

Takween

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In partnership with: Emirates School Establishment (ESE)

Takween is the UAE's first comprehensive after-school enrichment program for Emirati students between the ages of 13 and 18. Takween aims to raise the awareness and advance the skill levels of students while integrating national identity and global citizenship across learning experiences.

With the objective of reaching 5,000 students by 2025, Takween leverages a hands-on, activity-based, and innovative approach to equip learners with future-facing skills.

Takween promotes creativity and informed decision-making across its three main pillars:

Academic Strengthening

- Prepare learners to successfully complete their secondary and post-secondary education.
- Support learners in key academic disciplines like mathematics, science, and the English language.

Skill Development

- Equip learners with key transferable skills like communication, critical thinking, and teamwork.
- Increase youth's knowledge of local and global challenges and possible solutions.

Success Advising

- Increase learners' awareness about careers in the UAE, focusing on the private sector, in line with Emiratization efforts.
- Provide career guidance to improve students' self-awareness.

Takween has launched three tailor-made projects.

1. **The Sustainability Series** leverages hands-on STEM activities that focus on sustainability, climate change, and food security.
2. **Design and creativity-focused workshops** that are designed to strengthen students' cultural knowledge and collaboration skills using heritage awareness.
3. **Skill-development Workshops** that focus on communication, English, entrepreneurship, and coding, among other future-focused skills.

In its first term, Takween implemented its activities at the Zayed Educational Complex in Al Mizhar, Dubai.

**Reaching 178 students****53% Boys****47% Girls****Training 19 facilitators**

Takween will work with strategic partners and experts to further expand and deliver more workshops and activities across the UAE.



“After joining the Climate Awareness workshop, I learned how climate change is impacting us and the planet. Now I want to do more to protect the environment because even small things we do can make a big difference, and it benefits us and our planet. I care a lot about marine life and biodiversity, and I found out that releasing carbon dioxide is harming them. I know my actions matter, so I want to take steps to help our environment.”

Climate Fresk Workshop Participant