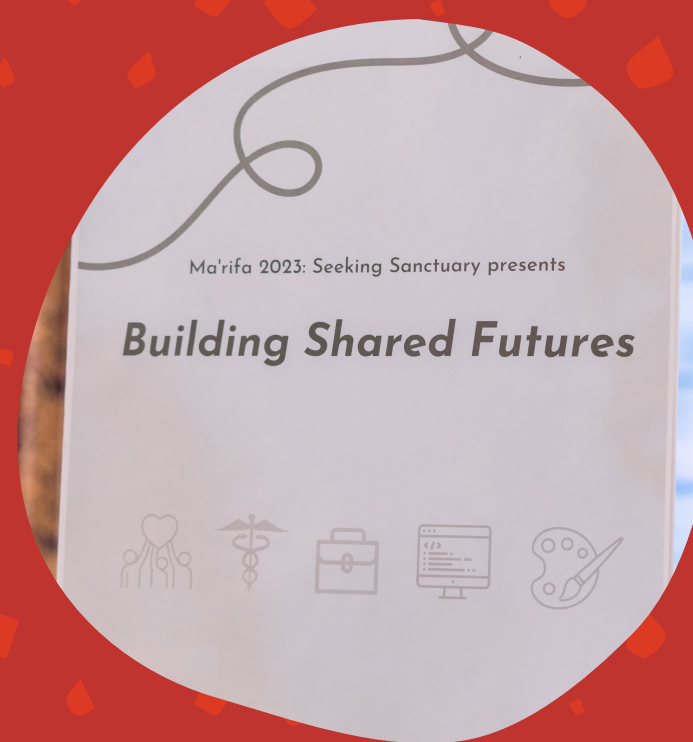


(RE)IMAGININGS:

COMMUNITY BUILDING BY AND FOR YOUNG MUSLIM AMERICANS

Oftentimes, both religious and non-religious spaces catered towards young Muslims in the West foster alienation rather than belonging by reinforcing false dichotomies between our identities as Muslims and as Americans. With our multilayered identities, we believe we require new spaces to encompass them. As such, this poster highlights the work happening at **Ma'rifa, a third space founded at Harvard University to cater to Muslims between the ages of 15-25 living in the United States and Canada.** Our work seeks to reimagine the role of religious programming as a dynamic part of the society around us in order to create a holistic sense of belonging. Through an annual conference, art exhibit, and mentorship program, we work with faith leaders and culture makers to collectively reflect, discuss, and act on our shared challenges while bridging the gap between the larger American society and many Muslim spaces today.

Beyond just the examples here, our programs delve into ethical leadership, identity breakdowns, sanctuary and coalition buildings across marginalized communities, particularly Black and Indigenous Muslims, equitable economies, people-centric urban planning, food apartheid, and more. Our work truly lies at the radical reimagination of asking ourselves what our lives - and the world - can look like if we center and live our values authentically and in community with everyone around us.



WE EXPAND ISLAMIC CONVERSATIONS OF MODESTY IN CLOTHING TO INCLUDE FAIR LABOR PRACTICES, FAST FASHION, AND CONSUMERISM.



WE WORK WITH ENVIRONMENTAL EXPERTS TO INCORPORATE VALUES THAT YOUNG MUSLIMS ALREADY HOLD ABOUT TAKING CARE OF THE EARTH.

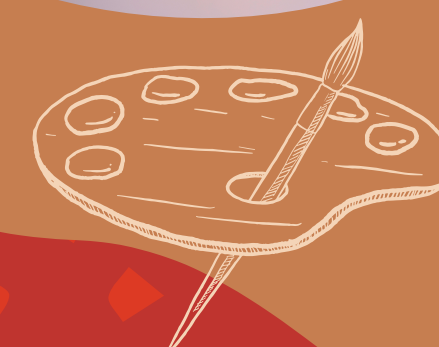


WE MAKE CONNECTIONS BETWEEN THE WORK THAT ABOLITIONIST SPACES ARE CONDUCTING WITH THE IDEALS OF FORGIVENESS, MERCY, AND JUSTICE THAT EXIST IN ISLAM.



WE USE ART AS A VEHICLE FOR COMMUNITY BUILDING AND REIMAGINING BETTER WORLDS TOGETHER.

Salutations from the River



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