

Press Release

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Dakhla Comes Alive with the Youth and Volunteering Event Dakhla Learning Center's Civic Engagement Program

On **Monday, January 28**, at 3 p.m., the Phosboucraa Foundation's Dakhla Learning Center (DLC) will hold the the first **Dakhla: Youth and Volunteering** event that will wrap up roughly thirty workshops on promoting civic engagement.

These workshops were devoted to raising awareness on civics, community engagement, and volunteering. They provided tailored support to groups of young people and helped them set up **15** civic initiatives. More than 1,000 external people—mainly young people—took part and many local contributors and civil society organizations participated.

In continuation of this commitment to promote civic values and encourage active youth participation in public life, the city of Dakhla will come alive with the Youth and Volunteering event to be held on Monday, January 28. The program will include young people's reflections on their experiences. They will discuss the initiatives they participated in to share what they have learned, how the experience have affected them, their points of view, and how they will approach future initiatives. The reflections will take place in the warm and vibrant DLC premises. This lively space conducive to sharing provides young people the opportunity to engage with ideas and people from different backgrounds in order to motivate them to actively participate in their communities' activities.

The discussions will end with prizes for the best civic initiatives that encourage young people to make sustained commitments to their cities and communities.

Civic initiatives carried out by DLC members in December 2018:

- The Innovation and Creativity School: Ibn Zohr Dakhla Primary School;
- Environmental campaign in Fom Lbouir Park;
- Volunteer worksites in Dar Talib Dakhla;
- Blood drive;
- Seminar on integrating children with disabilities into public life;
- Seminar and workshops on treating autistic children;
- Cultural event on African youth and cultural values;
- Cultural activities for orphans in Dakhla;
- Sociocultural activity days for children with disabilities;
- Redevelopment of Taourta Primary School;
- Diabetes awareness campaign (Youssef Ibnou Tachfine Primary School);
- Employability day (workshops and meetings with professionals);
- Information sharing day for high school students;
- Waste collection campaign and tribute to women sanitation workers;
- Athletic activities for disadvantaged women.