



Saïd
Foundation



Annual
Review
2019



Above: Wafic Saïd with the Dean of the Saïd Business School, Professor Peter Tufano, and the Vice Chancellor of the University of Oxford, Professor Louise Richardson.

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Cover: Former Saïd Foundation scholars

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Welcome

This year's review is dedicated in particular to the Foundation's achievements in education since its creation nearly forty years ago.

Education has been central to the work of the Saïd Foundation since my wife Rosemary and I set it up in 1982 in memory of our son Karim. The reason is simple to explain. We believe wholeheartedly in Nelson Mandela's maxim that education is the most powerful weapon you can use to change the world. In many of the countries where the Foundation works, especially in the Middle East, education is what offers hope to young people otherwise facing despair from the misfortunes heaped upon them. In the face of war, random violence, displacement of whole populations, discrimination, absence of the public services which most of us take for granted, and now on top of all that Covid-19, the opportunity to enjoy a good education is a rare highway to hope. And for the countries themselves education creates a reservoir of talent and expertise to help them rebuild. Education is the key to the future and support for it is the Foundation's highest priority.

Encouraging socially responsible young businessmen and women from across the world has also led the Foundation to support the creation of the world-leading Saïd Business School at the University of Oxford and to provide scholarships to generations of students who would not otherwise have the opportunity to study there.

In this review we celebrate the over 1,100 scholars whom we have supported since awarding our first scholarship in 1984. They represent an extraordinary cadre of committed young professionals whose aim has not just been to improve themselves but to hold out a hand to those less fortunate and inspire them to follow their example. In this year's report, you will find case studies of how our assistance has helped them to go on to achieve great things in life.

Over that time the Foundation has:

- awarded a total of over 1100 scholarships including 627 scholarships for the brightest talent from the Middle East to undertake postgraduate studies in the UK and elsewhere, and over 280 scholarships for students from around the world to study for an MBA or a DPhil at the Saïd Business School. The Foundation has committed almost £27.5 million to funding for scholarships over that period.
- continued its work with the UNHCR's DAFI Programme which enables Syrian refugees to attend university in their host country. In total, we have supported over 400 refugee scholars in Lebanon and Jordan through this programme.
- joined together with the Asfari Foundation to run the Building a Better Tomorrow Appeal which raised a total of £5.5 million for the IRC to continue its work in Lebanon to improve Syrian refugee children's access to education and protection. The funds raised will support the IRC's work in Lebanon until 2022.

I am immensely proud of everything the Foundation has achieved in the field of education as well as its other activities since our first steps so many years ago. Rosemary and I feel we have achieved much of what we sought for from the Foundation and remain as committed as ever to its future success. I would like to thank each and every one of the Foundation's Trustees and staff members for their commitment and hard work in helping us to achieve such great things.

Wafic Rida Saïd

**Chairman
Saïd Foundation**

Scholarships Programme



Our 2018/19 scholars with the Chairman, Mr Wafic Saïd and Mrs Rosemary Saïd.

Image: Greg Hammond Photography

In 2019 the Saïd Foundation celebrated the 35th anniversary of its Scholarships Programme. In 1984 the Foundation established the programme to empower talented young people through educational opportunities that would help their career development, enable them to achieve greater impact in their professional fields and bring benefits to others in the Levant.

The programme has been aimed towards outstanding individuals who demonstrate leadership potential to be drivers of change in its target countries of Syria, Lebanon, Jordan and Palestine.

In 2018/19 we supported 20 scholars to study a wide range of Master's courses including transport and city planning, pharmacology, sustainable energy, food security, mechatronics and robotics and advanced computer science.

With the help of its partner organisations, the Foundation is able to increase the number of scholars it supports each year. The Saïd Foundation has been partnering with Chevening since 2003, with the British Lebanese Association since 2009 and with 27 top UK universities including Cambridge and Oxford.

Scholarships Programme

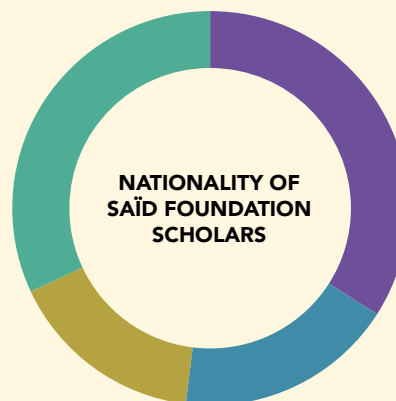
Our Alumni

One of the Scholarships Programme's objectives is to build and maintain one of the most prestigious and influential alumni networks in the Middle East where our members are leaders and decision makers in their respective professions.



The 2018 Alumni Achievement Prize winner Hiba Salem from Damascus, Syria receives her award from Deputy Chair, Rasha Saïd Khawaja and our Trustee, Catherine Roe.

Image: Greg Hammond Photography



Since 1984 we have supported 627 scholars to study in the UK, many of whom have contributed to the development of their professional sectors in the Middle East. Our growing body of alumni boasts leading policymakers, health and development professionals, educators, international business consultants, entrepreneurs, lawyers, engineers, environmentalists, artists and architects.

The programme continues to meet its objectives of providing talented individuals with educational opportunities that not only enhance their professional career but also contribute to the development of the Levant region. In a recent alumni survey two-thirds of alumni questioned had returned to their home country. 85% of former scholars surveyed are currently employed, with over a third in senior positions. Many commented that the skills and knowledge gained during their studies in the UK had enabled them to become pioneers and leaders in their respective fields.

Spotlight on our Alumni

Salma Nims

“Receiving a Saïd Foundation scholarship to study for my Master’s and PhD at University College London was one of the major turning points in my life. Studying in the UK did not only equip me with the knowledge and tools needed for practicing development planning in the developing world. It also initiated a process of transforming me into the person I am today: a professional that fights with the heart of an activist.”



The 2019 Alumni Achievement Prize winner Salma Nims from Jordan, receives her prize from our Trustee, Reverend Jonathan Aitken.

Image: Greg Hammond Photography

The Saïd Foundation supported Dr Salma Nims, from Jordan, to study at UCL for a Master of Science in Sustainable Development in 1997 and a PhD in Development Planning in 1999.

Upon graduation, Salma returned to Jordan and within a few years became one of the few experienced gender and development consultants in the country. She went on to provide professional development and gender consultancy services to several Jordanian ministries and international organisations such as UNICEF and the United Nations Development Programme.

In 2014, Salma was appointed as the Secretary General of the Jordanian National Commission for Women (JNCW). In 2017 under her leadership the JNCW secured the

abolishment of article 308 of the Jordanian penal code. The article was a stark violation of human rights as it allowed rapists to escape persecution or imprisonment if they married their victims. This abolishment paved the way for women movement around the Arab World to advocate for change and succeeded in Lebanon.

In recognition of her work and achievements in tackling gender inequality including issues related to combating discrimination and violence against women, Salma was awarded the Saïd Foundation’s Alumni Achievement Prize in 2019.

Scholarships Programme

Husam Zomlot

“Saïd Foundation Scholarships are highly contended and prestigious as they enhance and empower scholars in their careers. Thanks to the Foundation I had the opportunity to pursue the path of education and success. It was that period that has granted me the intellectual academic experience in the UK and for that, I am ever grateful.”

Husam Zomlot.

Image: Greg Hammond Photography



Dr Husam Zomlot, from Gaza, Palestine was supported by the Saïd Foundation to pursue a PhD in International Political Economy from SOAS University of London in 2000.

Dr Zomlot was a professor of Strategy and Public Policy at Birzeit University in Palestine, where he co-founded and chaired Birzeit School of Government, and held a number of teaching and research positions at Harvard University and the University of London.

His professional experiences include working as an economist at the United Nations and as an economic researcher with the London School of Economics and the Palestine Policy Research Institute.

Ambassador Dr Zomlot is currently the Head of the Palestinian Mission to the United Kingdom. Prior to his appointment to the UK, he served as Ambassador to the United States (Head of the PLO General Delegation to the United States), and Strategic Affairs Advisor to the Palestinian President. Dr Zomlot's previous official roles include serving as Ambassador-at-large for the Palestinian Presidency and Director of Fatah Foreign Relations Commission.

Scholarships Programme

Maha Shuayb

“The Saïd Scholarship came after I had spent 7 years studying in isolation at home due to a car accident which had left me dependent on a wheelchair. At that time (and unfortunately it is still the case) very few schools and universities admitted students with disabilities. Thanks to the support of the Foundation I have spent the last 15 years working in education in the Arab world and tackling issues that many vulnerable groups face in the region.”

Dr Maha Shuayb, from Lebanon, was awarded a Saïd Foundation Scholarship to study for an MA in Counselling at Newcastle University in 2000 and for a PhD in Education at the University of Cambridge the following year.

After completing her studies Maha returned to Lebanon and has worked in education ever since. In 2012 Maha was appointed the Director of the Centre for Lebanese Studies (CLS), an independent research centre in Beirut that is affiliated with St. Antony's College at the University of Oxford. CLS's local and international research network has grown and its work addresses the education of vulnerable groups in the Arab world such as refugee children and people with disabilities.

Maha was also instrumental in the establishment of the disability research and advocacy hub which aims to advance research and shape policies and build capacities in this field.

Alongside her work at CLS Maha has also been awarded several highly prestigious international research grants such as the Lyle Spencer Research grant. Throughout her career, Maha's aim has always been to strengthen research capacities in Lebanon, advance the position of research institutions in the global south, and support the creation of networks and professional groups that can bring together academics, practitioners and policy makers to education in the Arab world.



Scholarships Programme

Nadine Kaadan

“When I first came to the UK, I did not think that I would be published in one of the most complex and competitive industries for children’s books in the world. Today I am very proud to be an award-winning children’s books author and illustrator, and my books are one of the few that celebrate Syrian culture in the UK. My Saïd Foundation scholarship was simply a life-changing experience that transformed my skillset and career from a local to an international level. It helped articulate and amplify my voice in representing my literature and culture in the Arab world, at a time when prejudice and misrepresentation were at a new peak.”



Nadine Kaadan with our Chairman, Wafic Saïd.

Image: Greg Hammond Photography

Nadine Kadaan is from Damascus, Syria and was supported by the Foundation to pursue a Master’s in Communication Design: Illustration at Kingston University in 2012.

Nadine’s book *Answer me, Leila!* won the Anna Lindh award for the best fiction book for children with special needs in 2011 and is now being used to teach the Arabic language at Harvard University. Her book *Ghadan* (Tomorrow), about the daily life of a little boy during the Syrian conflict, was nominated for the prestigious Kate Green Medal 2019. Her latest title *The Jasmine Sneeze* is one of the first children’s books in the UK that touches on Syria’s long and proud culture and heritage in a period of history marred by war. The book has been featured in several literature festivals in the UK.

Nadine is a speaker at international book fairs and conferences and has featured in programmes on the BBC and on CNN. In 2016, Nadine was awarded the Foundation’s Alumni Achievement Prize. In 2019 she was awarded the Arab British Centre Award for Culture in recognition of her work building bridges between anglophone families and the Arab world.

Saïd Business School

In 1996, our Chairman, Wafic Saïd, agreed to help the University of Oxford create its first business school. Since then, the Foundation has gifted more than £86 million to the University to support the creation of a world class business school embedded within a wider collegiate university.

This capital funding was critical to the construction of the award-winning buildings which provide an exceptional teaching and learning environment for its students and faculty.

Oxford Saïd sets itself apart from other business schools with its purpose to help businesses tackle world-scale problems. To lead its mission to educate present and future leaders to take on the toughest challenges facing society today, in 2019 the School welcomed Paul Polman as the new Chair of its Board. Paul Polman is an ambitious leader who shares the School's belief that business can play an integral part in addressing the systemic issues that will alter the future for generations to come: planetary threats; rising inequality; the mismatch of education, skills and employment opportunities.



Saïd Business School, University of Oxford.

Image: David Fisher

The Foundation agreed in 2018 to a gift of £15 million for the redevelopment of the Osney Power Station as a state-of-the-art executive teaching facility for the School. This gift is matched by the University of Oxford, with the remainder of the budget coming from other sources. In April, Wafic Saïd, Professor Louise Richardson, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Oxford, Dean Peter Tufano, and Trustees of the Saïd Foundation attended the official signing ceremony at the School. In September, Oxford City Council approved planning permission. The Global Leadership Centre will bring leaders from business, government and civil society together with academics from across the University of Oxford.

Saïd Business School



Dean Peter Tufano with some of the students supported through the Strategic Development Fund.

Image: Greg Hammond Photography

One of the most important ways in which the Foundation continues to support the School year after year is through its Strategic Development Fund which awards scholarships for students to study at the School. Since 2008, the Foundation has supported over 280 MBA and DPhil scholars from around the world.

We recognise that these scholarships have the power to transform the lives and opportunities of individual students. They also enable the School to select a uniquely

talented and diverse student body and to progress further and faster towards its gender and geographical diversity goals, enriching the education and experience of everyone in the School. The 2019/20 MBA class includes students of 64 nationalities, with 44% female participants and 13% of the class coming from Africa.

Saïd Business School



Jurie Jean van der Vyver.

Image: Greg Hammond Photography

The Saïd MBA prize is awarded annually to a student that has excelled academically, made an exceptional contribution to the classroom and contributed to the wider social and intellectual life of the School. In 2019, the prize was awarded to Jurie Jean van der Vyver (JJ).

His working background includes qualification as a Chartered Accountant (South Africa), assurance work with Deloitte in Johannesburg, and most recently strategy consulting with Monitor Deloitte. He has practiced various forms of meditation over several years, trained in traditional plant medicine in Peru and led workshops that cultivate emotional and spiritual intelligence.

The MBA enabled JJ to explore the intersection between business strategy and human personal development. He has gone on to pursue a career in business consulting, and currently works as a Consultant at Visual Meaning, a team of visually trained business analysts and consultants who specialise in creating shared meaning to enable business change and whole-system transformation.



Our Chairman, Wafic Saïd, with JJ and William Heard

Image: Greg Hammond Photography



Saïd Rhodes scholars with Dr Liliane Chamas, Rhodes National Secretary for Syria, Jordan, Lebanon, and Palestine.

Image: Lee Atherton

The Saïd Foundation's partnership with the Rhodes Trust at the University of Oxford continues to attract ambitious young leaders from the Levant region who are committed to the development of their communities and making a positive change in their countries and the world.

Since 2017, every year two new Saïd Rhodes Scholars are selected from Syria, Jordan, Lebanon, and Palestine to undertake graduate studies at Oxford. They join hundreds of bright young people from around the world who are committed to achieving public good.

These outstanding individuals were chosen for their strong drive and determination and for their commitment to their respective home countries.

The Foundation is proud to partner with the Rhodes Trust and the University of Oxford to provide life changing opportunities for outstanding individuals from its target countries.

Syria Programme

“Syria is the biggest humanitarian and refugee crisis of our time”

Filippo Grandi, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

Rasha Said Khawaja, Deputy Chair, at an IRC Safe Healing Learning Space.

Image: Elias Beam



In 2019, the war in Syria entered its 9th year. Over 5.6 million people have fled Syria since 2011, seeking refuge in Lebanon, Turkey, Jordan and beyond, and 6.2 million are displaced inside Syria.

When the conflict began in 2011, the Foundation provided emergency assistance to victims and from 2014 it shifted the focus to educational programming with international NGOs. Thanks to the generous donations to our 2016 Hands up for Syria Appeal, in collaboration with our partners the Asfari Foundation and the Hands Up Foundation, we were able to reach over 100,000 Syrians in need over the last three years.

Our work with IRC in Lebanon focuses on protection and access to education for Syrian children and young people. Our partnership with UNHCR's DAFI Programme enables Syrian refugees in Lebanon and in Jordan to access university. Our work with Turquoise Mountain trains future generations in the arts and crafts of Syria, creates sustainable livelihoods and teaches children in camps about their country's cultural heritage. In the UK, we have continued to support the Centre for Entrepreneurs in scaling up its refugee entrepreneur network.

Syria Programme



Rasha Khawaja Saïd and the Foundation's CEO, Catherine Thomé with representatives of Germany's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Higher Education, and of UNHCR.

Image: UNHCR/Tardy

In December, Rasha Khawaja Saïd and Catherine Thomé attended the Global Refugee Forum held at the United Nations in Geneva at the UNHCR's invitation. The Foundation made a statement regarding its continued support to the DAFI Programme in Lebanon and Jordan. The UN's objective is to increase access to Higher Education for people seeking refugee protection from 3% to 15% by 2030. The Saïd Foundation is the largest private donor to the DAFI Programme.

Syria Programme



Catherine Thomé with Hana Mitri Shahin, Executive Director of the King Hussein Foundation which implements the DAFI programme in Jordan, Carolyn Ennis, UNHCR Jordan Deputy Representative, and DAFI scholars.

The DAFI Programme is funded by the German government and has been enabling access to higher education for refugee students in their country of asylum since 1992. It is administered worldwide by UNHCR. The purpose of the DAFI Programme is to contribute to the self-reliance of refugees by providing them with a professional qualification for future employment.

The Foundation's partnership with UNHCR and the DAFI Programme started in 2014. To date, it has enabled over 400 Syrian students to pursue undergraduate studies in their host countries of Lebanon and Jordan. In October, the CEO, Catherine Thomé, met current and former DAFI scholars in Amman. A reception was held for the first 41 alumni who had graduated earlier in the year. In November, the Foundation pledged funding for a further 40 students in Lebanon and Jordan for the next four years.

Meet our DAFI scholars

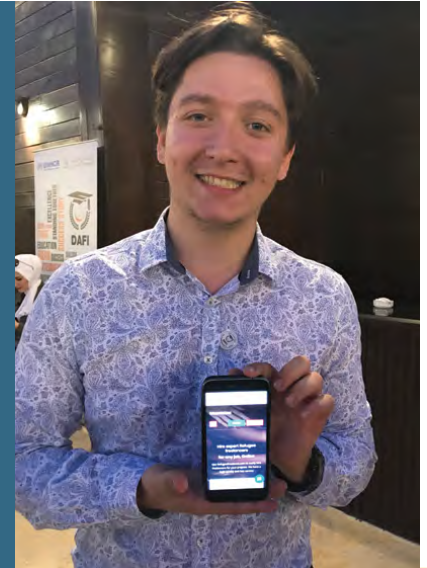
Mohammad Eyad

Mohammad Eyad remembers well the horrific feeling when he realised he could no longer stay in his home country, Syria, and that he could no longer continue his education.

He was anxious about continuing his education but since he was awarded a DAFI scholarship, Mohammad has been able to focus on his studies and not worry about having to work to cover his living expenses.

The DAFI scholarship allowed Mohammed not only to continue his education, but also to start the “Refugee Freelance” platform, a mobile application which enables refugees to sell their services to customers globally.

Mohammad is studying Business and Marketing at the Applied Science University in Jordan.



Shahem Al Boni

Shahem Al Boni was born to a well-educated and financially stable family until the war eradicated all their dreams and they were forced to leave everything behind and seek refuge in Jordan. All he could see was a dark looming future, without a home country to take him in and no money to continue his education.

Shahem achieved the highest score in his high school exams and was the top of his class in Jordan. While he could study any major of his choice, he was unable to fund his studies. His only hope was to secure a

scholarship, so he devoted his time to look for scholarship opportunities.

He learnt about DAFI scholarships through an online search and applied enthusiastically, hoping for his dream to study medicine to become true. He was awarded the scholarship in recognition of his high academic performance in school.

Mohammad is a fourth year Medicine student at the Hashemite University in Jordan, who hopes to become a cardiologist.

Syria Programme

In November 2018, the Asfari Foundation and the Saïd Foundation ran the Building a Better Tomorrow appeal dinner to help victims of the Syrian war. The total amount raised, including matched funding from the Chairmen, was almost £5.5 million. With these funds, the International Rescue Committee continues its work to create a safe and supportive environment for Syrian children and their families in Lebanon, and transform the lives of Syrian children through education, child protection and community empowerment.

In 2019, a deteriorating economic situation and related civil unrest have contributed to a sharp increase in the number of children working on the streets, as families grow desperate to make ends meet.

As a result of their environment, refugee children and young women face substantial barriers to accessing an education. Lack of job prospects means caregivers are forced to send their children to work; lack of space due to funding restrictions in Lebanon's formal education system; and the fact that refugee girls are increasingly at risk of forced early marriage and physical abuse are among just a few of these barriers which we have been working to remove.

In the first year of this programme, 4,288 children, young people and their families were reached directly with education and support services. A further 21,440 people were reached through cash assistance and community actions.

Rasha Saïd Khawaja, Deputy Chair, at a child protection session at an IRC Safe Healing Learning Space.

Image: Elias Beam



Syria Programme



Jewellery Trainee Aya Momani.

Image: Turquoise Mountain

Our partnership with Turquoise Mountain in Jordan started in 2017 with the objective of enabling Syrian refugees who are master craftsmen to practice their trade and training the next generation of master artisans thereby preserving Syrian and Levantine heritage and earning a livelihood.

Turquoise Mountain is now well-established in Amman. The official launch event in June was attended by members of the Jordanian royal family, the UK ambassador to Jordan, artisans, designers, NGO leaders and many others. Amman Design Week was an opportunity for the public, potential customers, designers, and partners to meet artisans and the Turquoise Mountain team. Over 100,000 people visited the show and Turquoise Mountain's talks and interactive exhibition saw thousands of people visit with them. The artisans were the prime focus and they received many requests for work from visitors.

New Pippa Small Jewellery Collection.

Image: Pippa Small

In the second half of 2019, extensive training took place in stonemasonry, woodwork, Islamic geometry and drawing, jewellery and embroidery workshops in Amman and in Azraq camp. As students graduate, Turquoise Mountain looks at pathways to support them into either workshop placements, further learning, establishing their own businesses or moving into teaching support roles. Turquoise Mountain continued to support a growing artisan network with over 75 master artisans from Syria and Jordan.

The showroom on Rainbow Street receives an increasing number of visitors each month. The range of products include large mosaic dining tables, mother-of-pearl inlays screens, exquisitely carved wooden furniture, and smaller souvenir items such as brass and copper candle holders and carved wooden trays. The jewellery workshop is thriving and Turquoise Mountain has entered in partnerships with international jewellery designers Pippa Small and Jinks McGrath who have already begun to design, order, purchase and sell products from the Amman workshops in the UK.

The cultural heritage outreach programme continued in the camps and together with a variety of partners, Turquoise Mountain was able to deliver multiple courses in Zaatari camp, Azraq camp, in host communities and in Amman to hundreds of children.



Amal Programme

The Amal Programme makes grants in the UK in support of a rich diversity of arts activities, including storytelling, visual arts, theatre, poetry, film, music and dance.



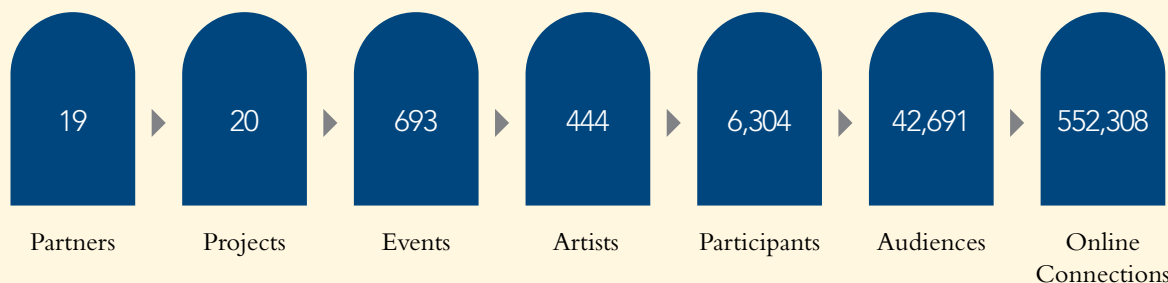
Young people, including from the local Syrian community, performing music they had composed in workshops with the London Syrian Ensemble at the Art by the Lake festival in Milton Keynes.

Image: Karen Kodish

The programme has two interlinked objectives:

- To increase understanding of Britain's Muslim communities among people of other faiths and none.
- To foster a stronger sense of belonging in the UK among its Muslim communities.

In 2018/2019, Amal supported 22 projects through 21 partner organisations. Projects in our hub locations included the Slambassadors poetry competition with 12 schools in the London Borough of Tower Hamlets; BE Next's performing arts workshops for young people, culminating in a performance at the Birmingham Rep's BE Festival; and backstage training opportunities and performing arts workshops for school students provided by the National Youth Theatre when it put on Muslim playwright Asif Khan's play, Imaam Imraan, at the Bradford Literature Festival.



*Participant numbers
from projects supported
in 2018/2019*

Amal Programme

Through a rigorous evaluation process, Amal continually gathers data from its projects and, from it, evidence of impact. In October 2019, a Learning Workshop was held to bring together all of Amal's partners to gain deeper insight into their work and to continue our efforts of building a strong network within the culture sector.

Amal Learning Workshop at Asia House – October 2019.

Image: Amal Team



Kiln Theatre's Community Play brought together 100 residents – aged seven to 77 years – from the London Borough of Brent to perform onstage and off-stage roles in a community theatre performance celebrating the history of migration and community care in the borough. Five free performances of the play were hosted at the Kiln, all of which played to packed-out audiences. The Kiln called it *"the largest and most ambitious community engagement project"* in their theatre's history.

Partner: Kiln Theatre.

Image: Mark Douet

Amal Programme



Ayisha Malik and guests at a Cityread event

Image: Cityread London 2019

Amal supported Cityread Festival in hosting a month-long series of events around Ayisha Malik's book 'Sofia Khan is Not Obligated'. Attended by over 10,000 people, this was the first time Cityread had engaged with a Muslim author. Their Asian audiences doubled from 7% in the previous year to 14%. Cityread Chief Executive Andy Ryan reported on:

"the sheer number of young British Asian women (Muslim and non-Muslim) who attended our author events, and asked questions to Ayisha. And those questions invariably began with the speaker saying how in Ayisha's book they had found, for the first time, a character who they could relate to, who spoke to them, who they could see themselves in. Many of these women also said how Ayisha and her writing had inspired them to start writing their lived experiences too."

With Amal's support, Tamasha Theatre Company toured Nyla Levy's play "Does My Bomb Look Big In This?" to 10 schools around the UK. It was seen and discussed by 867 students aged 14-17 and their teachers. The play tells the story of a young girl from London who leaves for Syria after being groomed online. The play is being turned into a podcast and will become a resource for teachers in schools. One teacher said:

"I have had the deepest, most informed and authentic discussions with my students since your visit – on socio-political issues and about theatrical techniques and devices... I had staff in the studio who have never been before; the Head of Sociology who took the script back into her lessons yesterday, our Senior Tutors who are using the work to reflect on our tutorial programme and the Head of English who is excited to use passages from the script in his lessons."

Nyla Levy and Halema Hussain in "Does my Bomb Look Big In This?"

Image: Bettina Adela



Support from Amal enabled Bradford-based youth theatre company Freedom Studios to produce two short plays by playwrights, Asma Elbadawi and Aina Khan, and host a series of creative workshops and performances in 24 local community centres and at the Kala Sangam performing arts venue in the heart of Bradford.

"Great representation for women of colour - lots to relate to regardless of race to bring everyone together."

(Audience member comment)

Image: Freedom Studios



Artist Asia Alfasi

Image: Asad Abbas

Amal partnered with Soul City Arts to curate a series of art markets and live drawing battles at the Mosley School of Arts in Balsall Heath, Birmingham. Led by street artist Mohammed Ali MBE, audiences were invited to observe local artists creating their pieces using graffiti and manga techniques while also participating in creative art workshops and activities for all the family.

"People love beautiful things, they love art, it's something that unites. I realised when I was at school in Scotland that drawing manga bridged the gap between myself, my peers and my school mates. The people who used to bully me before became fans."

(Artist Asia Alfasi)

About Us

Vision

Our vision is of a world where people from all backgrounds can realise their full potential.

Mission

Our mission is to bring positive and lasting change to the lives of children, young people and the wider community through carefully selected investments in themes and geographies with which the Saïd family and the Saïd Foundation have developed strong links and expertise.

Catherine Thomé visits an informal tented settlement in the Jordan Valley with Salma Wélbe of Save the Children.



Guiding Principles:

- A conviction that education is a powerful tool to change lives for the better and that higher education in particular plays a valuable role in creating enlightened and effective leadership which benefits the broader community.
- An approach that is non-sectarian and non-political.
- Recognition of the need to build capacity and capability across the region we work in.
- An understanding of the importance of bridge building, communication and respect across cultures.
- A desire to enhance and learn from our thematic and regional experience and to benefit from synergy between programmes.
- The potential to promote philanthropy and to maximise the impact of specific projects through partnerships with organisations that share our objectives.

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Charitable spending

In 2018/19, the Foundation’s charitable spending was £4.1 million split across four programmes.

Charitable expenditure by programme:

£MILLIONS	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	FIVE-YEAR AVERAGE	FIVE-YEAR AVERAGE (%)
Saïd Business School	2.0	1.4	1.2	16.1	1.3	4.4	48%
Syria Programme	3.1	2.9	2.4	3.2	1.5	2.6	28%
Scholarships Programme	0.8	0.9	0.7	1.0	0.8	0.8	9%
Rhodes Trust Scholarships	0.0	5.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.1	12%
Amal	0.0	0.1	0.6	0.1	0.5	0.3	3%
TOTAL	5.9	10.8	4.9	20.4	4.1	9.2	100%

	2018/19 £MILLIONS	%
Saïd Business School	1.3	32%
Syria Programme	1.5	37%
Scholarships Programme	0.8	19%
Amal	0.5	12%
TOTAL	4.1	100%



Rasha Saïd Khawaja greeting children during a risk mitigation session at an IRC Safe Healing and Learning Space in Lebanon.

Image: Elias Beam

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