

## Elements of the Portfolio

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<b><u>Policy reports</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Somalis in <a href="#">Helsinki</a> (2013), Somalis in <a href="#">Oslo</a> (2013), Somalis in <a href="#">Malmö</a> (2014), Somalis in <a href="#">Amsterdam</a> (2014), Somalis in <a href="#">Leicester</a> (2014), Somalis in <a href="#">London</a> (2014), Somalis in <a href="#">Copenhagen</a> (2014), Somalis in European Cities: <a href="#">Overview</a> (2015).</li> <li>- Living Together: Projects promoting inclusion in 11 EU Cities, <a href="#">Part 2</a> (2013) and <a href="#">Part 3</a> (2014)</li> <li>- <a href="#">Building Bridges</a>: Report on the London Borough of Waltham Forest (2014)</li> <li>- <a href="#">Behind the Veil</a>: Why 122 Women Choose to wear the Niqab in Britain (2015)</li> </ul>		
<b><u>Significant grants</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>The Maytree Foundation</b>, Cities of Migration (\$49,000, 2012-2014). A series of webinars bringing city officials and minority/grassroots organisations together across European cities on integration practices in urban centres.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>The German Marshall Fund of the United States</b>, Transatlantic Inclusion Leaders Network (\$105,000, 2013-2016 – three grants). Support for the creation of political skills and leadership network of young minority leaders from the USA and Europe, and connecting them with senior policy stakeholders.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Catharina Johanna Maria van der Valk</b>, Translation of the study by Ineke van der Valk ‘Islamophobia and Discrimination’, from Dutch into English (\$8,320, 2012).</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>SONPPCAN</b> (\$20,000, 2014-2015). Support to address the problem of isolation and school drop-outs of young people and children of Somali origin in Amsterdam through mentoring and tutoring.</li> <li>- <b>Immigrant Council of Ireland</b>, Taking racism seriously: Housing (\$25,000, 2015). Support to raise the profile of an emerging issue in Ireland: racially motivated harassment in social housing areas.</li> <li>- <b>British Refugee Council</b>, Moving On: Preventing destitution and supporting refugee integration (£82,443, 2015-2016). Project to advocate for changes in policy and practice to enable newly-granted refugees to have a smooth transition when their Asylum Support is terminated.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Foundation EXPO</b> (\$25,000, 2014). A series of educational workshops for activists from anti-racist organisations and movements in Sweden’s local communities.</li> <li>- <b>Release Leads</b> (\$24,920, 2014-2015) Empowerment of Somali parents in the UK to support their children around stop and search.</li> <li>- <b>Migrant Rights’ Network</b>, London Somalis and Democratic Engagement Project (\$25,000, 2014-2015). Empowerment of 10 young activists of Somali origin and descent to be leaders and advocates of their communities.</li> <li>- <b>Woman2Woman Diaspora Action Group</b> (\$25,000, 2014-2015). Support women with migrant background in Malmö and southern Sweden to be better informed about anti-discrimination laws and policies and to enable them to pursue remedies.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Maslaha</b>, Meet the Somalis: Education resource (\$25,000, 2014-2015). Creation of engaging and relevant multimedia resources around the <i>Meet the Somalis</i> graphic novel for use in British schools.</li> <li>- <b>Finnish Somali League</b>, Anti Marginalization Project (\$18,700, 2014-2015). Facilitation of interaction between ethnic Finns and Finnish Somalis in order to foster interactions and greater social cohesion.</li> <li>- <b>Media Trust</b> (Co-funded with PIJ, \$25,000, 2014-2015). Media training for Somali communities towards a more positive media portrayal, and support for the Community Channel’s Diaspora Season.</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Centre on Migration, Policy and Society</b>, Action towards inclusion in European cities (\$233,539, 2015-2016). To secure tangible reforms in city practices in Europe to foster inclusion, equality of opportunity and a mutual sense of local belonging across diverse communities of newcomers and existing residents, by drawing on recent research evidence on barriers to inclusion and proven effective approaches in overcoming them.</li> <li>- <b>European University Institute</b>, Towards a pluralistic society in Italian cities (\$51,320, 2014-2015). Research based facilitation bringing city officials together to better understand their Muslim population and increase interaction between officials and members of Muslim communities.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Immigrant Council of Ireland</b> (\$54,000, 2014-2016). Project to expand the existing anti-racism services with targeted initiatives aimed at raising the profile of issues pertaining to Islamophobia in Ireland.</li> <li>- <b>Finnish Somali League</b>, Collecting discrimination cases and creating awareness (\$25,000, 2015-2016). Work with the Ombudsman on actions to eliminate discrimination based on cases reported by Somali Finns.</li> <li>- <b>Finnish Refugee Council</b>, Different voices, common goal (\$24,900, 2015-2016). Support Somali and other immigrant-led NGOs to increase their influence on policy, strengthen their practical contributions to inclusion, and enable them to form a more equal partnership with public bodies and other stakeholders.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Media Trust</b>, Somali Voices UK (\$116,849, 2015-2016). Project aimed at building a network of confident and effective British Somali media spokespeople to engage with the media, challenge negative narratives, and give a voice to the diaspora community in the mainstream media.</li> <li>- <b>Norsensus Mediaforum</b>, Faktuell, A Youth media for Inclusion (\$17,000, 2015-2016). Enable young people with limited representation in social and cultural life, including those of Somali and other immigrant backgrounds, to create their own media content and publish to a wider audience.</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Global Diversity Exchange, Building Inclusive Cities</b> (\$150,000, 2015-2017). Creation of a toolkit that allows cities to assess the inclusion of people of immigrant background and migrants, as well as to shape policies to limit marginalization and enable full access to rights and societal participation.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>British Future, 7/7 Ten years on:</b> Communications and anniversary event (\$22,320)<sup>i</sup>. Bring together a network of civic Muslim and non-Muslim groups and advocates to develop communications activities for the tenth anniversary of the London bombings.</li> </ul>	
<u>Examples of advocacy</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- March 2013: Promoting findings from Muslims in EU Cities to 100 Finnish government and city officials.</li> <li>- Nov 2013: Presentation of findings to Mayor of Helsinki with a view to securing his commitment to champion Somali inclusion through local initiatives. This led to 12 recommendations being incorporated into the Helsinki's City Integration Plan- 2013-2016.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Nov 2014: Advocacy workshop with London boroughs of Camden and Tower Hamlets on developing more effective coordination between Somali supplementary schools, ensuring attainment and social development.</li> <li>- March 2015: Discussion with Danish Somali organisations and the Chief Executive of Aarhus City Council on Somali participation in policy. Led to Chief Executive holding policy roundtable on the subject.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sept 2014: Interview with BBC Radio Leicester leading to a commitment by the station to improve Somali representation in the media - see Media Trust grants.</li> <li>- Oct 2014: Panel discussion on Somalis in London at Somali Week Festival, UK.</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– July 2014: Briefing to Mayor of Leicester and official launch of report by the Mayor’s Office.</li> <li>– 2013-2014: Presentations to deputy mayors in Amsterdam, Copenhagen, Helsinki, Oslo, London, Leicester, and Malmö.</li> <li>– June 2014: Briefing on research findings convened by the Chief Advisor of the Ministry of Integration and Inclusion of the Netherlands.</li> <li>– July 2014: Presentation of findings to the Department of Local Communities and Government, UK government.</li> <li>– March 2015: Policy discussion with the EU Counter Terrorism Coordinator, DG Just and DG Home, on research findings and Muslim integration.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– May 2015: Presentation in Aarhus at a public debate organised by the major newspaper <i>Stiftidenen</i> on Somali civic and political participation.</li> </ul>	

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<b><u>Key media, multimedia, and social media</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <a href="#">Meet the Somalis: The illustrated stories of Somalis living in seven cities in Europe</a>, 2013.</li> <li>- Display of posters on integration and Sweden and debate on the situation of Muslims in the country at the Multicultural Centre, Stockholm, 2015.</li> <li>- Series of media interviews across European cities.</li> <li>- Tweet by the President of Somalia on <i>Meet the Somalis</i> cartoons, October 2013.</li> <li>- Various OSF blogs available online (2013-2015).</li> </ul>		
<b><u>Key roundtables, convenings, and networking</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Establishment of 7 city advisory Boards composed of officials, journalists, academics, and practitioners to develop the capacity of emerging young Somali researchers and support their cooperation with established ‘white’ migration and integration researchers.</li> <li>- Roundtables with city officials, practitioners, and integration experts in Amsterdam, Copenhagen, Helsinki, London, Leicester, Malmö, and Oslo (2013-2014).</li> <li>- Panel on Somali research findings at the International Metropolis conference on migration and integration, Tampere, 2013.</li> <li>- <a href="#">Panel discussion, films and music</a> on the role of arts in forging inclusive communities in Europe at Rich Mix, London, 2013.</li> <li>- Panel discussion with foundations on practical and local initiatives to promote migrant communities, London, 2013.</li> <li>- Workshop on cultural diversity and racism at the Swedish Human Rights Forum, Umea, 2014.</li> <li>- Panel on OSF Somali research at Somali Studies International Association Congress, Helsinki, 2015.</li> </ul>		

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<sup>i</sup> This grant shares the second and third goals.