

Organization Profile:



IntellectJeddah

Who are we?

Intellect is a grassroots organization dedicated to spreading healthy debate, and creating awareness in the female youth of Saudi society. Whilst we can't promise to produce intellectuals, we can create the environment in which intellect can thrive, and we believe this environment starts with healthy debate. We believe that the uplifting and productivity of our nation is directly proportional to the increase in the number of intellectuals in our society.

Our Vision:

Intellectual individuals in an enlightened society.

Our Mission:

Preparing youth to be change agents in their societies and providing them with an intellectual platform that accepts them and brings them together as different and diverse individuals

Goals and Objectives:

1. Raising awareness of intellectual issues between youth.
2. Creating a new generation of intellects who are both pure and applied thinkers.
3. To broaden horizons and introduce new options to our table of thought without bowing to orthodoxy or fear of labeling.
4. To produce, publish and publicize original research, articles and theses written by members of Intellect.

Target group:

All our activities are aimed at young people aged 17 to 29 years old, both males and females in general, with some activities specifically aimed for females.

Our Activities:

First, our main activity is the Annual Program:

Our program is divided into two stages:

Stage I (Foundation Stage):

Prepares participants to understand certain fields of knowledge and master certain skills that we think intellectuals need regardless of their ideology.

What we offered in the second season of 2012/13 program:

- Introduction to Philosophical Thinking
- Sociology
- History
- Logic
- Philosophy
- Theology
- Economics
- Law
- Political Science
- Fundamentals of Art

Stage II (Application Stage):

Here the participants are enabled to enact and apply all what they have learned from Stage I via various activities, such as group projects, discussions and dialogues, research and presentations, trips and physical activities.

Session Structure:

At the beginning of every session, participants gather in smaller groups and discuss the reading and visual material that was given to them at the Opening of the program. These discussions orient them to meet the guest speakers that we host from inside and outside the Kingdom and understand the topic better.

Accompanying these discussions is a workshop in which participants learn how to master certain skills they need in their intellectual journey, helping them develop these skills through interaction with each other and practice.

Registration method:

In order to register to become a member with us, applicants are requested to fill in an application form, send it with their CV to our email when they will be contacted to be interviewed by our registration team, and complete admission procedures.

* You can request the form through communicating with us through our means of contact which you will find at the end of the brief.

Second, our other activities:

1 - Open sessions:

Periodical sessions we hold in public places to attract a greater number of young people by offering various topics and a diverse audience.

2 - Publications:

We provide our members with opportunities to acquire more writing skills and experience via IntellectJeddah website and blog.

3- Trips:

We arrange two annual trips for our members; one inside the Kingdom and the other abroad, with the following objectives in mind:

- For members to meet different intellectuals in different countries,
- To learn about and interact with other cultures,
- And to add fun to the process of intellectual building.

Achievements of IntellectJeddah:

1. Official Launch of IntellectJeddah on Tuesday, January 19, 2010.
2. Executing a pilot program consisting of 7 different sessions in 2010.
3. Organizing two trips to Kuwait with over 50 girls in 2010 and 2011.
4. Executing the first season of IntellectJeddah Annual Program in 2010/11, with 6 foundation sessions and 6 applied sessions.
5. Organizing a trip to Sharqya, the Eastern Province in October 2011.
6. Executing the second season of IntellectJeddah Annual Program in 2011/12, with 8 foundation sessions and 8 applied sessions.
7. Organizing a trip to Turkey in June 2012.
8. Executing the third season of IntellectJeddah Annual Program in 2012/13, with 10 foundation sessions and 9 applied sessions.

Important points:

- We do not try in any way to direct the members to any kind of ideology or a certain system, be it a religious one or a political one.
- As a group, we do not frown upon any belief, idea, religion, political view of another's member's, to frown upon any of these is a personal opinion and personal freedom that has every right to be debated but should NOT in any way grow into a group's mentality.
- To frown upon a certain thought should be conveyed in an intellectual manner that is not considered offensive in the standard manner of faulty language
- A priority goes to maintaining the diversity of the group.

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