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EXPERIENCE

Chemins de Faire in cooperation with Gwemilli, Brittany, France — Projects Assistant

September 2024 - June 2025

- Facilitated participatory governance initiatives by organizing community workshops for 150+ residents, focusing on social inclusion, democratic dialogue, and sustainable development.
- Coordinated cross-cultural programs to promote integration among migrants and local populations, leveraging storytelling and art as tools for policy advocacy.
- Collaborated with NGOs and municipal stakeholders to design projects addressing rural inequality, ensuring alignment with France's national solidarity policies.

National Anti-Corruption Commission, Beirut —Intern

July 2024 - August 2024

- Conduct research and analysis on corruption cases, contributing to evidence collection and report writing.
- Assist senior investigators in fieldwork, including document reviews and interviews.
- Participate in workshops on anti-corruption laws and investigative techniques.

Executive Magazine, Beirut, Lebanon— Researcher & Policy Analyst

April 2024 - June 2024

- Conducted in-depth research on refugee crises and socio-political issues, ensuring accuracy and reliability of published policy analyses.
- Interviewed stakeholders to gather qualitative data, identifying trends for evidence-based reporting.

The Lebanese Association for Scientific Research (LASER), Tripoli, Lebanon — Youth program facilitator & Trainer

September 2023 - March 2024

- Gave 40+ eleventh graders TED-style lessons on leadership, public speaking, and youth empowerment.
- Facilitated workshops for 300 students on sustainability and entrepreneurship, with project results being tracked during the summer school.

INTERNATIONAL ENGAGEMENT

BRS COPs 2025, Geneva, Switzerland — Youth Delegate

May 2025

- Represented MENA youth at UN conventions, advocating for chemical/waste policies under theme "Make Visible the Invisible".
- Amplified regional perspectives in global forums, emphasizing inclusive youth participation in environmental decision-making

UNFSS+4 Regional Meeting (Arab Region), ESCWA —Youth delegate

April 2024

- Represented SCP Constituency as MENA Focal Point, advocating for youth-inclusive policies in food systems transformation (SDGs, governance, anti-corruption).
- Contributed to regional dialogues on investment, innovation, and accountability, co-organized by ESCWA/FAO to shape global UNFSS+4 outcomes.

ICESCO, Baku, Azerbaijan — Youth Peace Ambassador

June 2024

- Represented Lebanon at the "By Youth for Youth" summit in Baku, Azerbaijan (June 2024), promoting cross-cultural peace initiatives.
- Advocate for ICESCO's peace mission, empowering youth-led projects and community-driven conflict resolution strategies.

Caritas Lebanon Youth, Egypt — Sustainable Development Project

February 2024

- Selected as top project in Lebanon; collaborated with Banlastic Egypt on waste management, environmental activism, and community engagement.
- Gained global insights through networking with youth from Germany, Portugal, Egypt, and Lebanon, enhancing cross-cultural and project management skills.

SDG Brain Lab Program, UN Global Compact Network Lebanon & L'Oreal |, Beirut, Lebanon— **Sustainability Data Analyst**

November 2023 - July 2024

- Evaluated corporate sustainability initiatives against UN SDGs, providing actionable recommendations to align business practices with global benchmarks.
- Presented data-driven insights to senior stakeholders, advocating for policy improvements.

YLP UNDP Lebanon, Beirut — Youth Advisory board

December 2023 - September 2024

- Advised on youth-centric policy strategies, facilitating workshops for 200+ participants to address social inequities and governance gaps.
- Led initiatives to amplify youth voices in regional decision-

Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Freedom, USJ Lebanon—Citizenship Summer School

August 2023 - August 2023

- Analyzed Lebanon's crisis (economic, social, political) and strategies for active citizenship.
- Explored political/social entrepreneurship, policymaking, public sector engagement, citizen journalism, and advocacy.

EDUCATION

Southern New Hampshire University, USA

May 2025 - Expected graduation: June 2026

Bachelor degree in Business Management

Southern New Hampshire University, USA

SEPTEMBER 2023 - March 2025

Associate degree in General studies.

Delegate of Al Kuwait Country — The international Model Organization of Islamic Cooperation Summit - Istanbul, Turkey

January 2024

- Discussed the social, economic, and political problems in the Arab countries
- Gained international relations practices, interpersonal communication, and multilateral diplomacy.

PROIECTS

Fenêtre sur le Monde (Window to the World) — **Intercultural Project in France**

April 2025

- Curated Lebanon cultural week: policy debates,
- films ("Le Cas du Siècle"), identity workshops Hosted 70+ audience debate with filmmaker Oelhoffen on war narratives and art
- Designed dialogues merging political analysis and public engagement

LANGUAGES

Arabic: Mother tongue

English: Advanced

French: Advanced

SKILLS

Policy Research, Data Analysis, Quantitative Methods, Stakeholder Engagement, Multilateral Diplomacy, Public Speaking, Advocacy, Report Writing, Grant Writing, Sustainable Development, Youth Inclusion, Workshop **Facilitation**