



“Shining Suns”

Al-Amal's 1st Disability Conference -2015

Istanbul, 27-26 December - 2015

Introduction

"Shining Suns" conference is an international forum organized by the Al-Amal association in Turkey. Its purpose is to unify the visions and gather the capacities on the issue of Disability. More than 380 institutions from international and Arab personalities participated in the forum, which included 24 Arab and Islamic countries and South American.

Opening Ceremony



The conference was opened with an official ceremony in which the Chairman of the Amal Association MP Dr. Emad Al Hout speak in it and a number of official bodies, Government and civil, most notably of them the Ministry of Social Affairs in Lebanon, Ministry of Family and Social Policies of Turkey, Greater Istanbul Municipality, office of the President of the South African Ministry for Disability, Humanitarian Relief and Human Rights, Thinker and Researcher Dr. Mohammed Al Awadi, Saudi Media Ammar Bouqis.

Seminars & work papers



The Forum program presented four seminars, 14 work papers which were presented by a number of specialists and persons with disabilities

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| 1 | Equal opportunities & accessibility | Global trends in disability | 3 |
| 2 | From you we derive the will | We agree and dont differ from them | 4 |

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Side Venues



The forum was accompanied by a number of events that began with the course of reputation management presented by the trainer Dr. Ahmed Kamel Audi. It also held a photo exhibition on disability at the Taksim Center for Fine Arts. In addition to launching a promotional campaign on the streets of Istanbul and bus stops, and hosted the Jordanian painter who presented her drawings, while concluding with a photo exhibition for the disabled in the hall of the hotel.

Initiatives & Recommendations

At the end of the forum, a member of the Board of Directors of Amal Association Dr. Mohamed Khair Faraj The final statement contains the following initiatives and

Recommendations:

- Supporting initiative: aims to provide pilot projects in keeping with modern Developments.
- The analogue support initiative: aims to provide psychological support to people with Disabilities by successful models of persons with disabilities.
- Military Support Initiative: aims to provide psychological support to those who need it (Non-disabled).
- The Disability Ambassadors Initiative in the Community: aims to implement advocacy Campaigns and media activities.
- Twinning the Turkish and Lebanese Experiments: it aim is to transfer Turkish expertise in the service of persons with disabilities to Lebanon.
- Improve teachers' preparation programs for integration and strategies.
- Design emergency and protection systems in such a way that persons with disabilities can use them in appropriate ways.
- Appeal to the United Nations, governmental and non-governmental organizations to develop and put statistics on disability.