

## **Circles of Quran Among Muslim Women in Scotland**

### **Abstract**

Most Islamic centres and mosques in European cities nowadays tend to have women's groups, where they meet to learn about Islam systematically. This article explores the emergence of the Muslim women piety movement in Scotland neighbourhood mosques through the participation of Muslim women in Quran circles. It poses three questions: (1) what are the driven factors that led the women to set up Quran circles, (2) what are the religious sources they used during their meetings and (3) how did they approach the sources when dealing with everyday religious questions and experience as western Muslim women. This article argues that piety is observable through various expressions including through collective participation in religious circles, recitation of the Quran and conversations. This article concludes that the presence of Muslim women religious circles represent the presence of Muslim women's autonomous religious movement and their involvement in the transmission of Islamic knowledge at an informal level. It was through discussions about Islamic texts such as the texts of the Quran and the Hadith during their gatherings, that the women create their own religious the autonomy and show understanding of what Islam is in the west.

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