



Al Ghurair Foundation Youth Advisory Council

"Developing programs with youth gives them a sense of ownership and leads them to engage with programs differently. When our voices are heard in identifying solutions to our needs, it gives us hope and empowers us to look within ourselves and understand our aspirations. It also encourages us to strive for a positive impact and solve challenges in a spirit of collaboration."

Sarah Bawazir,
President, Al Ghurair Foundation Youth Advisory Council



Introduction

The Al Ghurair Foundation Youth Advisory Council was established to include youth's perspectives. The Council is composed of 14 outstanding Emirati and Arab youth who support the Foundation's thought leadership efforts, programmatic development, as well as current and future initiatives and engagements.

Purpose

The Council seeks to embed the views of youth into the Foundation's programming so that programs are conceptualized, planned, and implemented with the guidance of youth. It also contributes to the strategic pillars of the Foundation by engaging relevant stakeholders, supporting research projects, and representing the Foundation on national, regional, and international levels.

Why?

youth.gov



Programs developed in partnership with youth are more likely to have a greater impact.
([Youth.gov](https://www.youth.gov))

Meaningfully engaging youth as full-fledged partners in education policy and decision-making is essential in reshaping education.
([Transforming Education Summit](https://www.un.org/transformingeducationsummit))

Scope

The Council focuses efforts through three core committees:

1. **Quality Education:** supports existing and future programs under this pillar
2. **Upskilling and Career Readiness:** supports the AGF's upskilling efforts, including NOMU and the development of new programs
3. **Engagement and Communications:** supports partnership and thought leadership efforts including research and events

Impact

Since its establishment, the Council contributed to the Foundation in multiple ways, including:

- ✓ Stakeholder engagement and knowledge creation
- ✓ Participating in speaking engagements and networking events
- ✓ Raising awareness about the Foundation's programs and initiatives
- ✓ Engaging in fieldwork to elevate the best practices in developing youth-friendly programs

