

Community Engagement and Continuing  
Education Centre (CECEC)

Gulf University (GU)



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## Message From the Director of Community Engagement and Continuing Education Centre

Community Engagement and Continuing learning along with Teaching and learning and Scientific research are considered to be a third pillar of the Gulf University. This role is what gives the university its distinctive features compared with other traditional educational universities. As the university seeks to create a bond with the community by trying to highlight the role of the Gulf university in solving problems of the Bahraini community and finding proper solutions through general and specialized training programs. Creative initiatives can help meet the actual training needs of the community and raise the awareness of Bahraini people to create a good model of mature citizens who can cope with the latest evolutions at both practical and scientific levels.

Best wishes,  
Dr. Mohammed Dawwas

## Vision

The Community Engagement and Continuing Learning Center seeks to foster effective community engagement through establishing partnership with industry and community and continuous training in all disciplines for outreach and social impact driven by the needs of the community.

## MISSION

The Community Engagement and Continuing Learning Centre vows to cultivate a culture of community engagement through constructive community partnership. The center promotes knowledge and experience sharing for continuous learning of our students, graduates and larger community and impactful services for the community based on the identified needs. The center supports meaningful collaboration with industry and academia underpinned by the principle of social responsibility and sustainable development.

## OBJECTIVES

1. Establish a strong relationship between colleges and community institutions.
2. Conduct field studies to identify social, economic and educational problems and find the best solutions to solve society's problems.
3. Employ scientific research outputs for community institutions to benefit from these outputs.
4. Provide advisory services to community institutions.
5. Organize workshops, seminars and conferences in relation to the objectives of the Center.
6. Publish all the news of the center through (university websites, social networking "Facebook" and external news websites).
7. Provide university facilities, which in turn serve the community institutions.
8. Encourage volunteer work among students and academic and administrative staff.
9. Provide training programs to develop the capabilities of graduates.
10. Develop training programs in light of the needs of the target groups.
11. Prepare an annual report on the center's activities and achievements.

# Summary

## The Achievement Report for the current academic year

Gulf university	
Total	51



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## Training Sessions

### Organizing Number of Paid Workshops

The paid training courses delivered by Dr. Mona Janahi entitled “The professional development of early childhood teachers in the light of contemporary trends. The aim of this course was to increase the awareness of teachers in how they can Identify the behavioral problems that children fall into at the pre-school stage, their causes, and find the best solution that can solve the problems.



### Organizing Number of Unpaid Workshops

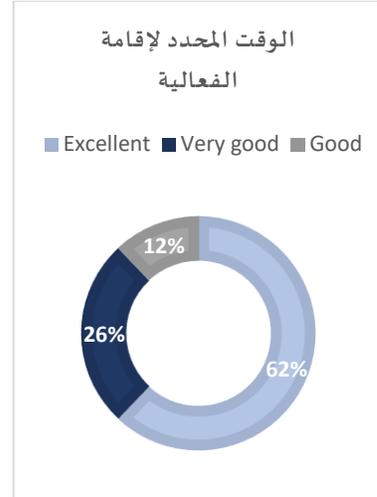
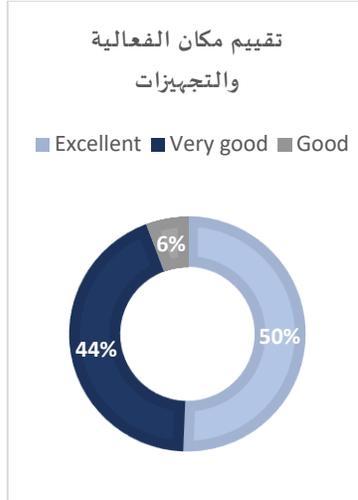
The Community Engagement and Continuing Education Centre at Gulf University organized a series of 20 unpaid workshops covering various fields, including News Writing Skills, Montage on Premiere, Network Marketing Strategies, Employing Digital Content Production Tools through Social Media Platforms, Crisis Management, Photography and Montage with a Mobile Phone, PCB Design, Introduction to Software and Hardware used by Electrical and Electronic Engineers, News Montage using Final Cut, Managing Marketing Content on Social Media, Stress Management Techniques, Fundamentals of Digital Image Processing, and Etiquette Skills, Protocol, and Mechanisms for Dealing with VIPs. These workshops were conducted for the benefit of the local community.

The workshop series commenced with "News Writing Skills," led by Dr. Abdullah Altaher in February 2023, and concluded with "Etiquette Skills, Protocol, and Mechanisms for Dealing with VIPs," conducted by Dr. Shafeeq Al-Samarai and Dr. Mohammed Refaat on June 14, 2023.

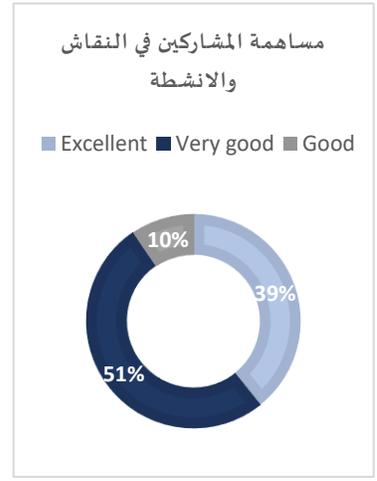
A total of 273 participants from various local institutions attended the 18 workshops. Their feedback and responses were overwhelmingly positive, expressing satisfaction with the content, delivery, and overall experience of the workshops. The participants appreciated the knowledge and skills gained, highlighting the practical applicability of the workshop topics to their respective fields. The workshops were praised for their interactive nature, allowing participants to actively engage, share experiences, and collaborate with fellow attendees. The valuable insights and networking opportunities provided by the workshops were highly valued by the participants, who

expressed their gratitude for the Community Engagement and Continuing Education Centre at Gulf University for organizing such impactful and beneficial workshops.

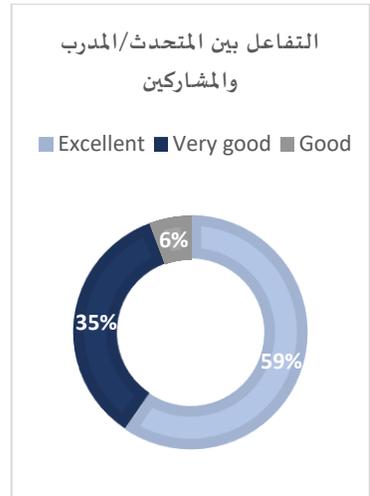
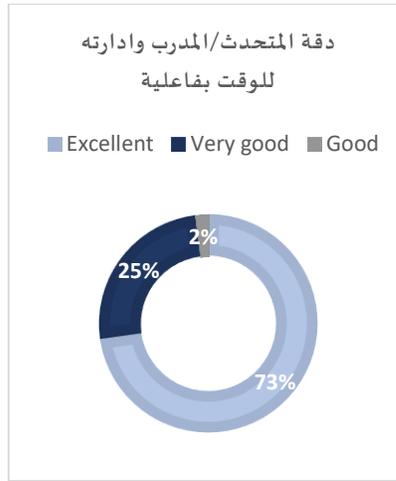
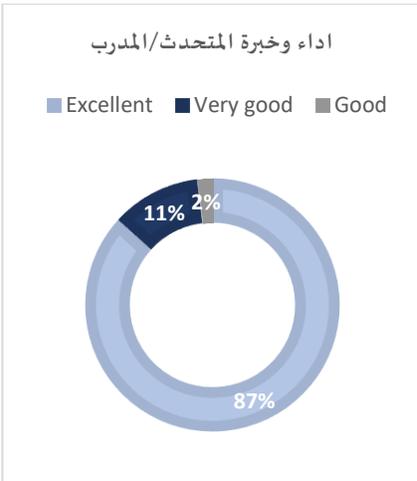
### General



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## The Trainer









## Community Services

### Breast Cancer event

The Community Engagement Centre, in collaboration with SSU and the Student's Council, orchestrated a meaningful awareness event titled "Her Fight Is All of Ours." This impactful gathering, held on October 30, 2022, aimed to foster unity and raise awareness about the critical significance of early screening and detection.





### Martyr's Day

The Community Engagement Centre, in collaboration with SSU and the Student's Council, orchestrated an event to commemorate Martyr's Day. Prof. Mohanad Ismael Ibrahim Al Fira, the esteemed president of Gulf University, along with academic staff and students, actively participated in this meaningful occasion held on December 17, 2022. Martyr's Day is an annual celebration at G U, dedicated to honoring the brave individuals who made the ultimate sacrifice for the Kingdom of Bahrain and its people.





### Afforestation Day

The Community Engagement Centre, in collaboration with SSU and the Student's Council, organized Tree Day, a significant event aimed at environmental conservation. Prof. Mohanad Ismael Ibrahim Al Fira, the esteemed president of Gulf University, along with academic staff and students, actively participated in this tree planting exercise held on December 3, 2022. As part of GU's ongoing commitment to mitigate the adverse effects of climate change, the university conducts this annual event to preserve the environment. Over 900 plants were planted, fostering a higher level of awareness and responsibility among GU members and the wider community.





## Sport Day

Dr. Mohammed Dawwas, representing the Community Engagement Centre, joined forces with SSU and the Student's Council to orchestrate a Sports Day at the university. The primary objective of this event was to encourage physical activity and cultivate a strong sense of community among the student body. The Sports Day offered a platform for students to participate in a wide range of sports and recreational activities, promoting a healthy and active lifestyle.







### The Beach Clean-Up Event

Gulf university presented by Dr. Mohammed Dawwas, SSU, and Student's council organized The Beach Clean-Up Event in collaboration with SSU and Student's Council on 02/03/2023 at 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. The aim of this event is to not only clean up the beach but also to raise awareness about the importance of keeping our environment clean and free from litter to give back to our community and to work together towards a common goal.

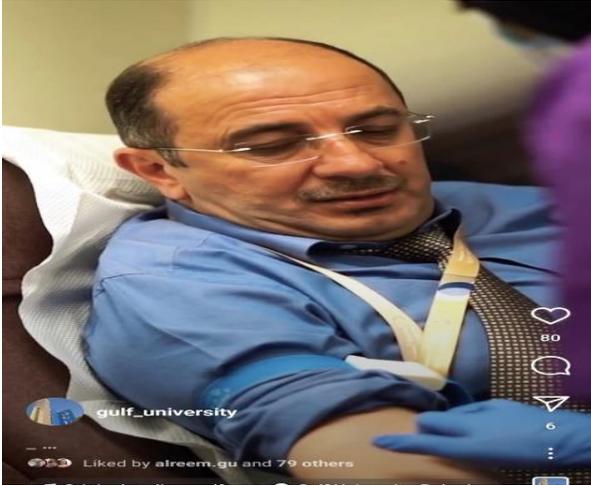




### The Blood Donation Drive Event

Community engagement and continuing education Centre presented by Dr. Mohammed Dawwas, SSU, and Student's council organized a blood donation drive in collaboration with King Hamad University Hospital on Sunday 05/03/2023 at 08:00 AM to 01:00 PM. The aim of this event was to increase the awareness of the staffs and students about the blood donation campaign which considered as one of the noblest deeds that a person can do to save someone's life who are suffering from serious illnesses or injuries.





### Iftar Saem in Ramadhan

Gulf University presented by Dr. Mohammed Dawwas, Dr. Rumpa Roy, Dr. Baligh Beshr, Dr. Tamer Alkadash, Dr. Walid Elfezzani, SSU, and Student's council organized a volunteer event to distribute iftar meals on Sunday 23/04/2023. This initiative aims to spread love and kindness among the community during this blessed month, and also help us build a strong relationship with the local community. The campaign was focused on bringing Iftar meals to those in need and ensuring that, irrespective of one's financial status, everyone had access to a proper and balanced meal.





## Orphan Day

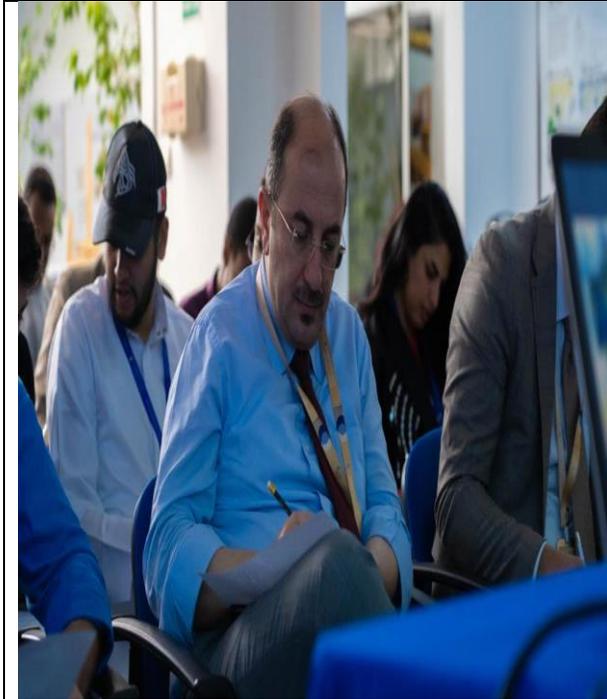
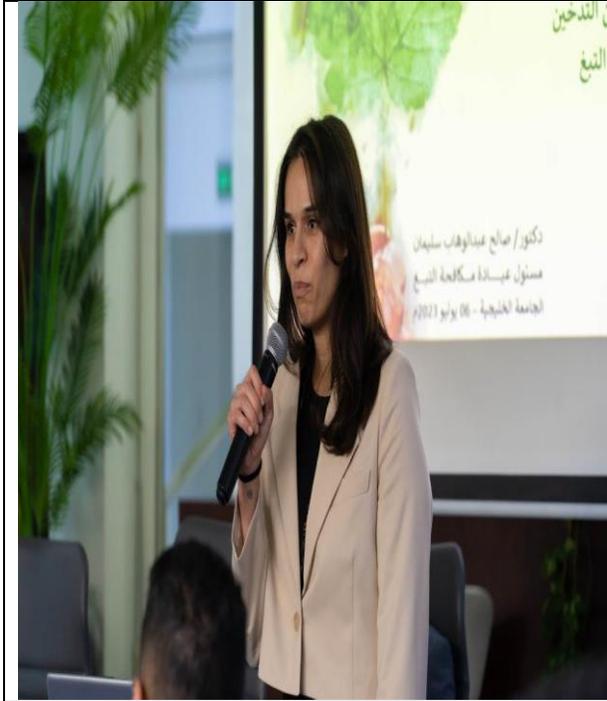
Community engagement Centre presented by Dr. Mohammed Dawwas, SSU, and Student's council organized Orphan Day on May, 04th, 2023. The aims of this event was to achieve several objectives, which may include raising awareness about the plight of orphans and their needs, encouraging the community to support them, and highlighting the role of organizations and individuals in improving their welfare.



## Stop Smoking Event or No Tobacco Day event

In collaboration with the Ministry of Interior's Anti-Smoking Clinic, represented by Dr. Salah Abdul Wahab, and the World Health Organization office, represented by Ms. Shaneen Mohebat, the Community Engagement Centre (CE Centre) at GU organized an awareness exhibition on the occasion of World No Tobacco Day. The primary objective of this exhibition is to raise awareness regarding the harmful consequences of smoking and to advocate for a smoke-free campus environment. Through the presentation of informative displays, interactive activities, and engaging presentations, the exhibition aims to provide comprehensive education to students, faculty, and staff about the health risks associated with smoking, while highlighting the numerous benefits of quitting. Additionally, the event strives to offer valuable resources, support, and guidance to individuals who wish to quit smoking, encouraging them to proactively adopt healthier lifestyles. Ultimately, the exhibition endeavors to promote smoke-free habits, and empowers individuals to make informed choices concerning their own health and the well-being of those around them.





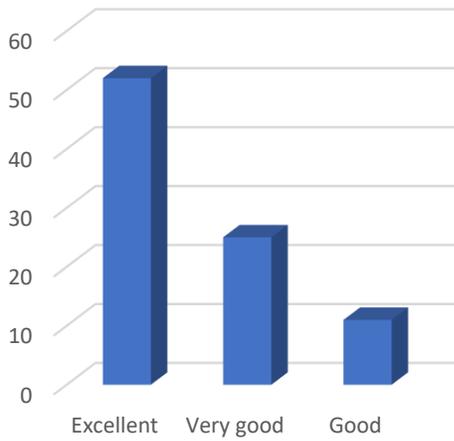
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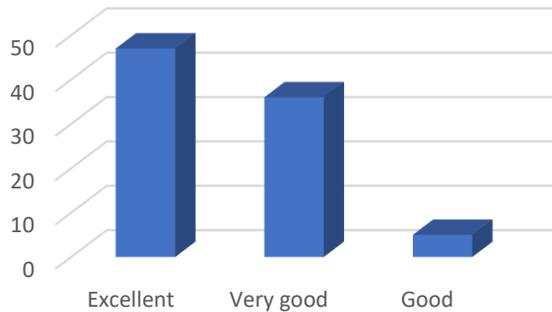
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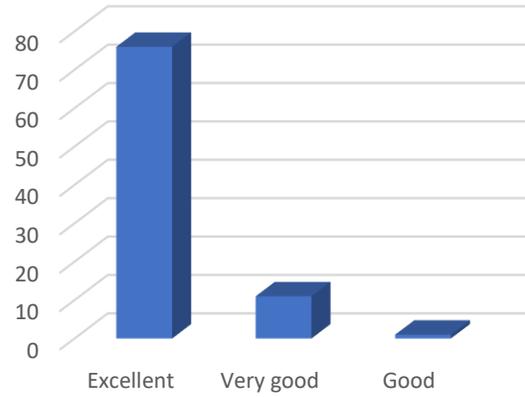
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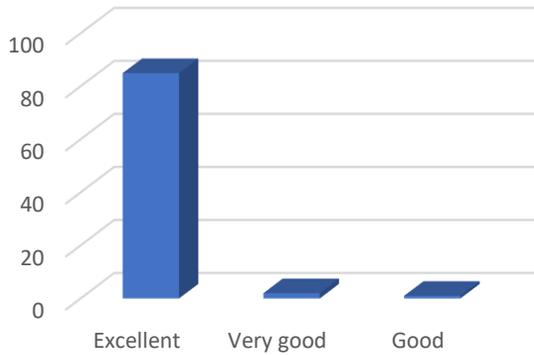
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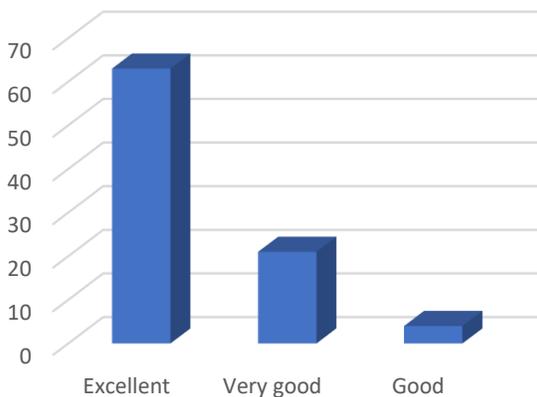
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## Industry Relations

### Sign Memorandum of Understanding

In a significant development, the Community Engagement and Continuing Education Centre, represented by Dr. Mohammad Dawwas, Director of GU's Community Engagement, collaborated with esteemed Deans from various colleges, including Dr. Sherif Badran, Dean of Mass Communication College, and Dr. Osama Al Rawi, Dean of the Engineering College, to sign memorandums of understanding (MoUs) with several local institutions. These institutions include ITQAN Development Company, FABLAB Bahrain, Bahrain Society of Engineers, Uni Training Institute, Bahrain Cinema Association, and London Training Center. The primary objectives of these MoUs are to establish a collaborative framework, cultivating a robust and mutually beneficial relationship. Through these partnerships, the university gains privileged access to valuable resources and expertise within the local community institutions, thereby facilitating research opportunities, practical training, and community-based projects. Simultaneously, the local community institutions benefit from the academic knowledge and intellectual capital of the university, enhancing their programs, services, and overall capacity. By formalizing these partnerships through MoUs, the university and local community institutions can effectively collaborate to address local challenges, promote knowledge exchange, and positively impact the development and well-being of the community.







## Memorandum of Understanding in upcoming days

### Ministry of Interior Visit

The Community Engagement and continuing Education Centre represented by Dr Mohammad Dawwas, Director of GU'S Community Engagement and Continuing Education Centre, and Dr. Sherif Badran, Dean of Mass Communication College, Dr. Naglaa Elgammal, the Head of Mass Communication and Public Relation Department, received major Mr. Ahmed Ibrahim Al-Dakhil from Ministry of interior. Mr. Ahmed Ibrahim Al-Dakhil discussed means of cooperation and memorandum of understanding between the University and Ministry of interior during the coming period.

### Community Engagement Centre visited Open Prisons and Alternative Penalties

As part of the initiatives of the Community Engagement Centre at GU, Dr. Mohammed Dawwas, the Director of the Community Engagement and Continuing Education Centre, paid a visit to the Open Prisons and Alternative Penalties. The purpose of the visit was to discuss the services provided by Gulf University, including workshops and initiatives that benefit the staff and beneficiaries of the prisons. During the meeting, fruitful discussions took place regarding potential collaboration and the establishment of a memorandum of understanding between both parties in the near future.

### “AIN” initiative Team visit (25/06/2023)

Dr. Mohammad Dawwas, Director of GU's Community Engagement and Continuing Education Centre, along with Dr. Mahmoud AlZgool, the Head of the Administrative Science Department, welcomed a delegation of participants from the Youth Leader initiatives. These initiatives, organized by the Good Word Society and Arab Planning Institute in Kuwait under the patronage

of HH Sheikh Isa Bin Ali Al Khalifa, focused on addressing visual pollution. During the meeting, both parties engaged in discussions on potential collaboration and the establishment of a memorandum of understanding in the near future.



### Nasser Vocational Training Center (NVTC) (14/02/2023)

As part of the Community Engagement Centre's initiatives at GU, a delegation consisting of Prof. Dr. Mohanad Ismael Ibrahim Al Fira (The President of Gulf University), Dr. Mohammed Dawwas (Director of the Community Engagement and Continuing Education Centre), Dr. Osama Al Rawi (Dean of the Engineering College), and Dr. Walid Elfezzani (Head of the Electrical & Electronic Engineering Department) visited the Nasser Vocational Training Center (NVTC). The purpose of the visit was to understand the training needs and specific requirements of NVTC, with the aim of developing customized training programs that align with their goals. During the meeting, Dr. Mohammed Dawwas emphasized Gulf University's commitment to fostering positive change within the community through educational workshops and programs. Both parties engaged in discussions to activate a memorandum of understanding, signifying their intent for future collaboration.



## Pro Cloud Visit

Dr. Mohammad Dawwas, Director of GU's Community Engagement and Continuing Education Centre welcomed a delegation of participants from the Pro Cloud Company. During the meeting, both parties engaged in discussions on potential collaboration and the establishment of a memorandum of understanding in the near future.

## Resource, Materials, and facilities

As a part of GU's Community Engagement Centre's ongoing initiatives, the CE Centre facilitated the utilization of university facilities by two esteemed institutions, namely Addon International Contracting Est and Inspirational Team. The underlying objective behind providing university

facilities for local community institutions is to cultivate a collaborative and inclusive environment that mutually benefits all involved. By granting access to a wide array of university resources, including libraries, labs, meeting spaces, specialized equipment, and big hall, the local community institutions gain the opportunity to enhance their programs, services, and overall capacity. This collaborative effort enables the community institutions to leverage the extensive resources and expertise offered by the university, promoting knowledge exchange and fostering a culture of growth and development.

## Social Engagement

### Upskilling, Reskilling and Flexible Learning Conference

Dr. Mohammed Dawwas, (The Director of Community Engagement and Continuing Education Centre), Dr. Mahmoud AlZgool, (The Head of Administrative Science Department) and Dr. Tamer Alkadash (Chair of University Research Council) representing Gulf University, attended in the "Upskilling, Reskilling, and Flexible Learning" Conference, which took place on October 18th, 2022. The esteemed event, held under the patronage of His Excellency the Minister of Labour, Mr. Jameel Bin Mohamed Ali Humaidan, delved into pertinent topics concerning cognitive and technical skills aligned with the demands of the labor market.





## The Sixth Forum of the Royal Humanitarian Foundation under the title "Humanitarian Initiatives"

Dr. Hussian Seroor, a member of the CECE Centre, along with a group of students, participated in the Sixth Forum of the Royal Humanitarian Foundation titled "Humanitarian Initiatives." This esteemed event, held on December 12, 2022, received the generous patronage of His Highness Sheikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the representative of His Majesty the King for Humanitarian and Youth Affairs. The forum aimed to support Bahrain's leading role in humanitarian endeavors and emphasize the "Humanitarian Initiatives" competition, which seeks to engage all segments of society, particularly the youth, in contributing inspirational ideas to philanthropic endeavors. This aligns with the vision of His Majesty the King and the strategic vision of the foundation.





Gulf university Hosted a Lecture titled “Parental Care, Prevention, Protection, Sustainable Development, and Humanity Relief of Royal Humanitarian Foundation.”

As part of the Community Engagement Centre's initiatives at GU, the CE Centre collaborated with the Faculty of Administrative & Financial Sciences to organize a lecture titled "Parental Care, Prevention, Protection, Sustainable Development, and Humanity Relief of the Royal Humanitarian Foundation." The lecture, presented by Neila Fouad Al-Shaer, took place in the main building on December 6, 2022. It focused on highlighting the responsibilities and activities undertaken by the Royal Humanitarian Foundation in the areas of parental care, prevention, protection, sustainable development, and humanity relief.



## Bahrain National Day

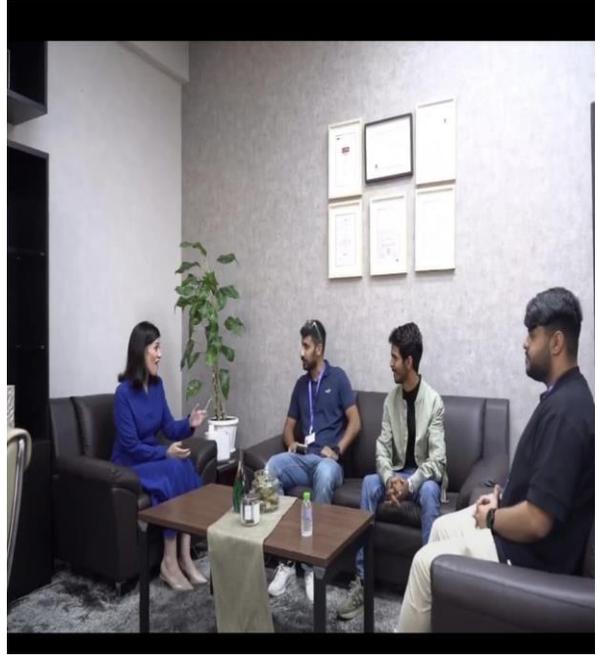
Gulf University, represented by Prof. Mohanad Ismael Ibrahim Al Fira (President of Gulf University), organized Bahrain National Day on 14 December 2023. The aim of this day is to commemorate the country's independence and highlight its rich heritage, culture, and national pride. It serves as a time to honor the unity, progress, and achievements of the Bahraini people, as well as to showcase the nation's history, traditions, and accomplishments.





### Bahraini Women Day

Gulf University, represented by Prof. Mohanad Ismael Ibrahim Al Fira (President of Gulf University), Dr. Mohammed Dawwas (Director of Community Engagement Centre), Dr. Tamer Alkadash (Chair of University Research Council), and Mr. Baraa Al-samarai (Head of Admission and Registration), organized Bahraini Women's Day. As part of the event, they chose one student from a pool of 13 nominees to serve as the university president for a day. In addition, Prof. Dr. Mohanad Ismael Ibrahim Al Fira honored the women staff at Gulf University. The purpose of this event is to acknowledge and commend the achievements of Bahraini women in diverse fields and sectors, and to provide a platform for promoting gender equality, empowering women, and emphasizing their vital role in the development and advancement of Bahraini society, and to inspire and motivate women to persist in making substantial contributions to the nation's prosperity and progress.





### **Isa Award for Service to Humanity.**

Gulf University presented by Prof. Mohanad Ismael Ibrahim Al Fira, the president of Gulf University, Dr. Zuhair, Dr. Mohammed Dawwas, Dr. Mohammed, Dr. Tamer and Dr. Mujeeb attended the event of Isa award for service to humanity. This prize is to recognize individuals or organizations who have made significant contributions to the service of humanity. The award aims to promote and encourage humanitarian work, and to highlight the importance of social responsibility and philanthropy.



### EU-Bahrain Conference Freedom of Religion and Belief (FoRB)

Gulf University presented by Prof. Mohanad Ismael Ibrahim Al Fira, the president of Gulf University, and academic staff at Gulf University attended the EU-Bahrain conference freedom of religion and belief (FoRB) on Tuesday 02/05/2023. The primary goal of this conference is to enhance understanding, respect, and tolerance for diverse religious and belief systems, while addressing challenges and identifying ways to safeguard and promote this fundamental human

right, in addition, to promote peaceful coexistence among different religious communities in Bahrain and the European Union.



#### Tobacco Day event (Royal Academy of Police Bahrain)

Dr. Mohammed Dawwas, the Director of the Community Engagement Centre, and Dr. Tamer Alkadash, Chair of the University Research Council, were present at the Tobacco Day event held at the Royal Academy of Police in Bahrain. The primary objectives of this event were to raise awareness regarding the harmful consequences of smoking and to advocate for a smoke-free environment. Additionally, the event strives to offer valuable resources, support, and guidance to individuals who wish to quit smoking, encouraging them to proactively adopt healthier lifestyles.

Ultimately, the exhibition endeavors to promote smoke-free habits, and empowers individuals to make informed choices concerning their own health and the well-being of those around them.

