

Shahina Siddiqui (President)



Shahina Siddiqui co-founded Islamic Social Services Association (ISSA). She served as volunteer executive director for ISSA-- USA and Canada from 1999 to 2003. She continues to serve as president and volunteer executive director of ISSA- Canada. Shahina is a freelance writer, author, spiritual counselor, speaker and educator.

Shahina has received many awards among them - YMCA-YWCA (Winnipeg) 'Peace Medal 2002' for her work since September 11 in fostering understanding between Muslims and other religious and cultural groups in Winnipeg. In 2010 she was recognized for her life's struggle for justice and was awarded the 'Grass Roots Women of Manitoba Award' in 2010 in recognition of her social justice activism. In 2013 she was awarded the 'Queen Elizabeth Diamond Jubilee Medal' for her contributions to Canada. In 2014 Dawa Net awarded her the 'Civic Courage Award;' in 2015 'Joan Melonson Award' for her commitment to work for peace and justice. In 2016 Canadian Red Cross awarded her the 'Humanitarian of the Year.'

She founded the Canadian Muslim Women's Institute and is one of the founding members of Canadian Muslim Leadership Institute. She sits on the National Advisory Board for the Canadian Association for Muslims with Disabilities. Shahina serves on the National RCMP Commissioner's Advisory Committee on Diversity as well as on the RCMP Commanding Officers' Advisory Committee on Diversity, D- Division, and Manitoba. Shahina is senior board member of the National Council of Canadian Muslims. She is also Chair of Islamic History Month –Canada

Shahina has served on numerous boards and committees in order to build bridges between groups to help preserve human rights, develop cultural competency and mutual understanding. She has been profiled and recognized in magazines, newspapers and books. Some of these are: "Courageous Crusader," Winnipeg Women, Fall 2012; "Leading by Example," The Prime Times, October 28, 2010; "We Chose Canada – Eleven Profiles from Manitoba's Mosaic" by Lesley Hughes; "Words To Lead By" by Leadership Winnipeg; and "A Place to Call Home" by Canada West Foundation, Sheila O'Brien and Shawna Stirrett.