



About me

Urban Management and Development Masters Graduate and International Affairs Graduate with work experience with NGOs; looking for new challenges in urban planning development to better serve communities and make more sustainable cities for the future.

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Language

Arabic	● ● ● ● ●
French	● ● ● ● ●
English	● ● ● ● ●
Spanish	● ● ● ● ●

Computer Literacy

Microsoft Office	■■■■■
Powerpoint	■■■■■
Google Drive	■■■■■
QGIS	■■■■■
Atlas.Ti	■■■■■
SketchUp	■■■■■
STATA	■■■■■

Karen-Jo Mourad Karam

Educational Background

- MSc in Urban Management and Development** 2021 - 2022
Strategic Urban Planning and Policy Track
Erasmus University of Rotterdam, Netherlands
- Bachelor of Arts in International Affairs** GPA:3.91 2016-2019
American University of Science and Technology (AUST) Achrafieh, Lebanon

Professional Experience

- Freelance Sustainability Consultant** May 2023 - Present
Developed a Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) strategy and Report for startups and SMEs to enhance their environmental, social and economic impact both internally and externally and according to national and international standards such as the GRI (Global Reporting Initiative) and UN SDGs (Sustainable Development Goals).
- Intern at Wave** December 2022 - February 2023
Intern at Wave start-up, an e-bike subscription service in Lebanon.
Worked on outreach, communication and awareness strategies to attract and encourage people and businesses to use e-bikes as a mode of transport.
Worked on a bike lane project with UNDP to implement in Lebanon which includes researching cycling policies, cycling projects, design guidelines and infrastructure, stakeholder mapping and engagement etc.
- Board Member at Riders' Rights NGO** July 2020 - December 2022
Occupying the position of Board Secretary
Managed working committees; Worked on awareness and fundraising campaigns; Handled administrative tasks; Promoted riders' rights and public transportation in Lebanon
- Freelance Translation at LOYAC Lebanon NGO** August 2020 - October 2020
Translated and transcribed videos from Arabic to English as part of the #RiseUpBeirut campaign following the Beirut Port Explosion
- Intern at LOYAC Lebanon NGO** February 2018 - June 2018
Coordinated organizing committee for community service initiative and managed volunteers in the field
Planned new initiatives such as networking events and awareness campaigns
Renovated a school in Jordan as part of HOMES project

Entrepreneurship Programs

Worked on a social enterprise to fight food waste and hunger in Lebanon, learned leadership skills, entrepreneurship skills, communication skills, product development and was a participant in:

- The 6th UNDP Youth Leadership Program with DOT Lebanon May-November 2020
- The GIL UNICEF Program with Nawaya Network September-October 2020
- Park Innovation's PushStart Program III March-May 2021
- Safir project EU with RPS MENA March 2021

Related interests and activities

- Volunteer scribe at the "Water-Energy-Food in cities" conference at Floriade in Almere, The Netherlands** May 2022
- Volunteer with Impact Lebanon NGO** February 2021 - April-2021
- Part of the research teams for Sawti and Tarbileb Initiatives: researching topics related to politics, civic engagement, culture and history of Lebanon
- Member of the Model United Nations and UNESCO Club at AUST,** 2018 - 2019
Best Delegation Award
- Volunteer at the Lebanese Association for Democratic Elections (LADE)** 2018