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To whom it may concern,

I got to know Amir Shihadeh through the World Economic Forum's Global Shapers initiative, as we are both Shapers from the Amman Hub. Quite frankly, this is the first time I attend an event related to the World Interfaith Harmony Week, and Amir's event was an experience that I will remember for a long time to come.

It was quite interesting that instead of taking the usual approach related to religious dialogue, COEXIST offered examples of individuals working to improve their country/community by embracing their inner beliefs, conviction and faith. The speakers were real individuals who offered insights into why they were doing what they do, as well as practical advice on how to best be agents of change in a community.

I know a lot of people who are involved in volunteer and social work, but have never considered the internal values related to that work. More specifically, they never had asked the question "Why are they doing this". YARA's COEXIST asked that question, and attempted to provide examples that may help each of us answer them. I am truly grateful for Amir's invitation to attend this event, and I believe that I will continue to reflect on the role that faith plays in society, whether internally for myself, or for each member of my community.

Regards,

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