



Dear friends of Solid State

Ramadan Mubarak!

Hope this month is awesome, healthy and full of friends and family.

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1. We are hosting weekly Iftaar events every Tuesday throughout the month. Please do come on out to one – we'd love to have you.

**There's a QR code on the poster you can use to sign up with + here's the eventbrite link too:**

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/solid-state-ramadan-iftaar-series-2022-tickets-303238934817>

And stay tuned – **we are going to host an Eid event** to which everyone is invited. You'll get an invite for that near the end of the month.

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## IFTAAR SERIES

### APRIL 5 - APRIL 26

**EVERY TUESDAY 6-8:30 PM**

10326 WHALLEY BOULEVARD, SURREY, BC V3T 4H4

**WEEK 1** (April 5th) **OPEN TO NON-MUSLIM COMMUNITY**  
RAMADAN 101

**WEEK 2** (April 12th) **OPEN TO MUSLIM COMMUNITY**  
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND ADVOCACY IN ISLAM

**WEEK 3** (April 19th) **OPEN TO WOMEN**  
SOCIETY'S MISPERCEPTION OF WOMEN

**WEEK 4** (April 26th) **OPEN TO EVERYONE**  
ISLAM'S IMPACT ON MENTAL WELLBEING

**SIGN UP HERE!**  
<https://bit.ly/3lyNC38>



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\*Iftaar: The meal eaten by Muslims after sunset during Ramadan.



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## IFTAR SERIES

### TUESDAY, APRIL 5TH

6:00-8:30 PM

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**AUDIENCE: NON-MUSLIM COMMUNITY**

Join us for an informative presentation and panel discussion on what Ramadan is and how Muslims all over the globe experience it. This is a great and informal opportunity to ask any questions, chat with a diverse group of Muslim youth, and eat Iftar together!

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2. April is also lucky enough to host Vaisakhi this year too!

It's on April 14th and we will be hosting an event at our Global HQ which you will be getting an invite to soon as well.





**3.** This is our monthly awards announcements section where we get to brag about all the hardware our crew is gathering up.

This month three (3) – that’s three! – Solid Staters were named to Surrey’s Top 25 under 25! Manpreet Dhesi from GenConnect + two of our Co-Directors – Jshandeep Jassal and Vanessa Fajemisin (who is currently in the tender process for constructing a trophy room to store all the awards she has been winning) – were all selected! Bam.

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**TOP 25 UNDER 25**

Wednesday, April 20 | 5:30 - 8:00pm  
Sheraton Vancouver Guildford Hotel  
Register at [businessinsurrey.com](http://businessinsurrey.com)

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***Jshandeep Jassal***



***Vanessa Fajemisin***

As well, Michelle Suniara, from Let Her Talk, was a recipient of the 2022 Surrey Soroptimists Violet Richardson Award which honours young women for volunteer action.





***Mishelle Suniara***

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4. We've been saying this for a while - but BLAC: Black Art Centre - really is getting super close to opening. Mid-May is the hope. Construction is underway



opening events soon!











5. We'll be doing this more fulsomely soon, and there are a lot of people involved in making the Black Arts Centre a reality, but it is no hyperbole to say that without our architect, friend and advisor Marguerite Francis, this project



Until then, check this out: she was interviewed during Black History month about her life, work and ideas. Its totally worth watching:



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6. On the subject of space, one of our original cohorts, the Ethos Lab – founded and driven by our great pal and colleague Anthonia Ogundele – is opening its new space in Vancouver at Main and 3rd this month.

This is an amazing project and having their own space is going to bump their work up another few levels. If you know teens and families who might be interested in STEAM and joining up with a great crew, please do check them out here:

<https://www.ethoslab.space/>

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7. Finally – Solid State is going camping. Ok, fine, we're going 'camping'.

climbing, kayaking, tenting, canoeing and other dangerous activities.

It's going to be fantastic in all kinds of ways – but not a lot of us have decent gear (boots, packs, waterproof gear etc.) so next newsletter we're going to sending out a request list of stuff we are hoping to borrow. If you have camping/outdoor clothes/equipment you are thinking about giving away, please do hang on to it for another month or two! Thanks a lot.



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