

BIOGRAPHY

Izzeddin Hawamba

MTS 1922 Award Recipient

Dr. Izzeddin Hawamba is a Palestinian educator and storyteller from the West Bank. He holds a PhD in Peace and Conflict Studies, where his work focuses on dialogue, conflict transformation, and the role of narrative in peacebuilding. His research and practice explore how storytelling can serve as a powerful tool for fostering empathy, challenging assumptions, and building meaningful connections across diverse communities. Dr. Hawamba works in anti-racist education across a range of educational and community settings, supporting initiatives that promote inclusive dialogue and critical reflection on identity, history, and belonging. He is the founder of Sadaa – صدی, a storytelling initiative that uses personal narratives and community dialogue to bring people together, creating spaces where individuals can share lived experiences and engage with one another in ways that cultivate understanding and human connection. In addition to his community work, Dr. Hawamba teaches at the University of Winnipeg and Canadian Mennonite University, where he engages students in courses related to peacebuilding, conflict resolution, and social justice education. His work bridges academic scholarship and public engagement, emphasizing the importance of everyday storytelling as a pathway toward more compassionate and connected societies. Dr. Hawamba is a featured TEDx speaker and a recipient of the King Charles III Coronation Medal in recognition of his contributions to community dialogue and education. In 2025, he was also awarded the Global Citizenship Award for Educators by the Manitoba Council for International Cooperation (MCIC) for his work advancing intercultural understanding and community-based peacebuilding.



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