



MBI AL JABER Foundation

Building bridges through education

The MBI Al Jaber Foundation, named after our Founder and sole Patron, Sheikh Mohamed Bin Issa Al Jaber, is focused on building bridges between the Middle East and the wider world through education, cultural dialogue and exchange, and good governance.

Vision

We strive for a future in which the growing cohort of talented young men and women, throughout the Arab world, will enjoy the fundamental freedoms and opportunities to thrive both at home and overseas - in order to positively shape not only their own future, but also that of their community, country and region.

Our firm belief that individuals can and do make a difference is at the heart of everything we do.

Education

"Education gives people the chance to define their future and take control of their destiny." MBI Al Jaber, UNESCO Special Envoy

The Foundation has invested millions of pounds in a broad range of education projects, from individual scholarships to international education programmes; reaching out to students from all Arab countries, from Yemen to Syria and from Iraq to Morocco. We are committed to developing our scholarship programme and we will continue to work closely with our partners - elite institutions of higher education - such as: the American Universities of Cairo and Beirut, University College London, The London School of Economics, University of Westminster and other prominent educational establishments throughout the world. In addition to this, we support numerous capital projects for high profile universities in countries across Europe and the Middle East. We have been, and will continue to remain, a long-term supporter of the London Middle East Institute, a think tank focused on the Middle East, based at the School of Oriental and African Studies.

Cultural Dialogue and Exchange

"Dialogue is a lifeline for understanding and respect."

Irina Bokova, Former UNESCO Director General

We work tirelessly to bring the Middle East and the wider world closer together, by breaking down the litany of cultural and social barriers that have been created by a lack of knowledge, understanding and mutual respect. We encourage integration and exchange; promoting the benefits of cultural diversity, and the need for open and spirited discussion about a range of important and sensitive issues. We seek to facilitate learning and build cross cultural relationships that foster empathy and pragmatism. Our philosophy is founded on the desire to promote values such as respect, tolerance, transparency and openness. We work closely with organisations such as UNESCO and Connecting Cultures to achieve these goals.

Good Governance

"Good governance is perhaps the single most important factor in eradicating poverty and promoting development". Kofi Annan, former UN Secretary General

The Foundation follows and promotes good governance. We believe that accountability, transparency, equality, democracy, respect for the rule of law and respect for human rights are critical to the success of individuals, organisations and governments. We have an expanding programme of seminars, lectures and conferences, which allow the exchange of good ideas and best practice in this field. We help people and communities to understand their rights and obligations, encouraging them to play an active role in our global society, enabling them to engage with governments and work with corporations, ensuring their operations are accountable, ethical and socially responsible.



The MBI Al Jaber Foundation is named after our Patron and Chairman Mohamed Bin Issa Al Jaber and was born from his desire to promote better understanding between the peoples of the Middle East and the wider world.



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History

The MBI Al Jaber Foundation is a British registered charity, based in London. The Foundation grew out of a scholarship programme developed in conjunction with the London Middle East Institute, SOAS, of which Sheikh Mohamed Bin Issa Al Jaber is founding donor and patron. It has expanded to include programmes at elite universities in Europe and beyond, and has developed partnerships with like-minded organisations working in the fields of education, cultural dialogue and good governance.

Our Founder, Chairman and Sole Patron

Sheikh Mohamed Bin Issa Al Jaber is a Saudi entrepreneur and philanthropist who has successfully built an international business empire spanning Europe and the Middle East. He is founder of MBI International Holdings, a worldwide investment institution operating in the hospitality, real estate, finance, oil and gas and food industries.

Board of Trustees

We are governed by a Board of Trustees. The Trustees are chosen for their expertise in education and good governance, and their extensive knowledge of the Middle East.

Mohamed Bin Issa Al Jaber

Patron and Chairman

Rt Hon Lord Young of Graffham

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