

# NASUWT

## The Teachers' Union

### **Re-Launch of Public Inquiry into Islamophobia in Scotland Recommendations**

At the relaunch of the inquiry, Peter Hopkins stated that some key findings of the inquiry were disturbing and that he was disappointed with the lack of action so far. He identified the ongoing work of the NASUWT and described it as part of 'small pockets of excellence' when tackling Islamophobia.

Additional speakers concluded that it is imperative we all address the issue, especially in the current political climate and education has a huge role to play in this. Many young people are being silenced.

The relaunch also heard that there are ongoing negative attitudes towards Muslims in Britain, fuelled by political and media discourse, with Muslim women the biggest victims of Islamophobia.

The meeting heard that the language and rhetoric of media and politicians continues to be unhelpful. It is hoped that Scotland can show the way ahead on this, with effective Hate Crime reporting and the building of trust within communities.

Key priorities for tackling Islamophobia in Scotland - report urges a focus on education, media and gender.

The NASUWT has said it would continue to work with the CPG "to increase awareness and visibility of the Islamophobia public inquiry recommendations and to maintain pressure on government to translate the recommendations into action"