

## Women of all faiths distribute hundreds of hijabs to invite conversations about faith

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In the spirit of uniting people of all faiths and cultures and starting important conversations, a young women's Muslim group, along with more than 50 volunteers of diverse faiths, will gather on Nicollet Mall in honor of Hijab Day. All participants, regardless of their faiths, will be wearing hijabs and giving them away for free to invite conversations about an often-misunderstood aspect of Muslim faith. Hijabs are the traditional head covering often worn by Muslim women.

Volunteers will be wearing black or white hijabs as they distribute free hijabs to passers-by between 9th and 11th streets, along Nicollet Mall.

The event is one of many being held by Fatuma Mohamed, who entered one of three winning ideas into the 2012 Minnesota Idea Open Challenge III: Working Together Across Cultures and Faiths. Hijab Day is part of Mohamed's "Hidden Pearls: 7-Step Summer Challenge" that works to shatter stereotypes and empower others to lead across cultures and faiths in Minnesota.

More information about the Idea Open and Mohamed's winning idea can be found at the links below.

This event takes place Saturday, July 28, 2012, 3 - 5:00 p.m. on the Nicollet Mall Between 9th and 11th streets in Minneapolis.

MORE INFO: <http://www.mnideaopen.org/challenge3> <http://www.mnideaopen.org/node/7957>