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Student Sowt: A Podcast for Arab Students

Arab students share their stories and advice about university life in a podcast produced by them and supported by Al-Fanar Media and the Podium.me platform.

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A podcast by Arab student to discuss what matters to them

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Cairo, February 25th 2022 – [Al-Fanar Media](#) and [Podium.me](#) launch the first pilot season of a student-generated podcast, "Student Sowt", to support and amplify the voices of Arab students.

[Student Sowt](#) spotlights the experience of university students and shares their unedited interviews and discussions talking about a range of topics that interests them. The podcast discussed issues such as the experience of medical students, the story of a 40-year old single-mom earning her master's, bullying, changing a major, sports and more.

Al-Fanar Media, an independent publication covering Arab higher education, and Podium.me, a British podcast platform dedicated to sharing the voices of youth, invited young men and women from around the Arab world to participate in „Yalla! Let'sPodcast“, a series of workshops on podcast creation. The workshops resulted in "Student Sowt" a 6-

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episodes-podcast by Omima El-Ghabri, Safa El-Jali, Soad Taher, Kawthar Qolqazi, Maher El-Maktary and Mohammed El-Arif, all university students from Yemen, Egypt, Morocco, and Libya.

The episodes were completely student-produced from ideation to scriptwriting and recording with the technical support of Al-Fanar Media and Podium.me.

"The voices of students are seldom heard and often-times absent in the discussions around Arab higher education. We at Al-Fanar Media decided to give them a platform to share their thoughts on whatever matters to them. We decided that the best format would be for this podcast to be student-led and limited our intervention to the bare technical minimum," said Nasser Zok, the communications director at Al-Fanar Media.

The first episode of Student Sowt was published on February 25th 2022, on all Al-Fanar Media's and Podium.me's channels, and the first season will continue with weekly episodes throughout March 2022.

You can listen to the episodes on Al-Fanar Media's [Youtube](#) and [Website](#) channels and Podium.me's [Soundcloud](#).

Al-Fanar Media is a project of [The Alexandria Trust](#), a UK based charity founded by Egyptian businessman and philanthropist [Salah Khalil](#). The Trust was formed in response to the unprecedented opportunities that now exist to improve life chances across the Arab world and facilitate the development of a new generation of citizens across the region equipped to become active members of their societies.

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