

# Salma Yaqoob: Britain's anti-war movement



## About Salma Yaqoob

*“After September 11, 2001, I went into Birmingham city centre and a man spat at me. I had never experienced racism before, but I was more shocked that nobody else did anything. I had been absolutely livid about the Twin Towers attacks but nothing could justify the bombing of Afghanistan, so I went along to the Birmingham Stop the War Coalition where I was elected chairperson. That is how I became involved in politics, having been a psychotherapist, wife and mother of two kids.”*

Over the past two years, Salma Yaqoob has been part of building one of the most successful mass movements in British history. She has spoken at the mass anti-war rallies in London and at numerous smaller rallies, conferences and meetings against the war. In the belief that what unites people is more important than their differences, she has addressed a variety of forums about the experience of building a broad and diverse movement.

The anti-war movement in Britain has been among the biggest in the world. Tony Blair and the New Labour government have faced an enduring crisis because of it. What have anti-war activists accomplished in Britain? What does this mean for Blair and the future of New Labour?

Join us to hear **Salma Yaqoob** — a leading national figure in the British anti-war movement and chairperson of the Stop the War Coalition in Birmingham, Britain's second-largest city.

**Thurs., June 24, 7:30 pm**  
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