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From Classroom to Newsroom: <u>Haneen Qawariq's</u> Journey to

Journalistic Excellence

How does an ambitious university student transform into a professional journalist at a leading media network? Haneen Qawariq's story reveals the secret to success in the ever-changing world of media, inspiring the next generation of young journalists. Let's explore how this young Palestinian woman carved her path in journalism through persistence and continuous training.

Haneen's media journey began early, leveraging her university years to hone her journalism skills. Not content with theoretical study alone, she actively sought practical training at local radio stations and media institutions. This proactive approach enabled her to master the art of writing and producing news stories, as well as utilizing social media for content distribution.

Graduating with honors from the Faculty of Media, Haneen realized that a degree alone wasn't enough in the rapidly evolving media landscape. She immersed herself in numerous courses and training projects, most notably the "Muwatinat" project launched by the Palestinian Working Woman Society for Development PWWSD in partnership with Watan Media Network, and funded by WPHF. This project opened new horizons for her, deepening her understanding of various journalistic forms and allowing her to produce in-depth stories on women's issues.

Fortunately for her, the place where she trained, she got a job opportunity to pay tribute to her efforts and determination to succeed. Haneen's efforts and determination paid off when she secured an official position at Watan Media Network, realizing her dream of entering the professional media field. She emphasizes that continuous training was the key to her success, particularly in using modern technology for journalistic storytelling.

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Today, Haneen continues to develop her skills, recognizing that the world of journalism is in constant evolution. She states, "Training in all its forms equips young people with diverse skills and develops their abilities across various domains." Haneen's story is not just individual success; it's an inspiring call for every ambitious journalist to invest in continuous learning and practical training.

The Palestinian Working Woman Society for Development (PWWSD) is a nongovernmental organization dedicated to advancing women's rights within national, social, and developmental contexts. PWWSD operates throughout the West Bank, including East Jerusalem, and the Gaza Strip, actively participating in various local, regional, and global networks. Through their program, Muwatinat (Citizens): Enhanced Role of Women in the Public Life and Minimizing Conflicts- Grassroots Approach, implemented with the support of Women's Peace & Humanitarian Fund WPHF, the program aims at achieving an increased meaningful participation and decision-making of women in conflict prevention processes and response, through capacity building, lobbying and media advocacy campaigns, and raising awareness sessions, and guidance for effective interventions.

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