



Solidarity with Syrian Civil Society and Social Movements
The invisible side is the one that shines
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Participants profiles

N°	Name	Profile
1	Abdulaziz Ramadan	Physician and co-founder of UKSSD (International Committee for Social Development and Self-Organized Democracy), a students' organization founded in the northeast of Syria. UKSSD's main goals are supporting students in conflict areas, or those who are displaced or refugees, and contributing to the stabilization and democratization of Syria. www.ukssd.de
2	Wesam Sabaaneh	Syrian-Palestinian activist, director of Jafra Foundation for Relief and Youth Development, already active before 2011 in the Palestinian camps in Syria, Lebanon and now engaged in support of the Syrian and Palestinian refugees also along the Balkan route and in Greece. http://jafrafoundation.org/
3	Muhammad Abdullah	Former Reuters photographer, currently working on the monitoring of areas under siege for The Syria Campaign: an international advocacy group founded in the UK in 2014 that advocates for protection of Syrian civilians and for the promotion of the democratization process. https://thesyriacampaign.org/
4	Hozan Ibrahim	Director of Citizens for Syria, a non-governmental organization founded in Germany in 2013 that has offices also in Turkey, dedicated to studying Syrian civil society and facilitating the exchange of experiences and cooperation between organizations within Syrian civil society, and between them and foreign institutions. https://citizensforsyria.org/
5	Rami Nakhla	NPWJ Syria program coordinator based in Gaziantep, Turkey. He is Syrian pro-democracy activist and a Yale World Fellow who has worked to advance political, social, and security sector reform in Syria since 2006. He served as Executive Director of The Day After Association and as Syria Program Specialist at the US Institute of Peace (USIP), coordinating "The Day After" project on the Institute's behalf. At the start of the uprising, Nakhla was a founding member and spokesperson for the Local Coordination Committees (LCCs). Nakhla became a member of the Syrian National Council but in 2013 he resigned from his position to focus his efforts on non-partisan conflict mitigation with international organizations working in the country.
6	Raheb Alwany	Human Rights Defender, is a medical doctor working on documentation of sexual and gender based violence in Syria. Born and raised in Raqqa, she continued to practice medicine in the National Hospital of Raqqa also after the ISIS take-over of the city. Following threats and intimidations received from ISIS, Raheb had to leave the country and she currently lives in the UK, where she continues to work on conflict resolution and transformation, child recruitment, SGBV, human rights and transitional justice as a tool for sustainable peace. Raheb worked in research and advocacy with the Badael foundation http://badael.org/en/homepage/
7	Noura Al Jizawi	She is director at Start Point, an NGO dedicated to raising awareness of human rights and gender issues in the Syrian conflict. Previously, Noura was twice elected to the position of Vice President of the National Coalition of Syrian Revolution and Opposition Forces (SNC), additionally serving as a member of the political committee and member of the Syrian negotiations team at the Geneva peace talks in 2014. Due to her political activism, Noura has been detained without charge and tortured by the security services of the Assad regime. http://www.start-point.org/
8	Mazen Kewara	Turkey Country Director of the Syrian American Medical Society (SAMS), one of the leading medical and humanitarian organizations working in Syria. Dr. Kewara has worked in the Tishreen Hospital in Damascus. In 2011 when the conflict in Syria began, he started treating victims of the government's violence against peaceful protests, but had to leave Syria to Turkey with his family in 2012 and then started working with SAMS. As Country Director in Turkey, he has overseen the growth and expansion of SAMS's northern Syria programs, including supporting health workers, sponsoring hospitals, and documenting human rights violations. He participated in the civil society rooms in Geneva talks. https://www.sams-usa.net/

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