

While in Turkey

A short film filmed, directed and produced by Ala Hamdan.

The main idea: Coexistence

The film shows the diversity of lifestyles in Turkey, my goal was to show that Islam does not mean living like people lived hundred of years ago.

In this film you will see people eating, walking, working, laughing, and praying. So the mixture tells us how beauty life is and that religion does not make it less attractive.

My goal is to travel to different countries around the world and show these details of co-existence, different religions and beliefs in one country.

I am intending to make the project beyond Ala Hamdan, and to train other filmmakers to share their country's story with the faith and cultural co-existence. There will be a website, where participants can upload their short films showing details of their cities.

You can read the comments under my short film (With the link I have submitted). My film got around 4000 views in less than a week, knowing that my Youtube channel is not popular and I only had 250 subscribers, but the idea captured and positively affected many others for two reasons:

- 1- The co-existence topic that the film tackled through different scenes.
- 2- The fact that I am a Muslim woman covering with hijab, and you don't see such many filmmakers in the Arab region.

Thank you

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