

Education LeaderShape course teaches EC students that anyone can become a leader

Learning to lead

DOZENS OF students have successfully completed the latest LeaderShape program, a course essentially designed to instil integrity into the potential leaders of tomorrow.

The program is now in its fifth year at Qatar Foundation and has seen 240 Education City students pass through its doors.

Curt Kenoyer, Assistant Director for Campus Life at Education Division's Office of Faculty and Student Services, explained the aims of the course when he told *QF Telegraph*: "It's about getting students to recognize their impact on others and make decisions that have a positive impact on the world and those around them, whether it's their personal or their work environment."

Mohammed Al-Kubaisi, a 22-year-old Qatari who studies petroleum engineering at Texas A&M University at Qatar, said he applied for the LeaderShape program as he wanted to improve his leadership skills.

He said: "I learned many things like integrity and the value of communication. I got to know new people and their habits and how to deal with them and how I can get a vision for the future."

This year, 100 students applied for one of the 67 places on the course.

One segment of the course was Star Power, which introduced students to the nature of power, how wealth influences power, and the fine line between using power to influence or abuse others.

Students were also told about vision processing and came up with both manageable and improbable visions, finally walking away with a blueprint of how to think in realistic terms.

Dana Atrach, 19, studies communications at Northwestern University in Qatar. "I see myself as a leader but there is always space to grow and you can always improve yourself; the more you improve the more you can improve the community."

"I think the most important thing I learned was that a leader needs to have a vision as that's what motivates you. A lot of people can say they want to do something but how many of those people turn their words into actions?"

Kenoyer said he believed LeaderShape will help undergraduate students, who came from the various universities at Education City, later in life.

"I think they walked away from the program with a better understanding of themselves and what their strengths and weaknesses are - and a lot of aspects of how they relate to the



world: team-working, communicating a vision and so on," he said.

"Leadership is presented as something that is done with others. The students were told that no one is born


a leader, anyone can be a leader at any place. It leaves students with the impression that they can make an impact, and gives them the skills to take action and make a difference."

The six-day course, which took place from 3 to 8 January, was held at Al Sultan Beach Resort in Al Khor so as to take the participants away from their daily lives.

Women's center



Georgetown University School of Foreign Service in Qatar recently launched a center dedicated to supporting its female student body. Read more about its services on page 5.



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New Qatar Academy playground



Qatar Academy students are documenting the restoration of their play area through photography. The new recreation area is currently undergoing major refurbishment to house more equipment and provide shading in summer. Read more about the project on page 3.

COMING UP
10 February

Life without limbs

■ Education Division's Office of Faculty & Student Services and HOPE Qatar Center for Children with Special Needs are bringing Nick Vujicic, popularly known as 'the man without limbs', to Education City.

He will deliver a talk on 10 February at 5pm in the Student Center to motivate the Qatar Foundation community to aspire for more and overcome challenges by developing the right attitude. Drawing from life experience, he will describe how he was born without hands and legs and yet still became a successful entrepreneur.

Despite the obstacles he faced in life, Vujicic obtained a double major bachelor's degree and is now living his dream of motivating millions of people worldwide.

"Nick encourages audiences to reach for their goals, and not allow their fears to dictate their future," said Rajeev Mathew Thomas, Founding Member of HOPE Qatar and Senior Business Planning Specialist, Strategic Planning Directorate at Qatar Foundation. "He coaches today's young to understand that everyone is significant. The power of a positive attitude can be taught. Nick encourages his audiences to look beyond their circumstances and move on to the next level."

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Human Resources Center will help employees live up to their full potential

HR launches assessment center

QATAR FOUNDATION'S Human Resources (HR) Directorate is poised to launch a center dedicated to assessing employees' competency levels and helping to screen applicants.

Assessments will be used to further the training and development of QF staff to help them take up higher responsibilities and key positions. They could also help identify employees' readiness for a promotion or job rotation.

Scheduled to open at the end of this month, the Assessment & Development Center employs three assessors who have been certified by the British Psychological Society, the representative body for psychology in the UK.

They will assess employees or applicants through a series of activities, including personality and ability tests,

role plays and case studies. Each assessment will take a day to complete.

"One of QF's main objectives is to achieve competitive advantage by allocating right and qualified personnel to the right jobs and develop them for the future. Having a well-designed assessment and development center is an extremely effective method to

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help individuals and groups reach their full potential through scientific means," said Ghanim Al Naimi, Director of Talent Sourcing & Development.

"We have been working on the launch of the center for nearly a year. We realized the need to train dedicated staff to assess employees from A to Z rather than hiring a third party to do so. We will be saving a huge amount of money by internalizing the process.

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The Assessment & Development Center will initially cater to up to six people a day. However, more assess-

sors are being trained to take on a higher load as QF is growing at an incredible pace, Al Naimi added.

Competencies

■ The center builds on the existing competency framework, which outlines five core competencies everyone in the organization should possess, plus another four to five job-specific competencies.

The five core competencies are:

- 1) Client Orientation
- 2) Collaborating for Success
- 3) Planning & Organizing
- 4) Problem Solving
- 5) Self Development

Space Buzz Aldrin, the second man on the moon, speaks at the launch of Qscience.com

Space pioneer inspires scientists in Qatar



BUZZ ALDRIN, the second human being to set foot on the Moon, gave an inspiring talk at the launch of Qscience.com, the digital publishing portal for research journals developed by Bloomsbury Qatar Foundation Journals launched last month.

The portal publishes peer-reviewed research papers freely available to all. It currently hosts six scholarly journals, covering the subject areas of cardiology, information & librarian studies, engineering, education, healthcare and Islamic studies.

Aldrin shared the experiences of his trip, describing the moments following The Eagle's landing to an audience of 600 delegates at the Qatar Foundation Annual Research Forum 2010.

He said two contrasting words came to his mind as he set foot on the moon: magnificent desolation.

"It was a 'magnificent' accomplishment for man to harness the technology to set foot on another world for the first time," recalled Aldrin. "And yet the 'desolation' of the lunar landscape showed no

sign of life, no atmosphere and total blackness beyond the sunlit terrain."

He added that just as his team led the world in human space exploration, Qatar is venturing forward in new frontiers of scientific research.

"Your work and the excitement of new research findings in the areas of biomedical, engineering, computing and aerospace programs have the potential to advance mankind in magnificent ways that may impact our everyday lives," he said.

"I encourage your exchange and interaction with scientists in your own fields and cross-disciplines to find solutions to the challenges humanity faces today. It is by working together that we can achieve bold outcomes that can transform the future.

"You may work toward your goals 'not because they are easy, but because they are hard' as Kennedy once described the moon mission. You may encounter obstacles and face significant challenges. But with a united effort, you can achieve great things and set your sights upon the stars."

Health conference to tackle diabetes

■ A collaboration including Qatar Diabetes Association will be hosting the first International American Association for Clinical Endocrinologist conference on diabetes, obesity and endocrine disease in the Gulf. The conference, which will be held from 14 to 16 January, has invited international speakers from Harvard Medical School and from the Gulf as guest speakers.



Vodafone Qatar raises money for parks

■ Vodafone Qatar announced that to date it has raised more than QR 2.2 million that will go towards building public parks in Qatar. The money was raised as part of Vodafone's local calling promotion 'Get Together', which was launched in August this year. The commitment saw Vodafone put 1 dirham towards public parks for every local call a customer made.



Debate First time for ABP debaters on the international stage

ABP enters debut debate

SIX STUDENTS from Academic Bridge Program (ABP) proved they have what it takes when they flew to Malaysia for an international debating competition for Muslim countries.

The task was particularly daunting for the students as it was their first time to debate at an international event.

Ameena Hassan, 18, who was one of the ABP team, said: "I was nervous before the first debate as we were worried that we were competing against university students with more experience. But it was amazing. I'm really proud of myself and what I did. To be chosen to go there and represent my country, even though we did not get through to the final, it was not something that everybody gets to do in their lifetime."

Ali Al-Buainain, president of the

ABP Debate Club, said he and the rest of the team had learnt a lot.

He said: "The event gave the team a huge insight into what debating is really about. It was international and multi-cultural." He said the ABP debaters were now better able to construct and link arguments with other members of their team, and that this would stand them in good stead for the future.

Overall the six, who were split into two teams of three, won two debates,

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lost two and had six split decisions.

Of the debates the teams won, the motions were 'This house would allow performance enhancing drugs,' and 'This house believes that there should be an Organisation of the Islamic Conference representative as a permanent member of the United Nations Security Council'.

Everyone involved with the ABP students said they had done incredibly well.

Jamal Al Baker, of Qatar Debate which sponsored the trip and helped with coaching, said: "They were perfect, they debated really well."

Barbara Stoll, who teaches English as a Second Language at ABP and also helps coach the debating team added: "I thought it was very good for a first time, international debate."

Football Tournament aims to bring harmony

ROTA brings children's street soccer to Qatar

REACH OUT To Asia (ROTA) and the Asian Football Confederation (AFC) have signed a deal to bring street soccer school challenges to Doha.

The competition, called Dream Asia School Challenge, will culminate in semi-final and final matches on 27 and 28 January. Children aged six to 17 will play the tournaments during the last week of January at the Fanzone in Aspire Park.

The partnership is designed to bring communities, which often lead separate lives in Qatar, together.

"AFC Dream Asia will benefit the communities of Qatar by encouraging unity through sporting activity," said Essa Al Mannai, ROTA's Acting Director. "Through football and education, young people can transform their lives and forge a successful future by pursuing their dreams."

During the games, there will be plenty of entertainment for non-footballers, including concerts, a food court, a virtual penalty, table top football and 16 flame and music shows by the lake.

AFC president His Excellency Sheikh Mohamed Bin Hammam, said the project will create harmony in Qatar.

Dream Asia, he explained, will "guide the youth from different cultural backgrounds into a life of harmony, mutual understanding and social cohesion."

The popularity of football, especially within the region, means the game provides an opportunity to raise issues and awareness.

"Football is not only a game. The more you immerse yourself in off-field activities, the more you discover how much you can do, through football, to change the world," said Bin Hammam.

His Excellency Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Thani, the President of the Qatar Local Organizing Committee of the AFC, added, "The School Challenge aims to create a harmonization and integrity among individuals of different categories, genders and cultural background within Qatar society."

In addition to the children's games, the AFC is dedicating the opening game between Qatar and Uzbekistan, held on 7 January, to fighting hunger and poverty. The promotion is backed by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations.

Match Schedule

Boys:

- 23 Jan, 6 - 10 years old
- 24 Jan, 11 - 14 years old
- 26 Jan, 15 - 17 years old

Girls:

- 20 Jan, 13 - 17 years old

Education Photography project sees playground upgrade recorded

School pupils document change

AS PART of a project to inspire creativity and teach children how construction works, Qatar Academy has picked three students to document the restoration of their play area through photography.

Every day, the small group takes a photograph of their new recreation area, which is currently undergoing major refurbishment. In a few weeks' time it will house more equipment to use during break-time and shaded areas for the summer months.

Assistant Principle Derek Nelson

said the entire student body will benefit from the work carried out by the budding photographers.

"This way, students will get to think about the materials being used. It's important for children to learn about the process of something while it is being built," he said.

Most of the building is carried out when students and teachers are not at school. One of the three photographers is 11-year-old Fatima Al Thani. Every day, Fatima and her two 11-year-old classmates, Noor and Mohammed,

take turns in shooting the progress.

"We stand in the same place, sometimes in the morning, sometimes at break, to take the photograph," Fatima explained. "I enjoy it and the school lent me a camera for the project."

Teachers hope that the students can practice photography skills but also learn about buildings, resources and labor. In the future, younger children in the school will be able to use the images as resources in their own projects.

The play area should be completed by early 2011.



Road trains start running

■ Three new gold and silver colored road trains recently commenced their services in Education City. The trains, which resemble old steam locomotives, run past Ceremonial Court and each of the branch campuses from 7am until 7pm on weekdays. Trains run every 10 minutes and are only for university students at present.

VCUQatar offers scholarship

■ Virginia Commonwealth University in Qatar is offering students the chance to win a four-year scholarship. The competition is open to students who are eligible to enrol at university in August 2011. Applicants are asked to submit artwork that expresses three moments during their day. Visit www.qatarcontest.com for more details.



Qatar School Debate League tournament

■ More than 50 debaters from 10 schools in Qatar took part in the second Qatar School Debate League tournament last month, held annually by QatarDebate. A team from DPS Modern Indian School won first place, with Birla Public School coming in a close second. The Best Speaker award went to Pavithra Manghaipathy from DPS Modern Indian School.

COLUMN

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Starting your own business

IT ALL starts with an idea. Whether it is to offer tutoring services, open a food and beverage outlet or manufacture clothes, it is a creative idea that is at the core of every successful company.

It does not take a magical formula to become successful. In fact, success in business often lies in the simplicity of an original idea - with the addition of lots of commitment. I've seen housewives who are good at cooking become businesswomen who now own their own catering business.

But transforming an idea into a profitable business does not happen overnight. There are plenty of people who have good business ideas, but the lack of a network, sufficient business knowledge, funds or support services make it difficult to turn them into successful businesses.

So how can innovative thoughts grow into a profitable business when so many struggle to get it off the ground? Entrepreneurs are, by nature, focused and persistent. However, they also need guidance.

It is incredibly fulfilling to see new and prospective entrepreneurs develop through our work at the Social Development Center. We know that setting up a business is a learning curve, so we offer to help push people's ideas through in order to help them become successful.

We offer training to guide these people, regardless of their education or background. Our center *Tannia* is equipped with facilities to train people in project management: how to generate a business idea; how to start a business; how to improve a business model.

Not only that, SDC also gives support through schemes that offer marketing and promotional support, and helps entrepreneurs sell

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their products by participating in exhibitions and through different sales channels, for example.

We help entrepreneurs obtain the right certification, and help them with licensing. If needed, we can offer enterprising Qataris financial aid. Our *Rasameel* fund gives out loans without interest, and we will soon launch an incubator for entrepreneurs to offer support in every aspect of running a business.

The majority of people we deal with are household entrepreneurs, but we also cater to other groups - students, employees who have free time, and retired people. They often want to offer office and support services like photocopying - or start their own manufacturing business.

We are immensely proud when we see people set up a flourishing business and achieve financial self-sufficiency for their families.

We invite anybody who believes they can be an entrepreneur or are just starting out with an innovative idea to come to us for guidance. We are more than happy to help, and hopefully our work will have a positive impact on society.



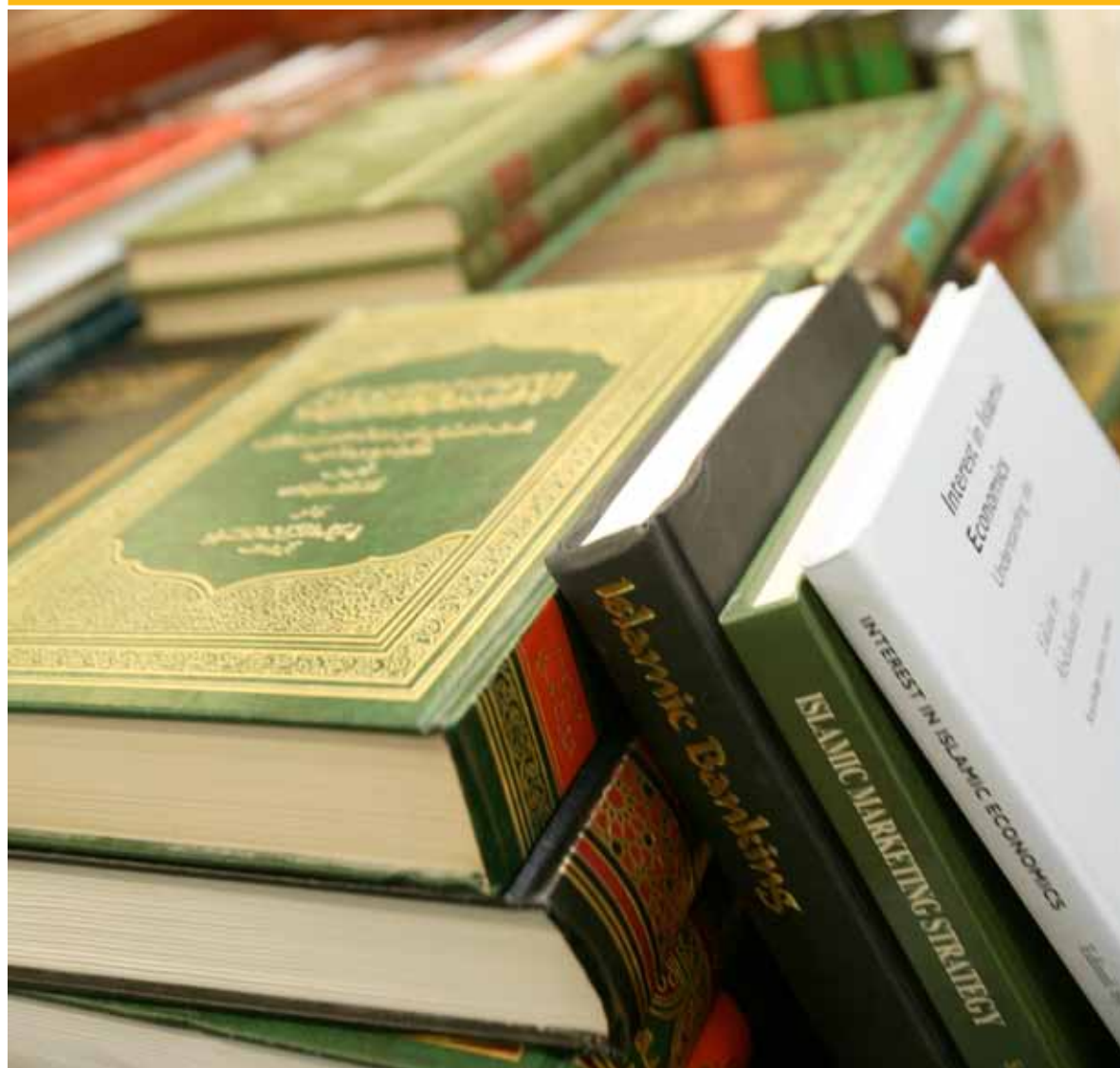
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Books QFIS project works to highlight Islamic thought

Living in harmony

AN AMBITIOUS project to highlight the works of celebrated Muslim scholars is taking shape at Qatar Faculty for Islamic Studies (QFIS).

The work involves faculty staff researching and then publishing short books on about 50 of the greatest moderate Islamic thinkers of the last century or so.

The idea is that eventually the knowledge in the books could help Muslim societies, perhaps particularly those who are a religious minority in their country.

Mohamed El-Moctar is a research co-ordinator at QFIS and part of the team working on the books.

"We have at least 50 Muslim scholars from the 19th century through to the end of the 20th century," he said. "We're trying to write a short study on each of them to highlight their ideas on reform."

It is hoped the books will begin to be published throughout 2011. They will be written in Arabic but consideration is being given to printing English editions. It is also hoped that the books may be available internationally.

El-Moctar has finished his first

book, a study on Islamic philosophy and ethics scholar Muhammad Abdullah Draz of Egypt, which is now waiting to be published. A second book, which El-Moctar is currently researching, will be about the lawyer, author, philosopher and former Bosnian President Alija Izetbegovi; while his third will take on famed Pakistani poet and philosopher Muhammed Iqbal.

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Each scholar takes between three to six months to write about their chosen subject.

Other books in the making include one on Indian scholar Abu al-Hasan al-Nadwi, researched by Husam Al-Din Khalil, and another on Syrian scholar, Mustafa al-Zarqa, by Majd Mekki.

The project is not only concerned

with moderate Islamic thought, however. It is also preoccupied with bridging the gap between the Islamic and Western worlds. El-Moctar, for example, chose five subjects who were all familiar with both cultures.

He said: "I think Muslim society today is stuck with structural challenges. It has issues with the outside and it needs clear ideas. What we're trying to achieve is the propagation of ideas that may help people reform their own societies and live in harmony."

As well as researching scholars, El-Moctar and other faculty members have taken part in workshops, the latest with a group of leaders from Russian Islamic centres.

El-Moctar said: "They came here for a week-long workshop and we talked about Muslim minorities and how they can live as a minority comfortably without losing their identity - but also without being an outsider in their own country."

He added that a similar group from Azerbaijan had visited a few months ago to discuss how people of minority religions can be good citizens in countries where a different religion is in the majority.



SFS-Qatar Center caters exclusively to female student body

Women's Work

FOR FEMALE undergraduates at Georgetown University in Qatar (SFS-Qatar), life can get tough.

Though in the majority at the campus, making up 64 percent of the student body, many women face difficulties in their personal lives or struggle with planning their path following graduation.

In an attempt to address some of these concerns, the campus now has a Women's Center dedicated to supporting them.

Elena Lopez-Khoury, a student wellness counselor at SFS-Qatar, had repeatedly heard the difficulties shared by some students as part of her work. "[Our female students] have discussed the challenges they face in finding a balance between the pursuit of their academic and career ambitions and fulfilling cultural expectations of being a wife and mother," she said.

"They've shared their feelings of

stress related to the pressures they face to be a good student while also being a dutiful daughter, sister or possible wife and mother."

Along with Brendan Hill, Dean of Student Affairs, she decided to do something more about it. The center they planned together opened in November.

»We think it is important to provide our female students and staff a place where they can interact in a warm and welcoming environment and discuss important issues in a safe and supportive environment.«

Gender discrimination, like in many other countries, is still high on the agenda. "In general women have still not achieved the same status as men, and this is especially true within the region," added Lopez-Khoury.

"This leaves our students without many role models or avenues to discuss the challenges that many women face, such as finding that balance between work and family.

"The Women's Center is a safe place for women to come and discuss issues that are relevant to them in their lives."

Providing mentors, holding talks on career progression, sharing ideas across cultures and inviting the women students' families for discussions are just some of the center's work.

The idea is not new to Georgetown. Indeed the center reflects the vision of the original, 21-year-old women's center at Georgetown's

alma mater campus in Washington – to educate and empower women. There, female students are also in the majority, making up 52 percent in the 2008/09 academic year.

"We think it is important to provide our female students and staff a place where they can interact in a warm and welcoming environment and discuss important issues in a safe and supportive environment," said Hill.

Last semester, the founding staff hosted bi-weekly 'tea time' where professional women discussed their career paths, the obstacles they faced and how they overcame them.

"It was then opened to the students to ask questions and build mentor-mentee relationships," Lopez-Khoury explained.

The facility, which is still being developed, will eventually include offices, lounge space and meeting rooms.

How do I...?

QF Telegraph helps make your life at Education City easier

■ How can I submit a service request to the Facilities Management?

Requests related to services provided by Facilities Management (FM) Directorate can be submitted to FM's Business Support Group Helpline, which operates 24 hours a day. English- and Arabic-speaking operators will process your request. They can be reached on 4454 0073 and 5581 5940.

■ What does the Helpline do?

The Helpline receives approximately 200 service requests a day, usually related to furniture, air-conditioning, electrical issues, office space, transport, hard- and soft-landscaping, interior modifications, cleaning, maintenance and general works.

End-users raise a work request, and depending on the nature of the problem, the request will receive a priority ranking. Requests are handled by the FM department concerned, which will dispatch an appropriate engineer to your office to survey the site or solve the problem.

■ What should I not contact the Helpline for?

Issues related to IT, such as internet or telephone requests; issues related to the Communication Directorate, such as event arrangements.

■ Who can I talk to if I have any questions or complaints about services?

Feedback can be given to FM Customer Care, which falls under the Business Support Group. Comments of any kind can be sent to fmcc@qf.org.qa. FM Customer Care compiles a monthly report based on feedback received, which helps it improve its services.

■ Can requests be submitted electronically?

Some QF employees will soon be able to familiarize themselves with FM's new Computerized Aided Facilities Management (CAFM) system while it is in its current testing (Phase-1). The system is expected to result in faster processing and will increase the transparency of the work-request process. All QF Directorates and Centers will be able to process their work request electronically at a later stage - when Phase-2 of testing is completed.

☉ Email us your work related questions at qft@qf.org.qa, and we will do our best to help you

MY QF

**Name:** Marwa Rowiha**Title:** Business Support Administrator, Support Services Directorate**Years at QF:** 1 year, 9 months

Describe your role: We implement business contracts and handle all invoicing where sent by service providers to the Support Services Directorate. We have agreements with service providers such as Kodak, Bateel, Starbucks and Coffee Bean. Every month I process and review their invoices and write up a service report, which I then send to the Finance Directorate. At the review stage, we check with end-users in Support Services whether the service providers did indeed provide the service specified on the invoice.

What I like about my job is...

I love working with numbers. I have a background in Finance. It is a challenge to work with a lot of information and find what I'm looking for. It is also interesting to know how much we pay for what we get. I want to be successful in my job, challenge myself by learning more every day, and contribute to the overall success of the organization.

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Dr Basma Abdelgafar

Dr Basma Abdelgafar, Assistant Professor at Qatar Faculty of Islamic Studies (QFIS), talks about writing children's books, freedom of speech in education and the power of a smile

What is your greatest achievement?

Being part of the amazing team that is helping to establish QFIS as a world class research and teaching institution. There is a group of people working at QFIS whose dedication and motivation is very inspiring. I'm privileged and humbled to be among them.

Who inspires you?

People who are passionate about what they do... and who do it well.

What's the last QF event you attended?

I attended the Doha Debates. It was about the importance of freedom of speech in education. The House won by a small margin. Without freedom of speech it's really not education but indoctrination; the products of each are poles apart.

If you have the power to change anything in the world what would it be? And why?

I would change how some people have come to perceive Islam and being Muslim - even among Muslims themselves. For me, and many Muslims, Islam is about mercy and peace. Most of all it is about love - a love of other beings, of nature, of all that is good. This calls for strength and an unfailing determination to support justice, equality, and kinship.

If you could have a book published by BQFP, what would it be about?

I've already submitted a children's story titled Bob and the Boohaha. It's about a little boy who loves to break the rules so his parents send him to boarding school. He breaks the rules there too until one night he goes too far and the consequences are serious: the Boohaha was waiting. In the end, the only thing that remains of the naughty little boy are his favorite red shiny shoes.

If you were an inventor or innovator, what would you invent?

A safe weight loss remedy that you could take before bedtime which would help you lose 10 pounds by the following morning. That may sound funny, but obesity is a major contributor to many nasty diseases.

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Cultural Review Film director speaks about creativity at Mathaf opening

Fostering creativity

THE RECENTLY opened Mathaf: Arab Museum of Modern Art aims to foster new ideas and inspire debate about modern and contemporary Arab art – the first museum of its kind in the region to deliberately set out to do so.

With this in mind, the museum offered special art education sessions at its public opening on 30 December.

Mahmoud Kaabour, a 31-year-old Lebanese film maker, held a question and answer session on the topic of creativity in the Arab world following the screening of his documentary Teta Alf Marra, [Grandma, A Thousand Times].

The 48-minute poetic documentary has already won the Audience Award at last year's Doha Tribeca Film Festival,

commemorating Kaabour's grandmother and her experiences.

Speaking to *QFTelegraph*, Kaabour said the Gulf region's response to creativity is evolving.

"I think that the most interesting question about creativity is: to what extent is that way of life at odds with the prevailing lifestyles in the Middle East? In the last few years, the Gulf lifestyle has adapted to accommodating creativity. There is a long way to go, but there is a more conducive environment than a few years ago."

The museum was a good example of that change, he added.

"The Middle East has had other museums that commemorate the past, this is the first to celebrate the present

and gives a platform to novel art-making in the region. It gives a new voice and is commendable."

On a personal level, recognition for the film, has been a "heart-warming" experience.

"The film is being recognized as high art by being featured in the opening of the most anticipated modern art museum in the Middle East," said the director, who is based in Abu Dhabi. The story, he said, resonates with those in the Middle East but also connects with a global audience.

"There was a recognition that family ties are quite special in the Middle East and it has shown there is always a link to familial ties even when the region is expanding and changing so rapidly."

☎ Mathaf: Arab Museum of Modern Art is now open to the public.



BOOK CORNER

Qatar: My Second Home

Stories by children from Sudan, Iraq and Palestine



QATAR: MY SECOND HOME; Stories by children from Sudan, Iraq and Palestine is an inspirational English and Arabic-language book written and illustrated by children aged seven to 15 years old. Dedicated to "all those children living in Qatar whose homeland is somewhere else", Qatar: My Second Home describes the lives of young people from Sudan, Iraq and Palestine, whose families now live in Qatar.

Orchard Picture Books' Little Elephant Thunderfoot and Polar Star respectively. Owned by Qatar Foundation and managed by Bloomsbury Publishing Plc, BQFP publishes books of excellence and originality in English and Arabic, including Arabic translations of

international bestselling children's fiction so that children in the region can enjoy these books for the first time ever.

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04:40 Al Fajr call to prayer
05:26 QatarSymphony

A delightful blend of hand-drawn images and essays, the book was a chance for children to describe their lives in Qatar, as well as share their thoughts, feelings and hopes for their homelands and their futures. It is, as renowned British children's author Sarah Grindley explains in her introduction, "a book of voices". Colorful, heartfelt and very often poignant, this is a captivating and thought-provoking work with a unique take on what it means to have more than one home. The book was the outcome of a writing workshop held by Bloomsbury Qatar Foundation Publishing (BQFP) and led by Grindley. It is published by BQFP in cooperation with the Ministry of Culture, Arts and Heritage as part of the celebrations for Doha Capital of Arab Culture 2010. Qatar: My Second Home is also an example of one of BQFP's core aims, which is to foster a love of reading and writing in Qatar - particularly among children.

Sally Grindley won the Federation of Children's Book Groups Award for Shhh!, the Best Books for Babies Award for Wake Up, Dad?, and the Smarties Gold Award for Spilled Water (2004). She was shortlisted for the Sheffield and Norfolk Libraries Book Award with

QF in numbers

LeaderShape, now in its fifth year, has seen 240 EC students pass through its doors

The Dream Asia School Challenge school soccer final will be held on January 28th

QATAR FACULTY OF ISLAMIC STUDIES IS PUBLISHING BOOKS ON ABOUT 50 OF THE GREATEST MODERATE ISLAMIC THINKERS OF THE LAST CENTURY

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Sender and his or her Department/Center, as will recorded interviews. Interviews given may not be recalled or changed unless containing substantial errors of fact. Interviews and information received will be treated as confidential until published. The publisher's decision on all matters of content and style is final.

Games

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SOLUTION

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My Favorite...

Vicki Halpin

Project Manager - Clinical Planning, Sidra Medical & Research Center

I am the founder of non-profit organization Cats in Qatar - I care for, foster and re-home cats in Qatar. We do whatever is necessary, but the main thing is making sure they have good nutrition, clean water, a nice place to sleep and lots of cuddles. I love working with any animals, but cats seem to be in the most need in Qatar. They are very loving, smart and social despite what people think. If food is plentiful, they live in large social groups. They love the company of humans, can be trained, and have quite a vocabulary.



FACILITIES TIMINGS

HEALTH & FITNESS

Fitness Center

Sun–Sat: 5.30am–10pm

Ladies Fitness Room

Sun–Sat: 5.30am–10pm

Swimming Pools

All pools (EC Members):
3.30pm–7.30pm (men will be
requested to leave at 5pm on
Sun, 5.30pm on Wed)

Fri, Sat:

Ⓢ Location for all activities: Recreation Center, call
4454 0805 or email recreationservices@qf.org.qa

All pools (Public): 9am–6pm
Ladies Swimming (EC
Members)
Sun: 5pm–8pm
Wed: 5.30pm–7.30pm

SOCIAL

Basketball

Tues: 7pm–9pm

Badminton

Wed: 6pm–9pm

Fri: 10am–1pm

Squash

Thurs: 5pm–7pm

Ladies: Sat: 4pm–5pm

Indoor football

Wed: 5.30pm–7pm

EVENTS

JANUARY 2011

Northwestern Admissions Information Session

Thursday, 13 January, 6pm –
7.30pm

High school students will be able
to learn more about Northwestern
University in Qatar's (NU-Q's)
programs in Journalism and
Communication and the vast array
of career opportunities that its
graduates enjoy.

Room 3035, NU-Q

Trip to Doha Zoo

Sat, 15 January, 1pm – 5pm, gather
at 11.30am

This fun-filled experience will allow
families to see native species and
traditional zoo animals up close and
observe their behavior. Children
will be supervised by the Education
City Club House (ECCH)
team during the entire trip.
Transportation will be provided.
Cost per child is 2 QR, and 5 QR
per adult.

ECCH, For more information,
call 4454 0824 or email
clubhousecommunity@qf.org.qa

World Religions Day

Sun, 16 January

Visitors to CMU-Q's food court
will be able to view an interactive
exhibit about world religions
and interfaith movements, which
will include information about
the world's religions and leaders
who have worked to make
positive change through interfaith
cooperation.

CMU-Q food court

Education City Liberal Arts / Social Sciences Research Forum

Sun, 16 January, 12pm – 1pm

Education City Liberal Arts /
Social Sciences Research Forum
is organizing several presentations

throughout the Spring semester.
Johan Granberg will kick off the
series with a talk about Design
as Makings of Didactic Systems,
followed by a lecture by Alan
Weber, who will give insight into
Construction of Bedouin Identity
1930 – present.

The Moot Room, CMUQ

For more information, please contact
akw2010@qatar-med.cornell.edu

Inclusive Piety with an Exclusive Image: The Shia's Shrines of Syria

Tues, 19 January, 6.30pm

Yasser Tabbaa, Visiting Professor of
Art History, New York University
Abu Dhabi presents a lecture as
part of the Virginia Commonwealth
University in Qatar (VCUQatar)
'Lectures in the Arts and
Architecture of the Islamic World'.
Tabbaa will speak about the
formal aspects of new and newly
renovated Shi'a shrines in Syria -
their plan, design, ornament
and inscriptions. Whereas their
quite discordant architecture and
excessive ornamentation may repel
some sophisticated observers,
they have become central to the
pious practices of hundreds of
thousands of visitors from all of the
surrounding Shi'ite world.

VCUQatar Atrium

QAFCO-TAMUQ Chemistry Conference

Wed, 20 January, 8am – 5pm

Experts will discuss their
recent research findings in the
various fields of chemistry at
the annual QAFCO-TAMUQ
Chemistry Conference. Professor
Krishnan Raghavachari of the
Department of Chemistry, Indiana
University, will deliver the keynote
speech. Professor Raghavachari
became a Fellow of the American
Physical Society in 2001 and was
elected Fellow of the Royal Society
of Chemistry in 2008.

Texas A&M University at Qatar

To register, please email chemistry@qatar.tamu.edu.
Registration closes on
15 January.

Financing Your Education for HS Students

Wed, 20 January, 6pm – 7.30pm

A Student Financial Services
Representative of Northwestern
University in Qatar (NU-Q) will
discuss the ins and outs of merit-
and needs-based financial aid.
Attendees will have the opportunity
to learn and ask questions about
how to apply for aid from Qatar
Foundation, Higher Education
Institute, and US federal student aid.
Room 3035, NU-Q

For more information, please visit
www.qatar.northwestern.edu

Photo Gallery

Sun, 23 January – Thurs, 27
January

Qatari artist Moudhi Al Hajri
displays a series of photographs
taken in the Comoros Islands, an
archipelago situated off the south-
east coast of Africa.

AaQool Atrium, Community &
Recreation Center

For more information, email
communitysupport@qf.org.qa

A fresh look at a century of South African art

Wed, 26 January, 6pm

Riason Naidoo, Director of the
South African National Gallery,
will give a lecture on modern and
contemporary artists in South
Africa with particular reference
to its Post Colonial and Apartheid
context, the subject of a recent
exhibition at the National Gallery
of South Africa in Cape Town.
South African born Riason Naidoo
is a curator, writer and artist.
He has researched and curated
internationally and published
widely on South African art and
society.

Virginia Commonwealth University
in Qatar

For more information, please visit
www.qatar.vcu.edu

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EC CLUB HOUSE

CLUB HOUSE

Sun–Thurs: 6am–10pm

Fri–Sat: 6am–11pm

FITNESS ROOM

Daily: 6am – 10pm

(Fitness instructor available)

POOL

Daily: 9am–6pm

SPA

Daily: 6am–10pm, please call
44540836 for appointments.

MINI-FOOTBALL PITCH

Daily: 6am–8pm

RECREATION FACILITIES

Tennis, Squash and Basketball
Courts

Daily: 6am–10pm

GAMES ROOM

Sun–Thurs: 8am–10pm

(Closed on Monday)

Fri–Sat: 8am–11pm

DINING FACILITIES

The Grill

Daily: 6pm–10pm

Meseika Snack Bar

Daily: 9am–10pm

Lebaina Restaurant

Breakfast served

Daily: 6am – 9am

NUTRITION SERVICES

Sun: 5pm–8pm

Mon, Wed: 4pm–6pm

Tue, Thurs: 9am–12pm

COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES

Sun–Thurs: 8am–10pm

Fri–Sat: 8am–11pm

LULU EXPRESS HOURS

Daily: 7am–11pm

