

Elia Nuqul Foundation Organizes Its First 'Hiwaruna/حوارنا' Meeting

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Elia Nuqul Foundation launched 'Hiwaruna' as part of its mission to create a new generation of students who are aware of the changes occurring in Jordan's society and culture, as well as helping them develop their skills. 'Hiwaruna' is an online discussion forum for Elia Nuqul Foundation and affiliated students giving them the chance to discuss important topics followed by scheduled meetings. On almost every occasion, a well-known lecturer will elaborate on the discussion to give a better understanding to audiences.

Randi Abdin, the Director of Elia Nuqul Foundation, said: "We were very pleased with the interaction of our students during the first 'Hiwaruna' meeting on Saturday, November 2, 2013 with the chosen topic being community service. Elia Nuqul Foundation selected the topic for this discussion due to its significance in Jordan and the positive impact it has on its citizens; students had the chance to choose topics for later discussion. The recently launched forum is not only important in ensuring long-lasting relations between Elia Nuqul Foundation and its students and graduates, but also in helping us become more acquainted with students and their ideas, as well as improve their communication skills."

Randi continued: "We invited Rawan Barakat, Founder of Raneen organization, who successfully addressed students on the importance of community service and despite her visual disability; she helped children recognize the true joy of reading, especially those with impaired vision. She was granted the King Abdullah Award in 2009 and the Synergos Award. Rawan is now focused on creating the largest Arab Audio library in Jordan and subsequently the Arab world. The recent discussions between students and Rawan were facilitated by Elia Nuqul Foundation's Social Media Consultant Kamal Al Asmar."

With diverse academic backgrounds including Information Technology, Engineering, Accounting, Law and Medicine, ENF scholars come from all around

Jordan with the same passion to serve their community. Their enthusiasm was seen through their questions posed and through their participation in hours of discussion. ENF scholars are already engaged in some volunteer work such as helping the blind, participating in workshops and volunteering in free medical days. Students also looked for ways to remove the obstacles they routinely encounter while volunteering, such as very busy academic schedules and the lack of public awareness regarding community service. Students will continue this discussion through ENF's social network and will prepare for their upcoming discussion within the 'Hiwaruna' platform.