



Bring children together from different parts of the world, from different religious, ethnic and social backgrounds.

Awaken them to their creative potential, a universal language that already exists in them through which they can communicate.

Provide them with tools that will enhance their creative expression and help them to use these tools while communicating with others.

We do not educate

We do not teach

But we open paths to self discovery

1. Mission

2. Objective

Based on her knowledge of diverse artistic media, and her experience directing an international cultural organization, Norma Sfeir developed the first Awlad experimental workshop of discovery for children, which took place in Lebanon in 2004.

AWLAD is a nonprofit association that is consistent with the UN Declaration of the Rights of the Child to equality, self-expression, freedom and peace.

- Experience the thrill of creating.
- Connect to the creative source that drives everyone to express.
- Awaken to the uniqueness of one's being.
- Understand the differences among people and appreciate sharing.



Every morning, 20 children between the ages of six and ten gather in a private garden. The children are welcomed and the Atelier is open for many hours. The instructors present many fun, engaging activities, through which each child is encouraged to connect with his or her unique way of expression, thus creating a "microcosm" in which the children evolve.

For a period of ten days the talents of the children are developed through various playful activities, in a context of ethnic and cultural variety, removed from the restrictions imposed upon them in their daily lives.

Children will then immerse themselves in an atmosphere of joy and sharing. This seed sown in the children will be a reference point to help them develop their human potential and their joy of life with diversity.

Sequence 3

Vision 4

The creative path, which is different from artistic education, always seeks initiative, self-discovery and momentum to share.

Just like dormant molecules which transform when brought together, human encounters are productive and fertile.

Artistic expression is a universal mode of operation that is not dependent on cultures, ethnic groups or civilizations. It is a noble way of communication.

*A new way of thinking is essential in order for humanity to survive. (Einstein)*

