

In light of recent tragic events of the 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2017 in my home city I felt compelled to write my article on `Home Grown Radicalisation`. `All in it together` is a particularly poignant strap-line and for me, being from Manchester I feel this was shown in spades. Radicalisation is now a sad part of European and world wide everyday life. In the UK I have to say, it is also very prevalent within the prison environment. Up and down the country young men and women, who in my opinion have become too insulated and too isolated within their communities. Furthermore, they feel alienated from the mainstream society. This leads to looking for a purpose, a belonging. All too often these seeds are sown in prison.

So what can be done? All Imams are vetted by the security services so I feel that there can be no blame attached there, however, isolation within different cultures in prison does exist. Where upon, prisoners who are only of the same religion will only mix with their own religion. Key workers, personnel officers could play a key role in breaking down barriers between prisoners. I also feel prison governors could introduce courses designed to help prisoners better understand different religions and each other. However, on release all too often many slip off the radar only to turn up somewhere in the country to kill and maim. `All in it together` should be a slogan a zeitgeist maybe a poster? To help breakdown this Ideology these could be placed in the reception area within all UK prisons. This could go a long way just to put into the minds of all prisoners that we need to combat and fight radicalisation within the prison environment. I'm proud Manchester showed the word that being `All in it together` being defiant in the face of home grown radicalisation stoically showing everyone they will not win and we will not be beaten. My city is built on tight knitted communities, my city is multicultural and the diversity within our city is something to be proud of.

All faiths `All in it together` to fight the great fight of our lifetime to break down barriers and the ideology of young men and women not to feel they are isolated from our communities. Hopefully, they then will not turn to groups who want to wreak havoc on our society. From prisoners to prison officers, police officers, faith leaders, community leaders, probation officers, members of the public we should `All be in it together` to win the fight of radicalisation. This should happen not only in the prison environment but also in the community.

Hopefully, `All in it together` we can really try to make a change.