



The Bibliotheca Alexandrina Raises the Awareness of Schools Students through "Arts in the Classroom" Project

Alexandrina, 23rd of November – in collaboration with the European Union, and within the framework of the program *Support to Cultural Diversity and Creativity in Egypt*, the Bibliotheca Alexandrina is organizing four workshops on (theater, music, cinema, and visual arts) for the children of public schools. The workshops are to be carried out in the period between 24th to the 27th of November, 2014.

This activity has been prepared to raise the awareness of public schools students and to enhance their understanding of culture. This will be achieved by providing them with interactive sessions within their schools on four types of arts; visual arts, music, theater and cinema.

Accordingly, and in cooperation with the Ministry of Education, a team of artists from the Bibliotheca Alexandrina will visit the public schools in 12 of the Egyptian governorates, to present their art productions every week. These productions will include; visual arts exhibitions, classical and Arabic concerts, one-scene plays, and short films. Each performance will be followed by a 20-minutes discussion with the students, to express their opinion and enhance their appreciation of the arts.

By the end of each discussion, students will also be divided into groups. Each group will be asked to provide a performance similar to the one the artists presented, each with an alternative ending. In addition, they will be encouraged to create their own unique artworks that reflect aspects or customs which define their governorates, through further practical activities.

On the whole, this project will shed light on the importance of interaction between students through the various activities that they come across during the daily routine at their schools. Their participation within the four workshops will also enhance their social skills



and will develop their language skills, including their reading and writing skills. It will also encourage them to use scientific methods to create cultural products and artworks.

The workshop will be held at the exploration centre (Al-Kasr) at Fouad street. A number of schools will participate in the event including the following; Al-Naggar Experimental school, Houda Sha'rawy Experimental School, Al-Aorwa Al-Wothka, and El Nasr Girls College (EGC).

