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Scouts in Action – Building Bridges through Interfaith Dialogue

Episode 1 of International Dialogue Centre KAICIID's Youth Webinar Series "NextGen TALKS" Faith in Action: Youth-led Projects Making a Difference



The first session of the **NextGen TALKS** webinar series, titled "**Scouts in Action – Building Bridges through Interfaith Dialogue,**" launched the International Dialogue Centre - KAICIID's new **Youth Series** in collaboration with its **E-Learning Unit, Arab Region Programme, and Capacity Building Hub**. This 30-minute session featured **Amana El Zoobi**, a 21-year-old Lebanese scout, who shared her experiences in **youth leadership and interfaith engagement** within scouting.



The discussion highlighted two key initiatives:

- **With Faith, We Are Stronger (2020):** A summer camp fostering interfaith dialogue among scouts.
- **Arab Youth Scout Forum (2023):** A programme promoting inclusivity and diversity within scouting.

These initiatives incorporated **interfaith prayer events, food aid programmes, COVID-19 awareness, and sustainability efforts**, supported by KAICIID's **Dialogue 360 project** under its **Arab Region Programme**. The session emphasized the role of **scouting as a model for grassroots interfaith collaboration, strengthening community ties and intercultural understanding**.

The discussion also explored **youth-led strategies** for fostering **mutual respect, breaking barriers, and promoting social cohesion**. Amana highlighted how **scouting provides a supportive space for youth to gain confidence, develop leadership skills, and engage in meaningful dialogue** with people from different faith traditions.

It's made my self-confidence very great. I was not a sociable person. In general, the scouts made me a good person, and this initiative can make any person have good self-confidence.

Amana El Zoubi

Through an interactive **Q&A session**, participants addressed **practical approaches to interfaith dialogue, overcoming barriers to participation, and expanding international youth exchanges**. The session reinforced the **importance of scouting as a tool for social change**, preparing young people to become **active peacebuilders and cultural ambassadors**.

Impact Assessment

This event significantly contributed to the mission of **World Interfaith Harmony Week**, demonstrating how **youth-led initiatives in scouting promote interfaith understanding and community cohesion**. Key impacts included:

✔ **Empowering Youth for Leadership in Interfaith Dialogue** – By showcasing **youth-driven initiatives**, the event highlighted how **scouting fosters leadership, responsibility, and social engagement** in interfaith settings.

✔ **Creating Inclusive Spaces for Dialogue** – The event emphasized the **importance of structured interfaith and intercultural activities**, such as **summer camps and forums**, in providing safe spaces for meaningful exchange.



✔ **Strengthening Youth Participation in Peacebuilding** – The discussion addressed **barriers preventing young people from engaging in interfaith work**, proposing **mentorship, training, and small-scale community actions** as solutions.

✔ **Encouraging Cross-Cultural and International Exchange** – The **Arab Youth Scout Forum** was presented as a **successful model** for **cross-cultural learning and collaboration**, with potential for replication across other regions.

✔ **Fostering New Networks and Partnerships** – The webinar facilitated **peer learning and engagement between young peacebuilders, scouting networks, and interfaith organizations**, setting the stage for **future cooperation**.

By **elevating youth voices, encouraging practical actions, and reinforcing the role of scouting in interfaith dialogue**, this event aligned with **World Interfaith Harmony Week's** mission, **promoting peace and understanding across diverse communities**.

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