

# **REMOVE HATE BOOKS FROM TOWER HAMLETS' PUBLIC LIBRARIES**

## **LIBRARIES ARE FOR LEARNING NOT INCITING HATRED!**

As you may have seen recently in the national and local media, a disturbing report produced by Independent Think Tank the Centre for Social Cohesion, identifies several areas across the country where local public libraries house substantial quantities of literature preaching violent jihad. Alarming it singles out Tower Hamlets, with one of the largest Muslim communities in our Country, as the worst case.

Tower Hamlets' eight lending libraries contain several hundred books and audio tapes by radical Islamists, stocking the works and words of the leaders of the Muslim Brotherhood and Jamaat-e-Islami, many senior Wahhabi clerics and even preachers (such as Abu Hamza al-Masri and Abdullah al-Faisal) who have been convicted in the UK of incitement to murder.

Many of these books stocked in our libraries:

- **Glorify acts of terrorism against followers of other religions**
- **Incite violence against anyone who rejects jihadist ideologies**
- **Endorse violence and discrimination against women**

In a number of cases these books are not only on library shelves but also given special prominence in displays.

Such books abuse traditions of rationalism and tolerance and risk damaging community cohesion. In the worst cases they are the tools of radicalism and increase the risk of Islamic terrorism.

Despite wide public outcry locally, Labour controlled Tower Hamlets Council have so far refused to remove these very offensive hate books from our Public Libraries and the Library Catalogue.

**Tower Hamlets Conservatives are therefore campaigning hard to force them to take action. Please sign our enclosed petition to support our campaign and help change this situation.**



We, the undersigned, call on Tower Hamlets Council to:

- take immediate action and investigate the finding of Hate Books in our Public Libraries.**
- remove all Hate Books identified in the Centre for Social Cohesion's Report from our Public Libraries and Library Catalogue.**
- ensure that the Islamic collections in our Public Libraries more reflect moderate and mainstream Muslim belief going forward.**

NAME	ADDRESS	TELEPHONE NUMBER	E-MAIL ADDRESS

Data Protection: Please note that by giving us your contact details you are agreeing to receive communications from us. We will keep you updated on this and our other ongoing and future campaigns.

**Please return this petition once completed to:**

**Tower Hamlets Conservatives c/o Cllr Phil Briscoe  
Docklands Business Centre, 10-16 Tiller Road, London E14 8PX**

**Or e-mail us at [petition@towerhamletsconservatives.com](mailto:petition@towerhamletsconservatives.com)**

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