ARGUMENTS AGAINST AGGRESSION

All Muslims are violent, terrorists and extremists.

Why?

(Try to find out what feelings and needs are alive in the other person: empathic resonance)

Are you worried/scared/ terrified?
Do you need safety/peace?
Listening to you I have the impression that you are worried/ scared/terrified because you think our safety/peace is in danger?

What if?

('Mirror questions': how would it be if you were standing in the shoes of that person)

Do you have Muslim colleagues or acquaintances? Do you have the experience they are violent, aggressive? Do you feel scared when you are together with them? How do you think they would react when they are called violent, terrorists and extremists?

Self-reflection

(Questions you can ask yourself in silence to support yourself in understanding the other person)

How important is safety/peace for me?
When do I need it?
How do I feel when this need is not fulfilled?

Empowerment

(More information on the issue and tips how to explore the problem and continue the discussion)

Not all terrorists and extremists are Muslims, nor are all Muslims terrorists, violent and extremists. A Muslim practices Islam and can be from many different countries, including European countries like Great Britain, Spain, Slovenia, Croatia.
In Europe, there were in the last 15 years (since 2004) nine terrorist attacks with an Islamic motive. It is definitely a number, that we should consider and it is good that the police are doing many actions in order to prevent such attacks from happening. At the same time, there were many more terrible terrorist attacks in European Member States committed on a national level by separatists and nationalists.

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