

Young Female Activists for Intercultural Dialogue!

ABOUT THE PROJECT

Young Female Activists for Intercultural Dialogue is a Creative Force project funded by the Swedish Institute, and implemented by Swideas AB in Sweden and East and West Centre for Sustainable Development in Jordan (WEE Centre).

The **Swedish Institute's Creative Force** programme emphasizes the importance of culture and creativity for a country's development, for strengthening democracy and for the right to express oneself freely. The aim is to help build respect for human rights, with particular focus on freedom of expression and women's rights.



STUDY VISITS IN SWEDEN

During May 2023, Swideas hosted 2 activists from Jordan, representatives of WEE Centre. The purpose of the study visit in Sweden was to promote intercultural dialogue exchange with Swedish-based activists, as well as to share knowledge in the field of activism using media, digital storytelling and the arts as means to raise awareness. Keep your eyes on our social media to not miss our video with impressions from the visits!

We had the pleasure of visiting the following activists, artists and local organizations in Malmö:

- Jämställd Utveckling Skåne (gender equality education and activism at regional level)
- Carolina Calderon - Kultur och Integration (teacher, pedagogue, musician, activist for women's and migrant rights)
- Lora Grigorova - music producer & artist based in Malmö.
- Samaneh Roghani - Iranian artist based in Malmö.

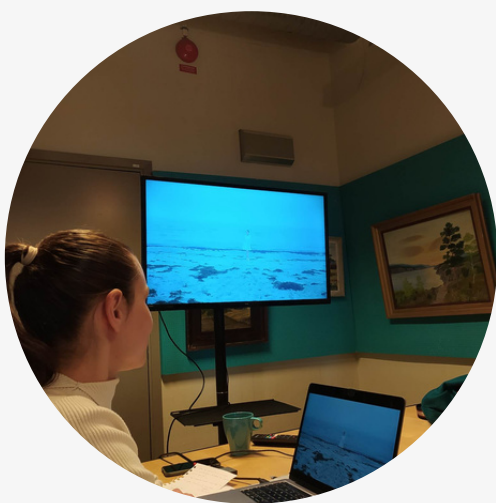


A warm thank you to all the female activists and local organizations that welcomed us and participated to the study visits!

PROJECT GOALS & RESULTS:

Feminist action is a driving force for enhancing women's rights, fighting for gender equality and freedom of speech. Unequal power dynamics and patriarchal structures oppress women globally, limiting the tools and safe spaces available for female activists to create change and fight for their rights of expression.

In Jordan, feminist terminology and words are not always directly translatable into Arabic and local female political activists experience limitations to their rights as women to express their ideas and their identity. In this project, we aim to promote intercultural dialogue and exchange of good practices between Jordanian and Swedish-based female political activists, using the arts, visual media tools such as storytelling to uncover gender-based oppression.



NEXT STEP: STUDY VISITS IN JORDAN!

In October 2023, study visits will take place in Amman, Jordan, where the WEE Centre will host three young female activists from Sweden for 5 days.

The purpose of the study visits to Jordan is to promote exchange of networks and cultural exchange between Swedish-based and Jordanian young female activists. We will continue the discussions on female activism, including issues in regards to freedom of speech and expression in Jordan.

Swedish participants will have the chance to learn from Jordanian women activists how they advocate for their rights when their freedom and rights are limited. A video will also be filmed to share the participants' stories and messages on gender equality.

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