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I AM BILAL, AND I HELP PEOPLE CREATE, SHARE &
CONNECT WITH COMMUNITIES FOR POSITIVE CHANGE.
I LOVE MEDITATION, TUPAC & SWEET POTATOES.

CONSULTATION / WORKSHOPS

Wamda

August 2015 – Beirut, Lebanon / UAE
Connecting & empowering entrepreneurs in the Middle East

Fablab

September 2014 – Taiwan
Design thinking and the maker movement

Syrian Refugee Camp

2012 – Qah, Syria
Alternative educational spaces & programs in refugee camps

Science Camp

2014 – Basra, Iraq
Depleted uranium research with open source gieger counters

Pop-up maker spaces

2013 – Los Angeles
2012 – Iraq - Lebanon
2011 – Egypt
2009 – Ann Arbor

PUBLIC SPEAKING

Maker Faire

June 2015 – Shenzhen
Taoism and Making

MakerBay

June 2015 – Hong-Kong
Making It Personal

Re:publica

May 2015 – Berlin, Germany
Don't "Change The World" - Sing With The Universe

doku:Tech

October 2014 – Kosovo
Open Source Art, Kindness & Terrorism

Foresight & Trends

2013 – Los Angeles
Digital, Accessible, Hacked. How International
Makerspaces are Powering Grassroots Design.

INKTalks

2012 – Pune, India
The Hackerspace Revolution.

EXPERIENCE

Maker Strategist – Autodesk

2014 to Present

Conducting experiments exploring the intersections between grassroots creativity and global sustainability challenges.

- Documentation and mentorship at POC21.cc (Proof Of Concept), in Paris, France – 09/2015.
- Design and facilitation of a month-long DIY Sustainability workshop with citizens and students of MIT in Cambridge, MA – 01/2015.

Founder and Catalyst

– Global Entrepreneurship and Makerspace Initiative (GEMSI)

September 2011 to Present

Supporting hackerspace development in the Middle East, focusing on Cairo, Beirut, and Baghdad. Led a documentation team through Beirut's build-out stage and produced a short documentary film. Mentorship of leaders through weekly hangouts.

Maker Advocate – Autodesk

January 2012 to 2014

Conducted research in the Middle East and China and advised Autodesk on the maker movement. Developed on programming to help Autodesk connect with the future of maker culture & social design.

Product Designer & Leadership - Robotics Redefined

January 2010 to July 2011

Number 3 at a robotics startup. I designed electronics, hired teams and developed both software and the business. Designed autonomous navigation algorithms and laser software. Led the software team to build a functioning prototype which was displayed at the Promat 2011 material handling show.

Founder – Modati Studios

March 2006 to September 2012

Established a screen printing company that supported local art and makers. Trained two operational managers who ran Modati for 3 years after me.

Cofounder and Board Member – All Hands Active (AHA) Shop

June 2009 to January 2010

Organized a community and established a hackerspace in Ann Arbor, MI. Still open today in 2015 and recently became a 501c3.

EDUCATION & SKILLS

B.S. – Computer Science and Math

University of Michigan, Dearborn MI

- Design, Screen Printing, Illustration, Freestyle Rap, Public Speaking
- Python, Simple circuit design, Arduino, Robotics
- Video production, guitar, basic 3d design and printing
- Basic wood and metal working, Illustration