

Young Arab Voices

Region: Euro Mediterranean (special focus on Jordan, Egypt, Libya, Tunisia, Algeria and Morocco)

Organisation responsible: Debate Foundation, British Council and the Anna Lindh Foundation

Period: 2011-2014



Activity: The Young Arab Voices regional programme , since its launch in 2011, aims at providing opportunities, tools, and capacity building for the involvement of youth in running and managing effective debates for the purpose of enriching the pluralistic democratic dialogue existing in the Arab world.

Objectives

Increasing young people's skills for public debate.

Providing platforms for youth from diverse backgrounds to meet and exchange views.

Providing targeted support for young bloggers in terms of outreach work at the grass-root level, enabling them to bridging the gap between virtual and public space.

Description

The 'Young Arab Voices' regional project is working on creating and facilitating:

A programme of youth debates and exchange across targeted countries which will consist of the setting up of debating clubs, to be sustained through the network of trained facilitators, and the mobilization and organization of debating forums involving diverse young people.

A regional resource network and a set of training tools for facilitating further debate which will provide a platform of support to debate clubs being developed in the targeted countries, as well as a platform of exchange for facilitators to share good practice and offer peer-to-peer support. The training tools will be produced by adapting existing support materials and training modules in terms of language (Arabic) and content (cultural relevance).

Stakeholders

The 'Young Arab Voices' regional project is jointly managed by the British Council and the Anna Lindh Foundation and co-financed by both the European Union and the UK government's Arab Partnership Initiative (2011 - 2014).

GOAL 6: Reinforce the role of youth as actors for change

(99) Advocate for the inclusion of youth representation and participation in the political space through educational programs, especially on the planning and decision-making at governmental and institutional process, without discrimination. Importance to include all possible youth population: local and immigrants.

(100) Implement education programs that promote global justice, soft skills and critical thinking, tolerance and respect for diversity, in order to promote peace and nonviolent values.