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Zayed's Human Library **Broader horizons of Knowledge**





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In Zayed's Human Library, check out "People" not books

Following the noble guidance of the Mother of the UAE, Her Highness Sheikhha Fatima bint Mubarak, the Head of the UAE Women's Federation, the Supreme Head of the Family Development Foundation, and the President of the Motherhood and Childhood Supreme Council, may Allah bless her soul, and in light of the announcement of His Highness Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, the President of the State, may Allah bless his soul, of Year of Zayed 2018, and the eagerness of the Family Development Foundation to operate Year of Zayed initiatives with new projects, Zayed's Human Library emerges as a one of a kind library. The Family Development Foundation presents the library to the public and the beneficiaries of its programs giving them the opportunity to acquire knowledge in a novel and unprecedented way both at the level of the country and the Arab region. Visitors of the library can check out and acquire knowledge through the "human", the book that fills us with expertise, culture and rich experiences of intellectual affluence that add a lot to the reader's wealth of knowledge.

Because each one of us is a book that holds a great deal of information that others can benefit from when they check out the human and not the book, as we are used to, the idea of Zayed's Human Library emerges as a new stream of inspiring human knowledge.

Zayed's Human Library is a place of culture and knowledge that seeks to support all members of society in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi by hosting the most prominent creative figures in the country and the Arab nation. It also provides the latest editions for its visitors and books for seekers of development and advancement of their children.

It is also a cultural salon where people of diverse expertise meet to exchange innovative and creative ideas. Creative people and visitors of the Library meet to share in the inspiration and the making of change for a better future for the coming generations. This is because the Family Development Foundation believes that inside each human is a book that can be read first-hand and is capable of inspiring awe at all times.

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It is the duty of all citizens to work on developing their capacities and to raise their academic levels to contribute to shaping the path of the Union towards a better life.

Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan (May he rest in peace)



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“Educating and culturing people is in itself a great fortune of which we are proud”.

Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan (May he rest in peace)



The Message:

Zayed’s Human Library aims to influence and create the change by providing opportunities to check out “humans”, whether they are writers, conceptual artists, poets, storytellers, journalists or other kind of innovators. The aim is to transmit expertise between the different generations and minds. In order to deliver that message, the Library offers many programs and workshops tailored to the needs of society, by connecting with its audience through social media to suggest persons and cultural sessions that realize their aspirations.



The Goals:

- To consecrate the name, efforts, work and love of the leader and founder Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan “may he rest in peace” in the psyche and hearts of generation after generation.
- To develop intellectual and academic talents in the families and society to contribute to the comprehensive cultural and social development.
- To provide diverse sources of knowledge by checking out creative humans and books as streams of knowledge.
- To develop society by providing an environment that enhances the concept and value of reading and exchange of knowledge on a sustainable and continuous basis.

Activities and Events of the Library

Cultural Salon:

A place where prominent figures or a group of people are hosted to exchange knowledge and expertise through regular direct meetings at Zayed's Human Library, with the aim of achieving development and social culture. The Cultural Salon provides the opportunity to know and meet creative people in the areas of intellect, literature and knowledge, with close hand debates and discussions, as well as the exchange of opinions on social, literary and poetic issues, in addition to the use of other arts and knowledge tools, in a manner that empowers all family groups.

The Goals:

- To raise the awareness of individuals and society as to the importance of reading and to introduce to them the prominent intellectual figures in the country.
- To promote the culture of dialogue, expression of opinion and accepting differences.
- To present new talents and allow members of society to know them closely.

Social Art Gallery:

A significant window of support and advancement for Emirati talents to present their artistic masterpieces in the different occasions, to participate in art workshops that inspire participants and give them the opportunity to know the diverse and ever evolving art experiences and schools, seeking out new ways of thinking and promoting the concept of innovation and creativity.

The Goals:

- To present new talents and encourage members of society to develop those talents.
- To develop innovative and creative thinking through the activities and events to be organized by the Library.
- To show the best creative works and employ them in the attainment of culture as in integral element of societies' development and evolution.



Zayed's Human Convoy (Trip):

Zayed's Human Library organizes knowledge trips through equipped buses that carry knowledge seekers of the library visitors to cultural centers in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi according to set time schedule with preregistration.

The Goals:

- To introduce the prominent cultural centers in the emirate, such as museums, libraries and cultural institutions.
- To provide information on specialized subjects according to the needs of society.
- To encourage specialized cultural tourism seeking out national promotion of Emirati culture.
- To provide an interactive environment that contributes to the enhancement of creative and innovative thinking in the library visitors and guests from creative people in the different fields.



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