

2. Series of visiting lectures by RUW (Organized by CEC)

As part of CEC's program to reach out to local schools in Bahrain, a number of lectures were presented by RUW faculty members at local schools:

A. On 11 November 2015, Ms. Rama Nair, Lecturer from CGS, conducted a workshop on "Stress Management" for the RIA (Rehabilitation Institute for Autism) institute trainers and staff for special needs. They awarded a certificate and sent a letter of appreciation for this collaboration and requested an on-going support for such endeavors.

B. A lecture entitled "Environmental Awareness" was presented by Dr. Louna Farhat at Hawar International School in Riffa on Thursday, November 26th, 2015. It was a very enlightening lecture by Dr. Louna.

C. A second lecture entitled "Life after high school" was presented by Dr. Dr. Ilene Valian at Bayan School on February 18th, 2016. The workshop addressed the topic of Self-awareness and career choice for young adults.

During lectures the presenters were accompanied by Sh. Duwa AlKhalifa and Ms. Intesar Al Kurdi who gave a brief background about RUW followed by the presentation by the lecturer.



Ms. Rama Nair presenting at RIA

3. CEC hosts AIESEC (Organized by CEC)

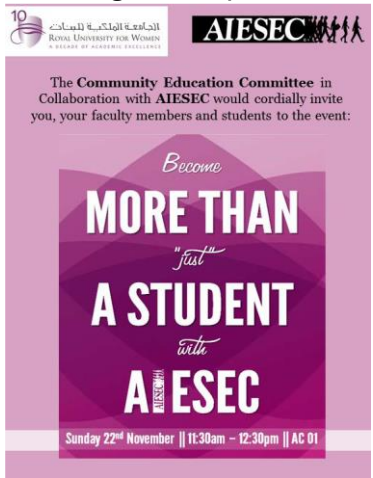
CEC hosted the AIESEC event “Be more than a student with AIESEC” on Nov. 22nd, 2015. The event included a lecture and number of presentations by AIESEC members to introduce the programs of volunteering and Internships to RUW students. They also set up tables for further information and registration over a period of two days.

The support for AIESEC has become an ongoing activity for RUW. There is an AIESEC club at RUW which continues to promote for AIESEC programs which encourage young youth volunteering and support of the community both locally and internationally. There are many programs that are part of this as LEEP, Cross-Cultural youth exchange, and others. The AIESEC club at RUW has become very active in recruiting RUW students to be part of these activities.

The AIESEC team also visited RUW campus in April 2016 to promote for the summer youth volunteer programs.



The AIESEC group, members of the RUW AIESEC club, Dean of CAD and CEC Chairperson, OSA manager, and RUW students during AIESEC presentation, Nov. 2015



4. RUW's celebration for National Day and Bahraini Women Day on Dec. 2nd, 2015 (Organized by CEC & CAD)

CEC in collaboration with College of Art and Design participated in RUW's celebration for National Day and Bahraini Women Day on Dec. 2nd, 2015. A large canvas prepared in the shape of the flag of Bahrain was displayed in the hallway leading to the main celebration venue, AC02. The canvas was signed by celebration patron, guests, faculty, students, and staff. It was a very successful event.



Dr. Sh. Mariam Al-Khalifa signs the poster



Dr. Hala Elas, Dean CBFS



Dr. Mona Suri, AVP, signs the poster



Prof. Mazin Jumaah is the first to sign the poster



CEC members Dr. Janon Kadhim, Dr. Rashmi Jalota, and Dr. Samar Bargouthi

5. Work with INJAZ (Organized by CEC)

RUW, through CEC and College support, has maintained to keep a good collaboration and relationship with INJAZ. Over the past years RUW has been active with INJAZ with their project “Ripples of Happiness”. This year RUW was participating with a team of 15 students and the deadline for submission of the project was Dec. 16th, 2015.

In addition INJAZ introduced a new project “Company Competition Program”, an annual competition which allows students to set up and effectively run a type of small business centred on a specific product. A steering committee was created with the concerned members of CBFS and OSA to prepare for this project. Since this project was introduced to RUW very close to the deadline, it was finally decided that RUW would only join as observers this year with the intention to join this competition at early stage next year in order to allow for a rewarding participation.

6. Art Reach Bahrain project with College of Art and Design (Organized by CEC & CAD)

The group of women volunteer artists “Art Reach Bahrain” began a collaboration with RUW that we hope will further develop and flourish as part of RUW’s commitment and engagement with the community. Art Reach Bahrain designed a Mosaic art work that will be donated to the community as part of a “city beautification” initiative.

RUW represented in CEC and CAD begun this collaboration by providing a space on RUW campus for the group to work and to conduct mosaic workshops involving the community in volunteer art work. The first project within this collaboration involved the students of the College of Art and Design. Over a period of 2 weeks the students worked under the supervision of their instructors and the volunteer artists in creating a huge Mosaic Mural that was showcased at the Bahrain International Garden Show (BIGS) which took place under the patronage of HRH Sheikha Sebeeka Bint Ibrahim Al Khalifa 24-28 Feb. 2016. The mural was highly admired by HRH and all visitors of the exhibition. HRH expressed her great appreciation of the way that RUW had offered support to the Art Reach Bahrain group and was very impressed by the

collaborative work of our students and faculty with the group. On a very generous gesture from HRH, the mural has been gifted to RUW and HRH has requested that the mural be incorporated in a special design that will be placed at a suitable place on the RUW campus premises or elsewhere. HRH will sponsor the complete work.



Exhibiting the Panel at BIGS “Bahrain International Gardens Exhibition”. Members of Art Reach Bahrain with RUW AVP, Dean of CAD, and CAD faculty members



CAD student and Faculty members busy at work on the mural



7. Mosaic Workshop for the West Virginia University Students 24th March 2016 (Organized by CEC & CAD)

After the successful experience RUW students had working on the Mosaic panel with Art Reach Bahrain, CEC in collaboration with College of Art and Design organized a Mosaic Workshop for the Visiting West Virginia University students, on 24th March 2016. The workshop was attended by the students of West Virginia and students of RUW, where students of both the Universities worked together using their creative abilities to make a Mosaic Mural. The students learned about the art of Mosaic which included a presentation to enlighten them about the history of Mosaiacs. Thy then enjoyed the workshop and produced beautiful pieces, which will be joined together to create the “Friendship Mural” which will become a symbol of the relationship between the two universities.



Dr. Janon Kadhim, Dean of Art and Design, giving a presentation about the History of Mosaic Art



WVU and RUW students working together to create the “Friendship Mural”



WVU and RUW students and faculty members at end of workshop

8. RUW participates in Skills GCC competition (Organized by CGS)

RUW continues to play a great role in “Bahrain Skills”. Mr. Sami Dagash, College of IT faculty member and RUW registrar continues to be a member of the Bahrain Skills committee which was formed by the Minister of Education Dr. Majid bin Ali Al Nuaimi; the committee members representing government and private sectors in Bahrain.

This year RUW represented Bahrain in the GCC Skills competition that was held in Al-Khobar, Saudi Arabia, on April 26, 28th, 2016. RUW represented Bahrain in two skills, Fashion Technology and Graphic Design. Ms. Noora Khaled Binfalah, a fashion design student and Ms Sara Matar, a graphic design student from College

of Art & Design represented Kingdom of Bahrain in this competition. They were joined by our two mentors Dr. Mona Suri and Ms Verdian Coetzee as experts for Fashion Technology and Graphic design respectively. Dr. Shweta Kinra and Dr. Nessreen Elmelegy along with Dr. Mona had trained Ms Noora in Fashion technology, and Ms Verdian trained Ms Sara. Both students put forth a great deal of effort in this competition and at the end Ms. Noora Khalid Albinfalah won the bronze medal in Fashion Technology Skills. This was a great achievement for the student, for RUW, and for the Kingdom of Bahrain.



Ms. Noora AlBinfalah winner of Bronze prize for Fashion technology at GCC skills competition

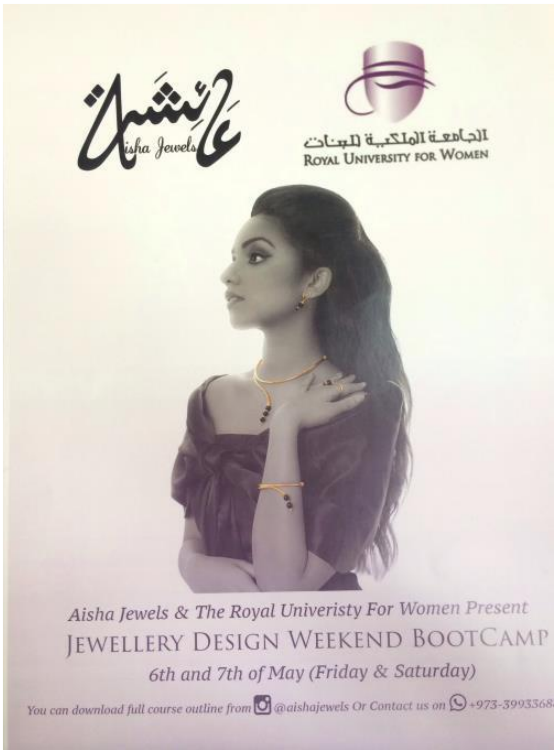


Prize awarding ceremony at GCC skills Competition, KSA

9. Jewelry workshop by Sh. Aisha Alkhalifa from CAD (Organized by CAD)

Sh. Aisha Al-Khalifa, is 2nd year Fashion Design student. She is very passionate about jewelry design. She has attended various workshops and short courses on jewelry design and has created her newly founded brand “Aisha Jewels”. Sh. Aisha has shown her desire to collaborate with RUW to conduct a series in workshops hosted at RUW. RUW and CAD have offered her their full support, and in a pilot phase of this project Sh. Aisha has conducted two workshops at RUW. As the word spreads her workshops have become very popular attracting young women from Bahrain and KSA to them. In the next academic year this project may be

elaborated and become the base of a series of short courses that may generate revenue for RUW in addition to serving the community as continuing education courses for the community.



The ads for one of the workshops hosted at RUW for Jewelry design