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The Girl Effect

Helping Empower Young Women in Riyadh

Written by Sarah Hassaine, WSB Director

Educate a boy and you educate an individual, Educate a girl and you educate a community.

This is one of Nowell Sukkar's main messages when she is presenting to audiences around Riyadh. Her mission to raise awareness on the *Girl Effect* initiative and ultimately raise funds for education projects worldwide for adolescent girls.

Australian born of Lebanese heritage, Nowell, is a self-made business woman who has been a successful entrepreneur in every chapter of her life. At the mere age of 18 years, she established and ran a computer recycling Company.

A decade later, Nowell volunteered with the "Clean up Australia Campaign" transferring her skills and passion to lobby for environment issues, and eventually help implement, recycling programs in Lebanon.

Five years ago, Nowell found herself unpacking boxes in Riyadh with her husband Iain and boys, Jack & William. There was no plan at the time for "surviving" Riyadh, thinking: *What am I going to do with myself here?*

She decided to start an online journalism course where an assignment led her to do research project on "over-population."



"Over Population," she says, "is at the core of many of our social, economic and environmental problems." "The solution," gushed Nowell "starts with a Girl..... don't take her out of school as soon as she is older enough to bring in a dowry, the education she receives will empower her to find a job or produce an income, she will re-invest in her family & community, she will marry later and have fewer children. She will lift herself and her family out of poverty."

Since her research, and reading inspirational books such as Greg Mortenson's *Three Cups of Tea* and Nikolas Kristof's *Half the Sky*, Nowell became fiercely determined that her next job will be to raise awareness of the plight of women and their daughters in developing countries.



Nowell is now the representative in Riyadh for *The Girl Effect*, an online movement that provides tools to help users support the message of empowering young girls. It was created by the Nike Foundation, in collaboration with the *NoVo Foundation*, the *United Nations* and the *Coalition for Adolescent Girls*.

Global Giving is the hub of the initiative and from the *site*, you can support any project in the country of your choice, making it a personal experience. Once you donate, you will receive updates on the projects progress, you will be invited to visit and see first-hand how your contribution is making a difference, you are also welcomed to volunteer, it's a rewarding experience!

The *Girl Effect* encourages people to host awareness parties, to speak publically on the mission, and to promote online awareness through social media tools.

To date, Nowell has spoken to multiple audiences throughout Riyadh, including the Corona Society, the American School of Riyadh, *Kore Studios*, a yoga retreat and for the *Women's Skills Bureau* just this past month.

Nowell is avidly volunteering her time (nowell@sukkar.net) to inspire communities to donate and raise awareness of the 650 million adolescent girls around the world who do not go to school. "For just SR300 we can send a girl to school for a year" said Nowell, putting it all into perspective.

The goal is to make these girls visible and change their social and economic dynamics, by providing them with specific, powerful and relevant resources. Take a minute today and donate your time or your resources and help change the course of a young girl. It is undeniable that education has the power to change the world.

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10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Hilton Garden Inn
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Learn how to turn your personal image into a powerful tool to achieve your professional and personal goals.

October 2013 - Defining Your Purpose

by Transformational Coach Aline Munsch

Wednesday 23rd October - Opportunities Fair

9 a.m. - 2 p.m., Riyadh Golf Course
Come learn about all the services and opportunities available in Riyadh! If interested in tabling or showcasing your company please email wsbdirector@gmail.com

November 2013 - Understanding Emotional Intelligence

by Motivational Speaker Linda Sage

Emotional Intelligence affects all areas of our lives, but most people do not value it as much as an academic certificate. This seminar will provide insight into the five key areas that will make a world of difference in yourself and in your personal relationships, both personally and professionally.

November 2013 - Annual WSB Gala

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Inspiring Woman: Mixed Media Artist Gosia Van Unen

Written by Leanne Mills



Name: Gosia Van Unen

Nationality: Polish-Dutch

Moved to KSA: 2009

Occupation: Mixed Media Artist

Tell us about what you do here in Riyadh?

My main occupation is art. I'm a mixed media artist and paint mostly with acrylic and watercolour. I make mixed media sculptures, mosaics, and I also do graffiti. I've participated in several group exhibitions in Riyadh in the past three years and had my first solo exhibition last November. I am currently working on two main series of paintings and sculptures and I hope to be able to show them to the public next October.

Furthermore, I write short stories (fiction) as well as travel stories from Saudi Arabia. I am Chief Editor of the Dutch Community monthly magazine and serve as a board member there. I have also developed www.nvriyadh.com, a website for the Dutch community.

Apart from this I'm a mother of three wonderful boys.

Graffiti? Please tell us more about this!

Well, there is a skateboarding park in our compound and it was suggested that the walls around this recreational area would benefit from some graffiti art.

Instead of letting a bunch of teenagers loose, the residents were asked to submit their drawings, and three of my ideas were selected. It was the first time I was working on a really large format and with the spray paint, but it was great fun.

How did you come to be an artist?

Although I studied English Literature and Linguistics and later Marketing Management, I always kept painting and drawing on the side. In the beginning, watercolor was my favourite medium. As my husband's job takes us around the world every few years, it became clear that combining my work in a business environment with the family and the frequent moves would not be possible, so I decided to make painting my new career.

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What do you most enjoy about living/working here?

I love the freedom that Saudi Arabia offers; the freedom of more time available to me, fantastic space outside of Riyadh and the vibrancy of a developing city. I can enjoy my hobbies of astronomy and geology weekly in the desert. I also love scuba diving and dirt biking and these two activities were the main reason we came back to Riyadh after 15 years so we could share them with our kids. Desert trips are an essential part of our life in Saudi Arabia. There is never a dull moment in the desert.

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We understand you love the outdoors. Can you tell us more about some of your other activities?

We really enjoy here is scuba diving and, since we do it as a family now, it makes it very special to me. In Saudi Arabia the reefs of the Red Sea are still in a pristine condition and you can go diving with just a few people in real contrast to other destinations around the world. The Farasan Islands off the coast of Jizan, Al Lith and Yanbu are absolutely magnificent diving locations.



What have been the challenges you have faced?

To live an expat life creates challenges, especially when children are involved. At a certain point one has to do what's best for them even if it means leaving things behind. I think that the biggest challenge in the Middle East is to switch off our European organized manner and accept that time has a different meaning in the Arab world. It's not always bad (however annoying it may be) to be relaxed and let time run its course.

What are your future personal goals?

I would like to complete my two books on Saudi Arabia that I started writing 15 years ago. I'd also like to keep working on my current art projects and develop new creative artistic ways. I hope to be able to classify my extensive rock collection and organize my wardrobe.

Favourite places in Riyadh?

Art galleries: L'Art Pur, Lam, Hewar, Naila and Alaam Artspace.

Any tips for newcomers?

It's best to learn something about your new country: visit the National Museum, go to old Diriyah, visit Kingdom City coffee morning, book a trip with Haya Tours or join Riyadh Rovers.

What's the one piece of advice that you were given when you arrived that you've realized was priceless?

"Make the time for what's important to you. The rest comes later..."

Gosia Van Unen spoke to Leanne Mills.



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Home Business Corner

A brief insight into WSB readers' home-based businesses

Written by Leanne Mills



Batty Cards

Handmade greetings cards

Names: Juliett Broderick & Maggie Hartman

Nationalities: Irish / Australian

How long have you been in KSA: 3½ years

The ladies of Batty Cards make handmade, reasonably priced greeting cards for all occasions. Upon request, Juliett & Maggie customize and personalize cards for that special person or milestone event. The use of colour and beautiful papers are unique in Riyadh and the ladies source and select their supplies from overseas to ensure quality and a point of difference.

Can you explain how you arrived at the decision to set up your home business?

My love for stationery, scrapbooking and grouping of colours and textures were the building blocks for my decision to begin crafting handmade cards. For Juliett, it was an invitation to be creative and she just loved it once she tried it!

We started by putting the basics together in a spare room at the villa here on Eid compound. We sat down and discussed the gap here in the market for purchasing a handmade greeting card and soon we were contacting compound recreation services to try and secure opportunities to market and sell our cards.

What are the dynamics in your partnership?

We are inspired and stimulated by new ideas. We are constantly trying new things and we balance our strengths and weaknesses by running ideas past each other. We bounce ideas around whilst working on projects, and it can sometimes take hours to come up with a few designs, then we get excited and get to work!

We openly tell each other if we think something won't work and we think we are successful because of this honesty. We enjoy it and feel that it is healthy to critique each other's work and it brings a new dimension to our friendship. This often makes us create designs using colours and textures outside of our personal comfort zone, which provides a challenge and keeps things interesting.

Do you have a philosophy or motto?

Our motto is that no idea is a silly one!

What challenges have you faced in building and running your business?

One of the many challenges would have to be ensuring we deliver choice and variety. Everyone has different tastes when it comes to stationery and we have to push ourselves to create cards that consistently suit every market and personal taste.

We also find it very difficult to find a slot in some of the larger, busier coffee mornings, to be able to sell and market our cards. If only compound recreation services could see our stock, then they would appreciate the quality and value for money we provide.

The lack of materials available here in KSA is challenging so we source from overseas to attain the quality we aspire to when creating our cards.

What's your appetite for risk-taking? Have you taken many risks to set up your business?

Buying new stock is a risk as no sale is ever guaranteed. The expenses associated with having to pay for travel to and from the coffee mornings and the entrance fees means we risk our capital in the business. We always try to recoup our costs, with any profit after expenses being reinvested into the business.

There is also a marketing risk with the choice and design of cards that we produce; certain designs that we think will work have not sold well. Overall, the feedback that we have received has been positive and our success is proven by the high number of returning customers.

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What do you think are the benefits of running your own business from home?

Financially it is beneficial as there are minimal overheads. This allows us to be competitive with pricing, which enables us to run a profitable business.

An advantage to being based on a compound is that some of our best customers are our friends and neighbours which means we have a captive market.



Who or what inspires you?

Papers inspire us! It's possible to build a card around beautiful paper and then introduce colour, ribbons and other embellishments to bring the card to life. Pinterest is also a fantastic source of inspiration when we start card making.

What are your business plans for the future?

We want to expand our range to providing name placement cards for dinner settings, gift tags and broadening our stationery range such as note cards and books.

For more information on ordering personalized greetings cards, call

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Jullett Broderick

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Out and About in Riyadh

The National Museum of Saudi Arabia

Written by Tiffany Wacaser



Both the history and culture of Saudi Arabia are unique and interesting. One of the best ways to learn about the traditions of the area and how it has impacted local customs is to visit the National Museum located in the historical center in Riyadh.

My family and I explored the museum on a peaceful Friday afternoon. Being surrounded by beautiful gardens and fountains, it is definitely worth a visit even if museums aren't your thing. There were many Saudi families sitting on carpets enjoying picnics. The museum itself wasn't particularly busy and admission was low, costing only 10 SR per adult.

The museum starts during prehistory and explores the creation of the earth, the solar system and planets. Geographical features of Saudi Arabia are also highlighted, and there are some great examples of minerals and rocks found in the area. Textual displays are written in both Arabic and English. Some of the big posters even have Islamic verses written placing the displays in context with Islamic beliefs and understanding.

Following the first hall, you can walk through different hallways each focusing on an important period of history. Each exhibit shows artifacts from the period such as pottery, jewelry, samples of writing, and tools. Throughout the exhibits, there is a common thread showing how the Arabic language developed and how the culture changed, growing because of the circumstances of the historical periods.

There are a few large exhibits highlighting the history of Islam, important figures in the development of the religion, and how Islam changed and shaped the culture of the Arabic people. One of the most interesting exhibits is the one explaining the significance of the Hajj and shows a beautiful replica of Mecca. This is a rare opportunity for Non-Muslims to learn about Mecca and see what it is like.

The museum also boasts a lovely shop filled with interesting souvenirs and books about the region. The shop wasn't open when I visited, but from the windows, I felt like the quality of the items offered was quite tempting.

The museum is well-planned with interesting displays. There aren't interactive displays for children which is a pity. I think that the National Museum is a must-see destination for an expat living in Riyadh. Going through the museum carefully and thoughtfully will leave one with a better understanding of the history of the region along with a better appreciation of how Islam in particular has shaped both the traditions and culture of the area.



If you go, please check the website (<http://www.nationalmuseum.org.sa/our.aspx>) for a map and hour details. Be aware that there are hours for men only and then hours for families. Following your exploration of the exhibits, take some time to wander around the outdoor gardens.

Tiffany Wacaser is an American expat traveling with her husband and their five children. She blogs about their adventures at www.beigemaze.blogspot.com.

** After 5 years, Tiffany is leaving Riyadh and WSB wishes her well on her next adventure! WSB has greatly appreciated her contribution over the years to the newsletter and will be missed.*

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Cool Down This Summer at Ten Different Pools in Riyadh

Ten Pools in Riyadh For Women To Cool Down In This Summer

Written by Layla, <http://www.blueabaya.com/>

Summer is here and temperatures are expected to be topping +40c daily. What a better way to cool off than by spending a day at the pool!

1. The outdoor wave pool at Diplomatic Quarters Sport Club. The DQ Sports club outdoor and indoor pools have alternating days for women and men. The outdoor wave pool area is set in a beautiful garden and has waterslides, kids' pools and a restaurant. Membership required.
2. **Yibreen Spa** outdoor pool. Located inside this secluded luxury spa, the pool and sun tanning/ lounging area is accessible for members free of charge and with a fee for non members. The café offers healthy snacks and fresh fruit juices.
3. **Riyadh Golf Club Sports Gardens** pools. A green oasis in the middle of the desert, the Golf club has plenty of outdoor activities for families including the outdoor pool, children's pool, mini golf, basketball and others. Membership required.
4. **Al Manahil** ladies spa in the Diplomatic Quarter has a large indoor pool accessible for non members and by single payment. Modest swimwear required. Swimming classes for children and adults.
5. **Al Luthan** women's only Hotel and Spa has a beautiful indoor pool and also offers aqua fitness classes.
6. **Al Aghar Equestrian Club** inside the Diplomatic Quarters has a private pool area that can be rented by the hour. Separate ladies/men's days, Fridays are family day.
7. **Dirab Golf & Country Club** located 44km outside Riyadh is a wonderful haven outside the hustle and bustle of the city. Two outdoor pools and also horseback riding available for ladies, abaya free zone.
8. **AlMultaka Ladies Center**. In addition to an indoor pool, AlMultaka offers a spa and beauty salon, library, shops and a restaurant.
9. Many of the private hospitals in Riyadh have women only pools and offer classes with female instructors. Check out Obaid, Hammadi and Specialized Medical Center pools.
10. For family pool time or pool parties, the area around exit 8 and 9 is lined withistiraha's (small private resort) that can be rented per day for the whole family to enjoy or many families can rent one and share the costs. Fantasy Land, Yamama Resort and Splash Waterpark have aqua parks open to children only but they also offer private villas with small pools.



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Restaurant Review

Written by Jan Thompson



Burger Fuel

Address:	Dabab Street corner of Talateen Street opposite Tamimi also in Sahara Mall
Cuisine:	Designer Burgers
Suit:	Teenagers, Families with lots of boys, closet burger aficionados
Style:	Casual, industrial feel, functional not fussy
Cost:	Our light lunch for two: SAR 60, but growing teenage boys would eat this on their own
Hours:	Friday to Tuesday 1230 – 0100 Wednesday and Thurs 1230 - 0200
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A love of cars, bikes, and all things loud and mechanical explains the branding. It is this same love of good natural food that gives Burger Fuel its motto: “death before bad burgers” and “fuel for the human engine.” Not only are their ingredients like nature intended, but the packaging is environmentally responsible and sustainable. Thus their logo, “engineering the ultimate burger.”

In 1995, a group of New Zealanders formalized their burger dream using only 100% pure grass fed beef, char-grilled and served on sesame bread rolls with an interesting range of condiment choices.

The burgers are generous, healthy and made to order. We shared a BF Monster with 1/3 pound beef, melted cheddar, sliced beetroot, juicy mango, fresh avocado, beef bacon, salad, relish and fresh natural BF aioli; YUM! To counteract the usual spillage from burger munching you are supplied with a “doofer”, a folded cardboard holder, which allows for un-messy eating; what a fun idea. In addition to beef, there are chicken, vegan and mini burgers as well as kids meals.

Instead of the spud fries, we ordered the “motobites” which are crumbed pumpkin, carrot, chickpea and ginger bits with a dipping sauce. They were excellent; not too naughty, but nice.

Lots of staff and prompt service.



Silk Art Scarves designed by Middle Eastern Artists



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"Out of Mall" Retail Review

Written by Jan Thompson



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In the front row are the stars, from the left – a Lamborghini (tangerine orange not quite my style), an Aston Martin Vanquish (James Bond blue of course), a Maserati, a Ferrari, a Mayback, 2 or 3 Rolls Royces and the same number of Bentleys (including some soft tops – a personal favourite). Also, a number of 2 and 4 door highly polished Porches looking gorgeous.

Now for the important issue of price, the Aston Martin can be yours for a modest SAR1.4 million or a 2 door 2008 used Porsche for a mere SAR 300,000. I suggest you count the zeros before you make a purchase.

There were also other goodies such as racy Harley Davidson motor bikes, a bright orange 4x4 which was more like a truck being over 1.5 metres from the ground to the bottom of the doors, dune buggies, and stretch Hummers. For those with a fear of flying, a customised Mercedes Sprinter with walnut trim, crocodile leather covered lie flat seats, a humidifier for your cigars, DVD player, and a Play Station was also available.

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Compiled by Clare Barbour

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 Sun - Night of the Raj , Indian Cuisine
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MON 16:	Mexico Vs Italy	10pm
TUE 17:	Spain Vs Uruguay	10pm
WED 19:	Brazil Vs Mexico	10pm
THUR 20:	Italy Vs Japan	10pm
SAT 22:	Brazil Vs Italy	10pm
SUN 23:	Nigeria Vs Spain	10pm

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Sat 8 - 20 June: Spanish Football Training Camp The International Football Academy, Riyadh

Age 7-16 yrs.
 Week One: 8 - 13 June
 Week Two: 15 - 20 June
 For more info contact the organisers at 050 741 8874 or email worldchampionscamp@gmail.com

Sat 8 - 26 June: Native American Indians Camp L'Art Pur Gallery, Takassusi, opp Euromarche

11 - 4pm. Five days a week. Kids ages 5 - 11 yrs. For more info call 011 2011549 or 0552717758 or email thepureart@gmail.com

Sat 8 - 30 June: Summer Camp for Kids (Session 1) Al Nakeel Compound

9 - 12pm. For kids 4-12 yrs old. Activities include swimming, table tennis, football, arts and crafts, zumba, cooking, languages etc. To register and for more info contact Amna Khan 0507856201.

Sat 8 - 2 July: Tiny Bubbles Summer Camp Fun Riyadh

2 - 6 yrs old. Limited Seats. 15 parties, 8 workshops, 15 themes, 20 arts and Crafts, 10 surprise competitions and many more activities. Contact 053 8779021 for more info.

Mon 1 - 30 July: Summer Camp for Kids (Session 2) Al Nakeel Compound

9 - 12pm. For kids 4-12 yrs old. Activities include swimming, table tennis, football, arts and crafts, zumba, cooking, languages etc. To register and for more info contact Amna Khan 0507856201.

Sun 14 July - 8 Aug: Crayons School Summer Camp Crayons International Schools and Activity Center

11am - 3.30pm Sat-Wed. Open to boys 3-6 yrs and girls 3-10 yrs. Activities include, cooking, scavenger hunts, photography, picnics, splash playtime, nature science, library time, drama, etc. For more info and to register contact 011 2071952 or 0532624627 email crayons_international@yahoo.com. See event at <https://www.facebook.com/events/367003696692252/>

Now:

Until 3 June: 'Panta Rhei' Graduation Expo 2013 Arts & Skills Institute, Takassusi

7-9pm. Families. Visual Arts and Fashion Design Graduation Exhibition. For more info call 011 201 1549 or 055 271 7758. arts.and.skills.inst@gmail.com

Until 7 June: '25 Years of Arab Creativity' Art Exhib Naila Art Gallery, Takassusi

10am -10pm Sat-Thur. 5 - 9pm Fri. Major traveling exhibition originating from the Institute du Monde Arabe in Paris. Catch it before it leaves!! For more info visit www.gallerynaila.com, or call 01 8805352. info@gallerynaila.com. Info and map also posted at <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Naila-Art-Gallery>

Until 8 June: EDEN 'Masalama Gifts' Open House Location on registration

Concept art jewelry derived from nature. Over 150 kinds of Unique Gemstones, Organic Gems, Dazzling Opals, Out-of-this-world Meteorite and Tektite, Rare Fossils, Real Leaves in gold and Real Butterfly wings a charity to help protect the species. RSVP to 0543768585 email info@edenscorner.com

These events are subject to the organisers' membership and registration rules, therefore any interest to participate or attend must be directed to the contact source stipulated in the event listing.

Until Aug: 'Contemporary Perspectives in Middle Eastern Crafts' Art Exhibition'

Alaan ArtSpace, 280 Ourouba St

See gallery opening times. For more info call 011 4169550 or email tala@alaanart.com. Info also posted on www.facebook.com/alaanartspace.

MONDAY 3 JUNE:

**STYLE STARDUST Fashion Styling Workshop
Al Faisaliah Hotel Suites, Riyadh**

6.30-8.30pm. 250 SAR tickets. Sabina Marini, International Fashion Stylist and image consultant, will be hosting an evening of glamour exclusively at Al Faisaliah Suites. In participation with EDEN Jewellery. To register contact sabinamg@yahoo.co.uk or call 056799 5965.

TUESDAY 4 JUNE:

**Until 6 June: Panorama Mall Kids Carnival 2013
Panorama for Women's floor**

4pm – 11pm. FREE. Join with your kids for 3 days of exciting stage performances, games and competitions, parties, and arts and crafts. For more info contact 011 281 6014.

WEDNESDAY 5 JUNE:

SUMMER OF LOVE by Riyadh Choral Society

8pm. 50 SAR. For more info email rscboxoffice@gmail.com

THURSDAY 6 JUNE:

**Until 27 June: Drawing Fundamentals for Kids!
Alaan ArtSpace, 280 Ourouba St**

11 – 1pm. 880 SAR for 5 weeks of classes. Including materials. 10-14 yrs old. Run by Mary Teeling and Dana Qabbani. For registration and more info call 011 4169550 or email tala@alaanart.com. Info also posted on www.facebook.com/alaanartspace.

**C&R Hawaiian Hula Girl's Party
Ranco Village Compound**

4 – 7pm. Girls age 4-14 yrs. 250 SAR kids, 110 SAR Parents. Includes Luau food, Hawaiian cocktails, games, face painting, gifts, music, dancing, food. Reservation call 0556603413.

SATURDAY 8 JUNE:

Corona Worldwide in Riyadh

8.45 – 11.30am. Guest must be signed in by a member. To register email register@coronariyadh.com

SUNDAY 9 JUNE:

**Ishbilila Great British Coffee Morning
Ishbilila Compound**

8.45 – 11.30am. 30 SAR for prize, food, drink, shopping, and socialising. Register bernie_recreation@yahoo.co.uk

MONDAY 10 JUNE:

**Spirit of Giving Coffee/charity/shopping morning
Villa 400, Ishbilila Compound**

9.30 – 12.30pm. Please bring a pair of shoes, a handbag or a bra to donate to Hope for people in need. RSVP to 0536617217 or leanne@writeability.com.au by 8 June.

**'Heritage Design: The Traditional Architecture of Arabia'
Alaan ArtSpace, 280 Ourouba St**

8.30pm. FREE. Hala Al Hussaini leads the design talk. For more info call 011 4169550 or email tala@alaanart.com. Info also posted on www.facebook.com/alaanartspace.

TUESDAY 11 JUNE:

Alhamra Coffee Morning

Alhamra Compound @ La Fontaine Restaurant

9 – 11.30am. 45 SAR for breakfast buffet, raffle and vendors. Register your ID by noon 9th June. recreation@alhamra.com.sa

WEDNESDAY 12 JUNE:

THEMAR RAMADAN Fashion Exhibition 2013

Maison BO-M, Njoud Mall, opp Intercontinental

See opening times. For more info call 01 202 1205 or email info@maisonbo-m.com Info also on www.facebook.com/Maison.BoM.

THURSDAY 13 JUNE:

**Summer Cultural Adventure to Al Qassim
Day Trip with Haya Tours**

350 SAR adult, 150 SAR under 12's. Includes transport, guide, lunch, refreshments. Special desert activities will be available at extra cost: paraplane/powered parachute, quad biking. Sign up for 8th June. For more info contact info@hayatour.com Call 050416 6323.

La Festa d'Estate "Sapore di mare"

OasItalia event @The Embassy of Italy, DQ

7 – 8pm. For more info contact oasitalia@gmail.com

TUESDAY 18 JUNE:

Documentary Film Program Series

Alaan ArtSpace, 280 Ourouba St

8.30pm. MEN'S Night. 50 SAR. For registration and more info call 011 4169550 or email tala@alaanart.com. Info also posted on www.facebook.com/alaanartspace.

WEDNESDAY 19 JUNE:

Documentary Film Program Series

Alaan ArtSpace, 280 Ourouba St

8.30pm. LADIES Night. 50 SAR. For registration and more info call 011 4169550 or email tala@alaanart.com. Info also posted on www.facebook.com/alaanartspace.

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THURSDAY 20 JUNE:**Art Demo: Painting on Porcelain****Alaan ArtSpace, 280 Ourouba St**

7 – 10pm. FREE. Led by award-winning Riyadh-based artist Sundus Al Ibrahim. For registration and more info call 011 4169550 or email tala@alaanart.com. Info also posted on www.facebook.com/alaanartspace

JULY:**MONDAY 15 JULY:****WSB EVENT: RAMADAN IFTAR Networking****Hilton Garden Inn**Registration required info@wsb-ksa.com.Visit www.facebook.com/WSBRiyadh.

Regular Activities & Events in Riyadh

Compiled by Clare Barbour

If you are organising an event and would like to be listed, please email info@wsb-ksa.com.**Kingdom Coffee Morning/Bazaar****Kingdom City Compound**

Every first Monday of the month (except January, July, August and September)
9 -12 pm, no entry charge, for info contact 275 0 275

Tune Music Center

Music classes for all ages

Taala Compound. For more info contact

Info@tunemusiccentre.com or call 01-2256729 /
050-4125987

Riyadh International Quilt Guild

A great place to learn new skills, find out about local resources and share information.

Every fourth Sunday of the month 7.00 - 9.00pm Sept – May
Annual membership is SR 150.

For further details, please email:

RiyadhQuiltGuild@gmail.com Or visit Web:
<http://riyadhquiltguild.blogspot.com>

Haya Tours

For regular day and weekend trips around Riyadh and the Kingdom

Get a Schedule. Contact Salwa on info@hayatour.com or call
+966 504 166 323, Tel/Fax: +966 1 4507167

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c3classicculture@yahoo.com

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For more info call 0569082900

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Saturdays 8.30 – 9.30am

Kingdom Compound

For info and to sign up contact Marie Cousin at
recreation@kingdom-city.com

Swiss Ball Classes

Mondays 8.30 – 9.30am

Kingdom Compound.

For info and to sign up contact Marie Cousin at
recreation@kingdom-city.com

Zumba Classes

Various days, times, compound locations throughout the week.

Contact Catalina zumbacat11@gmail.com. See Facebook page Zumba Riyadh for more info.

Salsa Dance Classes

Nakheel Compound. 7pm usually every Tuesday. SR 20.

Contact riyadhsalseros@gmail.com**Yoga levels 1 & 2, Mat Pilates Classes**

Evening and morning classes available. For info contact

Sarah Bohairy prana.shakti.yoga.riyadh@gmail.com**Yoga Classes**

Fal Compound. Sun & Wed, 8.30 – 9.30pm. Ladies only. For more info contact Sarah 054555284

sarahshamra@hotmail.com

*** NEW ***

Systema Sambo

Sundays 7.30 – 9.30pm & Mondays 7.30 – 9.30pm.

Naj Compound Recreation area.

For more info contact Thomas Brackmann

tbrackmann@web.de or call 0540960 162

*** NEW ***

Judo and Sambo Classes

All Ages. Naj Compound Recreation area. Run by German, black belt teacher.

For more info contact Thomas Brackmann

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*** NEW ***

Women Self Defense Classes

Monthly workshop 2-3hours

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For more info contact Thomas Brackmann

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Riyadh Community Groups

Women's Skills Bureau

Supporting Expat Spouses

www.wsb-ksa.com

<https://www.facebook.com/WSBRiyadh>

Info@wsb-ksa.com

The Corona Society

English speaking woman's group

Coronainriyadh@hotmail.com

Maison des Français

Events and activities for French speakers

Mdfriyadh@yahoo.com

Oasis Italia

Italian Cultural Association

Oasitalia@gmail.com

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The American Community of Riyadh

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CCOR

The Canadian Community of Riyadh

Cwor.events@gmail.com

Dutch Club

De Nederlandse Vereniging

<http://www.nvriyadh.com>

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Southern Cross Women's Association

Australia/New Zealand Women's Group

scwa.riyadh@gmail.com

The Caledonian Society

Scotish Society

www.riyadhcaledonian.com

Useful Links

Life in Saudi

<http://www.saudilife.net>

<http://www.riyadheats.com>

<http://www.rightcompound.com>

<http://www.sufrati.com/sa>

<http://www.get2knowsaudiarabia.com>

<http://www.whileabroad.com/parenting>

<http://www.saudibritishsociety.org.uk>

<http://www.glowork.net>

News and Blogs

<http://www.arabnews.com>

<http://www.eyeofriyadh.com>

<http://www.arriyadh.com/eng/>

<http://www.americanbedu.com>

<http://www.expatswomen.com>

<http://www.oasis-mag.blogspot.com>

<http://www.thepinktarha.com>

<http://www.saudiexpatpodcast.com>

Additional Facebook Pages

<https://www.facebook.com/WSBRiyadh>

<https://www.facebook.com/hayatours>

<https://www.facebook.com/BlueAbayaBlog>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/artdesignsocietyksa/>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/111213812303012/>

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If interested, please send a writing sample to Amanda at wsbnewsletter@gmail.com.

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A Facelift for WSB – Time to Look Forward
WSB launches its new website May 2013
Written by Sarah Hassan, WSB Director

The Women's Skills Bureau is pleased to announce the launch of its new website and its new brand! The WSB's goal for 2013 was to upgrade its look and services in order to better reflect the talented, capable community in Riyadh and to recognize the significant transformation the organization has gone through over the years.

WSB started as an organic, and community-based organization that aimed to help expatriates find and gain jobs and services. Today, WSB is an active agent and resource for the entire expatriate community, providing professional development workshops, hosting networking events for professionals and serving as a primary source of information through its monthly newsletter.

The new logo and look had to satisfy all of the existing expectations of our original brand stand, for while brand forward WSB focused on rising bold letters across the world: Enabling - Empowering Engineering, which perfectly capture all that WSB does for the community.

WSB chose purple as the main color, away from the blue and teal, as purple is a color that represents creativity, wisdom, ambition and independence. To the mind and body, purple lifts spirits and calms the nerves. WSB can only hope that its new platform will encourage imagination and give people daily hope during their stay in the Kingdom.

The new website will have the same objective - to help job and service seekers and employers. In addition, the website has expanded to include:

- A resource database of all businesses in Riyadh (divided by sector (e.g. Hospitals, Embassies, Schools, etc.), located under the Resources tab)
- An Events page with a listing of all upcoming events
- A Photo Gallery for users to see how active WSB has been and to get a feel of the events
- A Newsletter section where the latest newsletter can be accessed and all past editions can be uploaded
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