

Leaders for Democracy Fellows

Weekly Review and Evaluation Report

Week 4: October 21- 27, 2013

I. Review of the Week

The fourth week of the Leaders for Democracy Fellows (LDF) program addressed the theme: “Citizen’s Role, the Private Sector and the role of Minorities in a Democracy.” Among the themes covered during this week were how to establish a nongovernmental organization, how to write a proposal, how to organize a fundraising campaign, citizen participation, the role of local government and citizen involvement, the role of the private sector and syndicates, and the role of minorities in a democracy.

During this week, the program also organized two unique study-missions. The first was to the Byblos municipality, where the group got a chance to interact with the president and other members of the municipality of Byblos and discuss the role of the municipal council, the way by which the municipality involves citizens in decision making and projects and about public-private partnerships. The fellows were also given an overview of Byblos’ short and long term development strategy and ways it promotes its cultural and historical heritage. This trip was very well received by the fellows who had many questions for elected representatives and who appreciated the efforts made by the municipality of Byblos in the area of development. The group was also given a tour of the main areas and projects of the municipality, before being given a guided tour of some of its historical sites.

Another important field visit was to the Syndicates Training Center, where the participants learned about the importance of organizing in an open economic system in order to protect workers’ rights and promote good working conditions. Fellows were also given information on how the Center

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operates and the kinds of training they engage in with Syndicates' representatives.

During this week, Fellows also interacted with leading figures of civil society from various sectors, as well as Member of Parliament Hagop Pakradounian, who discussed with the participants the evolution of the status of the Lebanese-Armenian community in Lebanon since their settlement in Lebanon following the genocide at the beginning of the twentieth century.

The week also included a review of the capstone project progress and a discussion of the internship component of the LDF program. This briefing included

detailed information about each organization that will be hosting the fellows, its location, as well as other important logistical information needed by the fellows.

During the closing evaluation, participants expressed their thanks and appreciation for the rich program and provided useful input on ways to enhance and strengthen the program for years to come. They requested additional sessions in a number of areas including advanced communication and a visit to the LAU Office of Outreach and Civic Engagement (OCE) Unit. Two extra sessions were planned for the following week and before the internships begin to respond to these requests. Similarly, reading materials were distributed to the participants and a list of additional readings is currently being finalized based on the participants' needs. The LDF website test page was finalized and edited.

During the weekend, participants requested to stay in Beirut to spend time at the Library

"The program included a lot of information and experiences, many of which was in-depth, and corresponding to the needs of my country and the phase it is going through right now."

"The program enabled me to acquire many new and more in-depth competencies in areas such as politics, conflict resolution, civil peace, and religious dialogue."

Female Fellow from Bahrain

"You have created an environment that enables us to excel and to promote democracy"

Male Fellow from Yemen

"We acquired experiences and information from the trainers and professors that were specialized and of the highest level. I also enjoyed the field trips, documentaries and handouts that were provided. I also appreciated having to work on a project for my country."

Male Fellow from Tunis

(Selected LDF participants comments during the final program weekly evaluation)

preparing for their individual capstone projects and to develop their presentations that would be delivered in front of a panel of faculty and in the presence of their colleagues the following week.

II. Workshops: Content and Evaluation

Participants continued to be engaged during the week and were very appreciative of the study missions to Byblos and the Syndicates Training Center. They were also very engaged with representatives of civil society present to discuss various aspects of civil society's work in Lebanon and the Arab region. Below are selected pictures and a summary of the evaluations per session, broken down by subject.



The LDF Group with the President of the Byblos Municipality Mr. Ziad Hawat



LDF Group at LAU Byblos Campus



LDF Group at the Syndicates Training Center

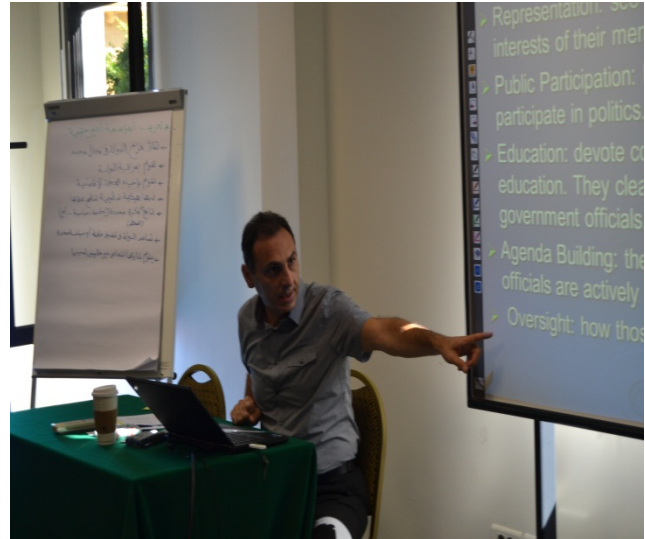


LDF Group At Byblos Campus



LDF Group with Member of Parliament Hagop Pakradounian

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LDF Group with Mr. Paul Abi Rached, President of the Environmental Association, Terre-Liban



Meeting with Ms. Sylvana Lakkis, President of the Lebanese Physical Handicapped Union (LPHU)

Below is the summary evaluation of the various sessions by subject

(5: Excellent, 4= Very Good, 3= Good, 2= Fair, 1= Unsatisfactory)

	Question						N/A
		5	4	3	2	1	
Organizations in Democratic Development	1 Speaker Presentation Skills	5	6	2	1	1	0
	2 Quality of Power Point and handouts (if applicable)	6	5	3	0	1	0
	3 Relevance of the subject to the LDF Program	6	9	0	0	0	0

4	How do you rate the quality of the information presented	6	6	1	1	1	0
5	Presentation Benefit to your knowledge	5	5	2	1	2	0
6	Was the discussion/exercise helpful	5	5	2	1	2	0

How to Establish an
Nongovernmental
Organization

	Question	5	4	3	2	1	N/A
1	Speaker Presentation Skills	5	5	4	1	0	0
2	Quality of Power Point and handouts (if applicable)	5	5	2	1	0	2
3	Relevance of the subject to the LDF Program	7	7	1	0	0	0
4	How do you rate the quality of the information presented	5	7	1	1	0	1
5	Presentation Benefit to your knowledge	5	5	2	2	0	1
6	Was the discussion/exercise helpful	6	4	2	2	0	1

How to Write Proposals plus
Exercise

	Question	5	4	3	2	1	N/A
1	Speaker Presentation Skills	9	2	4	0	0	0
2	Quality of Power Point and handouts (if applicable)	9	2	4	0	0	0
3	Relevance of the subject to the LDF Program	9	4	2	0	0	0
4	How do you rate the quality of the information presented	9	2	4	0	0	0
5	Presentation Benefit to your knowledge	10	1	4	0	0	0
6	Was the discussion/exercise helpful	9	3	3	0	0	0

Fundraising Campaign

	Question	5	4	3	2	1	N/A
1	Speaker Presentation Skills	10	9	2	0	0	0
2	Quality of Power Point and handouts (if applicable)	9	9	3	0	0	0
3	Relevance of the subject to the LDF Program	11	8	1	1	0	0
4	How do you rate the quality of the information presented	11	8	0	2	0	0
5	Presentation Benefit to your knowledge	11	8	0	2	0	0

6	Was the discussion/exercise helpful	11	8	0	1	1	0
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Question		5	4	3	2	1	N/A
Introduction to Local Government in Lebanon	1 Speaker Presentation Skills	10	6	2	0	0	0
	2 Quality of Power Point and handouts (if applicable)	9	7	1	1	0	0
	3 Relevance of the subject to the LDF Program	7	9	2	0	0	0
	4 How do you rate the quality of the information presented	8	7	1	2	0	0
	5 Presentation Benefit to your knowledge	8	6	4	0	0	0
	6 Was the discussion/exercise helpful	8	7	2	1	0	0

Question		5	4	3	2	1	N/A
Byblos Municipality (Field Visit)	1 Speaker Presentation Skills	7	9	2	1	0	0
	2 Quality of Power Point and handouts (if applicable)	8	7	3	1	0	0
	3 Relevance of the subject to the LDF Program	8	8	2	1	0	0
	4 How do you rate the quality of the information presented	8	7	3	1	0	0
	5 Presentation Benefit to your knowledge	9	7	2	1	0	0
	6 Was the discussion/exercise helpful	9	7	2	1	0	0

Questions		5	4	3	2	1	N/A
1	Quality of the presenter(s)	8	8	2	1	0	0
2	Relevance of the location visited?	8	8	2	1	0	0
3	Logistical Preparations	9	7	2	1	0	0

Question		5	4	3	2	1	N/A
Introduction to Citizenship	1 Speaker Presentation Skills	9	7	1	1	0	0
	2 Quality of Power Point and handouts (if applicable)	9	6	2	1	0	0
	3 Relevance of the subject to the LDF Program	9	7	2	0	0	0
	4 How do you rate the quality of the information presented	9	6	3	0	0	0
	5 Presentation Benefit to your knowledge	9	6	3	0	0	0
	6 Was the discussion/exercise helpful	9	6	3	0	0	0

Question		5	4	3	2	1	N/A
Youth and Citizen Involvement	1 Speaker Presentation Skills	9	6	3	0	0	0
	2 Quality of Power Point and handouts (if applicable)	8	8	2	0	0	0
	3 Relevance of the subject to the LDF Program	9	8	1	0	0	0
	4 How do you rate the quality of the information presented	8	7	3	0	0	0
	5 Presentation Benefit to your knowledge	8	7	3	0	0	0
	6 Was the discussion/exercise helpful	8	8	2	0	0	0

Question		5	4	3	2	1	N/A
Advocating for Citizens with Special Needs: Lebanese Physical Handicapped Union	1 Speaker Presentation Skills	7	7	4	0	0	0
	2 Quality of Power Point and handouts (if applicable)	7	7	4	0	0	0
	3 Relevance of the subject to the LDF Program	7	7	4	0	0	0
	4 How do you rate the quality of the information presented	7	8	3	0	0	0
	5 Presentation Benefit to your knowledge	7	7	3	1	0	0
	6 Was the discussion/exercise helpful	7	7	3	1	0	0

Campaigning for the Environment

Question	5	4	3	2	1	N/A
1 Speaker Presentation Skills	14	4	0	0	0	0
2 Quality of Power Point and handouts (if applicable)	14	3	1	0	0	0
3 Relevance of the subject to the LDF Program	13	2	3	0	0	0
4 How do you rate the quality of the information presented	14	2	2	0	0	0
5 Presentation Benefit to your knowledge	13	3	2	0	0	0
6 Was the discussion/exercise helpful	13	4	1	0	0	0

Making Democracy Deliver:
The Role of Syndicates (Field Visit)

Question	5	4	3	2	1	N/A
1 Speaker Presentation Skills	5	8	6	0	0	0
2 Quality of Power Point and handouts (if applicable)	5	9	4	1	0	0
3 Relevance of the subject to the LDF Program	6	8	4	1	0	0
4 How do you rate the quality of the information presented	6	7	5	1	0	0
5 Presentation Benefit to your knowledge	6	7	5	1	0	0
6 Was the discussion/exercise helpful	5	9	4	1	0	0

Question	5	4	3	2	1	N/A
1 Quality of the presenter(s)	5	9	4	1	0	0
2 Relevance of the location visited?	3	10	5	1	0	0
3 Logistical Preparations	6	7	5	1	0	0

Capstone Project Progress Review

Question	5	4	3	2	1	N/A
1 Speaker Presentation Skills	13	6	1	0	0	0
2 Quality of Power Point and handouts (if applicable)	12	7	1	0	0	0
3 Relevance of the subject to the LDF Program	13	7	0	0	0	0

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	information presented						
5	Presentation Benefit to your knowledge	12	8	0	0	0	0
6	Was the discussion/exercise helpful	13	7	0	0	0	0

Movie on the Palestinian Refugees and Panel Discussion	Question	5	4	3	2	1	N/A
	1 Speaker Presentation Skills	9	6	1	2	0	0
	2 Quality of Power Point and handouts (if applicable)	0	0	0	0	0	18
	3 Relevance of the subject to the LDF Program	9	2	3	4	0	0
	4 How do you rate the quality of the information presented	8	5	4	1	0	0
	5 Presentation Benefit to your knowledge	7	6	4	1	0	0
	6 Was the discussion/exercise helpful	9	3	2	4	0	0

Political Integration of Minorities: The Case of the Armenian-Lebanese	Question	5	4	3	2	1	N/A
	1 Speaker Presentation Skills	6	6	2	3	0	0
	2 Quality of Power Point and handouts (if applicable)	0	0	0	0	0	17
	3 Relevance of the subject to the LDF Program	6	7	1	3	0	0
	4 How do you rate the quality of the information presented	6	7	2	2	0	0
	5 Presentation Benefit to your knowledge	6	7	2	2	0	0
	6 Was the discussion/exercise helpful	6	6	3	2	0	0

III. LDF Internship/Capstone Project Update

During this week, LAU finalized agreements with host organizations for the internship component of the LDF program. Furthermore, the LAU team discussed the internship program and requirements as well as the capstone project template which was discussed with the fellows during a session with Internship Coordinators Dr. Marwan Rowayheb and Dr. Ramzi Harati. Each capstone project is to be designed as a mini-proposal and include a small budget. Projects will be aimed at having a positive impact in their communities or country.

Fellows will present their capstone projects next week in front of a committee of LAU faculty and the other fellows. Each fellow will be expected to give a short presentation about their project and defend their ideas as well as explain how it will be funded, implemented and evaluated. Faculty and Fellows will provide feedback and suggestions on each capstone project idea.

IV. Review of Operational Progress

During this week, the operational team worked primarily on preparing the fellows for their internship and ensuring that they had all information needed to begin their work. Following discussions with fellows, the operations team also took measures to address other concerns participants had regarding the internship program. Finally, the operations staff continued to provide assistance to participants regarding the Alumni program in Turkey.

V. Program Outreach

During this week, the LDF team finalized the English LDF website. It will be launched by MarCom on Tuesday November 5th, 2013, and will soon be followed by the Arabic version (date to be announced at a later stage).