

# HARAS RAFIQ

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Described by Rt Hon Michael Gove MP as being an

**“..exemplary moderate figure” and a “pious Muslim and British patriot committed to peace and cultural harmony”**  
(Celsius 7/7 pg. 102).

Name: **Haras Rafiq**  
Organization: **Quilliam International**  
Position: **Chief Executive Officer**

Haras Rafiq is Quilliam’s CEO and an Executive Board Member. He is currently a member of UK Prime Minister’s Community Engagement Forum (CEF) Task Force and was formerly a member of the UK Government’s task force looking at countering extremism in response to the 2005 terrorist bombings in London, as well as being a peer mentor for IDeA – advising regional government. He is also a member of the Advisory Group on Online Terrorist Propaganda at Europol’s European Counter-terrorism Centre (ECTC). Haras is also a trustee for the Franco British Council and a Fellow at ISGAP (Institute for Study of Global Antisemitism and Policy).

In addition to this, he has worked on and delivered a number of projects relating to the analysis of radicalization, as well as the deradicalization of extremists, and has presented on a number of academic and political platforms, nationally and internationally.

As part of his work, Haras is committed to countering xenophobia and hatred, and has spoken at many conferences and events, including the Global Forum on combating anti-Semitism (December 2009), as well as being a Chair of a working group of the Global Experts’ Forum on anti-Semitism in Ottawa.

Haras is regularly featured in the media as a commentator and has been a cultural ambassador through the UK Government’s “Projecting British Islam” initiative.

As well as the above, Haras has also served on the North West Board of the Mosaic initiative, which was initiated by HRH Prince Charles, and aimed at mentoring youngsters to become contributing members of society.

Haras is regularly featured in the media as a commentator and he is a cultural ambassador via the UK Government’s “Projecting British Islam” initiative.

## **Education + Professional Qualifications**

- Bachelor's Degree in Computer Science.
- MBA (Exec)

## **CURRENT POSITIONS HELD**

- CEO – Quilliam
- Advisor to UK Prime Minister CEF Task Force
- A member of the Advisory Group on Online Terrorist Propaganda at the European Counter Terrorism Centre (ECTC) at Europol
- IDeA (Improvement and Development Agency for Local Government) accredited Peer Mentor – Preventing Extremism
- Trustee of The Franco British Council
- Lecturer/Presenter/Analyst working independently and with various Think Tanks and Universities on Security / Counter Terrorism / Preventing and countering Extremism
- Social Commentator – featured regularly on mainstream media

## **PREVIOUS POSITIONS HELD**

- Co-Founder and Director – CENTRI
- Co-Founder and Former Executive Director Sufi Muslim Council
- Former Proprietor and CEO of Crescent Network including “Crescent Life” magazine and “Crescent Live” IPTV
- Co-Founder – Crescent Radio
- Member of UK Govt Task Force post 7/7 Terrorist attack in London – Preventing Extremism Together
- Various Senior Board Level Positions – Private Sector

## **Authored Reports and Writing for Quilliam International**

- Group Based Child Sexual Exploitation – Dissecting Grooming Gangs - <https://www.quilliaminternational.com/shop/e-publications/group-based-child-sexual-exploitation-dissecting-grooming-gangs/>
- Refuge: Pathways of Youth Fleeing Extremism - <https://www.quilliaminternational.com/shop/e-publications/refuge-pathways-of-youth-fleeing-extremism/>
- Countering Islamist Extremist Narratives – A Strategic Briefing <https://www.quilliaminternational.com/shop/e-publications/countering-islamist-extremist-narratives-a-strategic-briefing/>
- White Paper – Youth Led Pathways from Extremism <https://www.quilliaminternational.com/shop/e-publications/white-paper-youth-led-pathways-from-extremism/>
- Caliphettes: Women and the Appeal of Islamic State <https://www.quilliaminternational.com/shop/e-publications/caliphettes-women-and-the-appeal-of-islamic-state/>
- The Muslim Brotherhood in the UK <https://www.quilliaminternational.com/shop/e-publications/the-muslim-brotherhood-in-the-uk/>
- The War against Prevent – why the clichés persist <https://www.quilliaminternational.com/the-war-against-prevent-why-the-cliches-persist/>
- Platitudes are no longer enough. We Muslims must hold our community, religious leaders and mosques to account <https://www.quilliaminternational.com/cheif-executive-haras-rafiq-platitudes-are-no-longer-enough-we-muslims-must-hold-our-community-religious-leaders-and-mosques-to-account/>
- Countering Extremism: A Problem for Civil Society <https://www.quilliaminternational.com/countering-extremism-a-problem-for-civil-society-by-haras-rafiq/>
- How Spain Became a Terror Target <https://www.quilliaminternational.com/how-spain-became-a-terror-target-haras-rafiq-muna-adil/>
- Far-right or Islamist, call terrorism by its name <https://www.quilliaminternational.com/far-right-or-islamist-call-terrorism-by-its-name-haras-rafiq-and-magnus-roar-bech/>
- Refugee Rights and Political Currency; A Poor Exchange Rate <https://www.quilliaminternational.com/refugee-rights-and-political-currency-a-poor-exchange-rate-haras-rafiq/>