

Arab Innovation Network

Implementing Agency/organization	Arab Innovation Network
Implementation Period	Registered Charity in England and Wales since 2013
Location (City and Country)	London, United Kingdom
Total Cost to implement the Project	N/A
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The Challenge

The Unemployment rate in the Arab country ranges from 5% to 45%. Moreover, in 2016/2017 University rating, only one Arab University was listed in the top 200. AIN foster innovation at a grassroots level by working with students.

Here is where AIN plays to fill these voids by incentivizing the Arab youth towards innovation through the collaboration of universities, corporations, and not-for-profits to exploit knowledge towards meeting the region's challenges and market needs.

AIN acts as a platform for Arab youth to explore problems and develop solutions for major regional challenges in healthcare and life sciences, the environment and engineering. It also works with students at a grassroots level to foster innovation.

The Innovation

The Arab Innovation Network (AIN) is a volunteer-run initiative that aims to foster innovation in the Arab World, by encouraging youth to direct their knowledge, skills, and resources towards industry-relevant innovation. AIN seeks to do this by:

- Engaging with young people across the Arab world online and offline to generate enthusiasm around innovation and entrepreneurship.
- Working directly with industrial partners to set structured challenges for youth.
- Providing a unique transition for talented young candidates from university to employment, by working with partners to offer internships, networking opportunities and training.

The Impact

- **2012 – 2016:** 300 students_fully sponsored underprivileged students to attend our annual conference, AINAC, to display their innovation and participate in the student competitions.
- **2013:** Inviting winners to United Nations Environment Program – Bahrain
- **2014-2015:** Inviting winners to AIN Cambridge University Camp
- **2015:** Fully funded Internship: 6 awards – Aramex, and 2 awards - Qatar Mobility Innovation Centre
- **2016:** Fully funded Internship: 6 awards – Aramex, 1 awards - Qatar Mobility Innovation Centre, and 6 awards - IMS