Road to Workplace Inclusion

#TogetherLimitless Careers Network is a workplace inclusion initiative that provides sustainable employment for people with cognitive disabilities. The Careers Network assists employers in hiring people with cognitive disabilities through onboarding, job coaching and training, all free of cost. We are proud to announce that the #TogetherLimitless Careers Network has placed 22 employees in 9 different companies across the UAE.

On April 18th, Emirates NBD held a Careers Network meet-up at the Jumeirah Creekside Hotel. This networking event brought together potential employers, candidates looking for work, candidates who have been successfully placed and companies currently employing people with cognitive disabilities. There were over 100 attendees including over 20 candidates. Companies present at the event included Cummins, Doodle Worldwide, Eros Group, H Hotel, IBM, Interserve International, Landmark Group, Pullman Hotel, Sharaf DG, Tanfeeth and TIMES Hotels. Several interviews took place on-site and a few more were scheduled for later dates.

Are you hiring in your team and interested in the Careers Network? Email us at GroupCSR@EmiratesNBD.com for more information.

Social Impact 2017 at a Glance

- Impacted: 41,538 Beneficiaries
- Raised: AED 1,021,533
- Initiated: 189 Exchanger Activities
- Exchanged: 13,710 Hours
- Registered: 2,377 Emirates NBD Exchangers Since Programme Launch
- Engaged: 1,044 Emirates NBD Exchangers

Volunteering Underwater

Over two events in April and May, 33 Exchangers joined 31 students with disabilities from Al Noor Training Centre for Persons with Disabilities and Dubai Autism Center at the Dubai Aquarium & Underwater Zoo. The Aqua Explorers were treated to an underwater adventure that included a tour of the Underwater Zoo.

Plus Points for Good

Now through September, customers have the chance to join Emirates NBD in celebrating the ‘Year of Giving’ by redeeming their unused Plus Points from select credit cards to donate money to Dubai Cares. Dubai Cares is a philanthropic organization working to improve children’s access to quality primary education in developing countries.

‘Click here’ to donate your unused Plus Points today!
Disability Friendly Branch Expansion

The Emirates NBD Disability Friendly Branch Network has continued to expand. Through Q2, 9 Disability Friendly Branches were added to the network, bringing the total number to 14. Check out the new Disability Friendly Branches at Dubai Festival City, Emirates Airline HQ, Green Community, Jumeirah Beach Road, Mankhool, Mizhar Mall, Nad Al Sheba, Oud Metha and Umm Al Quwain.

These Branches can be easily located on our Emirates NBD branch map.

‘Click here’ to find a Disability Friendly Branch.

Strikes and Gutter Balls

In April, Emirates NBD launched Unbowlievable, a quarterly event where Exchangers go head-to-head with bowlers from various labour camps. The first bowling tournament took place on April 22nd at Dubai International Bowling Center. 20 Exchangers challenged 20 women from the Isnaad Ladies Labour Camp.

Joining the World at Wings for Life Run

On May 7th, 13 Exchangers gathered at the Dubai Autodrome to volunteer at the worldwide ‘Wings for Life World Run’. This run is held in sync in over 35 countries to raise money and awareness for spinal cord injuries. Our Exchangers worked hard registering participants, manning the water stations and handing out much needed Emirates NBD towels. Additionally, 6 Emirates NBD employees braved the heat to compete in the race.

Global Autism Awareness Festival & Walk

148 Exchangers spent the day volunteering with their family and friends at the Global Annual Autism Awareness Festival & Walk. The festival, which took place at Zabeel Park on April 17th, included a 3K and 5K Walkathon. The Festival had food and beverage stations, stalls set up by PwD schools and plenty of entertainment. Exchangers helped pack and distribute over 3,000 goody bags, organized entertainment and helped set up the venue.

#moneywise Workshops

This April and May, #moneywise Financial Literacy Workshops were launched at Manzil Center and NYU Abu Dhabi. Emirates NBD Exchangers delivered 2 workshops on Savings and Creating a Budget to the Manzil Center administrative staff. At NYU Abu Dhabi, an Exchanger presented Creating a Budget and Debt Management workshops with staff at NYU Abu Dhabi.

Manzil Takes the Stage

Students with disabilities performed in a concert full of drumming, dancing and plays at the Annual Manzil Center Concert on May 13th. Emirates NBD Exchangers were on hand to help with props, makeup, photography and event set-up.
Inspiring Future Doctors

Destination Medicine Summit is an annual event organized by the Al Jalila Foundation to inspire Emirati students to pursue a career in medicine. 19 Exchangers worked hard over the three-day summit setting up the venue, conducting games and activities, and assisting with workshops.

Supporting Cyclists and Police in Abu Dhabi

On May 19th, 15 Exchangers volunteered at the ‘We Are All Police Cycle Race’ in Abu Dhabi. Exchangers helped keep things rolling by registering participants, manning the refreshment stations, directing crowds and distributing medals.

Stuffed with Hugs

The Build-a-Bear Stuffed with Hugs Workshop was an exercise in giving. 15 Exchangers brought their children to the workshop and were teamed up with underprivileged children from Emirates Red Crescent. Using their imagination, the children built their own bear. At the end of the workshop, all the children exchanged the bears with each other.

Making Memories Last

Memories on Canvas was a special art exhibit put on by 4get-me-not at World Art Dubai. 4get-me-not is a non-profit organization committed to raising awareness about Alzheimer’s in the UAE. The exhibit showcased artwork by individuals with Alzheimer’s and Emirates NBD Exchangers were on hand to help set up and man the Memories on Canvas stall.

Thrill of the Ride at SEGA Republic

Emirates NBD Exchangers accompanied 20 children from Family Village, an AMAF orphanage, for a thrilling adventure at SEGA Republic Indoor Theme Park. After a morning packed with games and rides, it was hard to tell who had more fun, the children or the volunteers!
Cheering on Smart Idol Contestants
Smart Idol, a SmartLife initiative, is a talent competition for labourers. Emirates NBD proudly sponsored 5 labourers in the competition and in preparation for the show, 5 Exchangers took the participants shopping to buy costumes and props. On the day of the competition, 20 Exchangers enthusiastically cheered them on. 2 of the 5 Emirates NBD sponsored contestants, Pankaj Singh and Zulfiquar Ali, won the top prize in both dancing and singing categories respectively, and took home AED 5,000 each!

Wicket & Kick It
The first Wicket & Kick It event took place April 22nd. 20 men from Imdaad Labour Camp joined 25 Exchangers for a fun night of cricket and football matches.

Kabayans United
On June 24th, 29 Exchangers brought a party to 120 women at the Philippines Overseas Labour Office (POLO). The women staying at POLO are waiting for clearance to return home to the Philippines. Some of the women are victims of domestic abuse. In need of some cheer, the Exchangers did not disappoint. Hours of singing and dancing were followed by a catered lunch. Exchangers handed out care packages filled with basic essentials, as many women had to flee and left their belongings behind. This programme takes place at POLO on a monthly basis. If you would like to organize a similar event with your consulate or embassy, please contact GroupCSR@EmiratesNBD.com.

Painting for a Cause
Over two days in April, 21 Exchangers put a fresh coat of paint on 18 classrooms in the Junior Wing at Al Noor Training Center for Persons with Disabilities. This facility has been undergoing a renovation by the Exchanger Team since September 2016. So far, all classrooms in the Primary Wing have been repainted. Work is ongoing in the Junior and Senior Wings.

Artistic Flair with Al Noor
This April, Emirates NBD Exchangers volunteered with students from the Al Noor Training Center for Persons with Disabilities and Family Village, an AMAF orphanage, at Café Ceramic. Students painted mugs, creating their own personalized piece of ceramic art.
Playing Around at Latifa Hospital
Every Wednesday, Exchangers visit the pediatric ward at Latifa Hospital to spread some cheer among the young patients. Exchangers and the children had fun playing games, doing arts and crafts and many other activities. On June 21st, as a special Ramadan treat, 25 Exchangers distributed 350 toys throughout the ward, bringing smiles to the children’s faces.

Breaking Fast in Muhaisnah
During the holy month of Ramadan, Emirates NBD sponsored the Emirates Red Crescent Iftar tent in Muhaisnah. Over 400 Exchangers helped serve 35,000 Iftar boxes to underprivileged individuals and families.

Islamic Art at JamJar
During Ramadan, Exchangers worked with students from the Al Noor Training Center for Children with Disabilities, Dubai Autism Center and Special Needs Future Development Center to create works of art at JamJar.

Story Time with the Elderly
This Ramadan, Exchangers visited with the elderly during events hosted by Emirates NBD and 4get-me-not, a non-profit organization that facilitates activities for the elderly and those suffering from Alzheimer’s. At the Ramadan Stories events, 97 Exchangers joined the elderly in conversation and lively games of Carrom and Dominoes followed by a shared Iftar or Suhoor meal.
Packing With du
Emirates NBD teamed up with du and the Tarahum Foundation for a third year to pack and distribute over 16,000 Iftar boxes to thousands of underprivileged families. Exchangers helped pack 13 essential food items into the Iftar boxes, providing families with ingredients for their Iftar meals.

Gifts Galore
Throughout Ramadan, Exchangers accompanied children from Emirates Red Crescent and Manzil Center for a fun day of shopping for new Eid outfits & gifts. Exchangers and students shopped at Centrepoint in City Centre Mirdif and Mall of the Emirates for new clothing and other items. 12 outings were organized with over 320 Exchangers working with 433 happy shoppers in this wonderful initiative.

Food for Thought
The inaugural Emirates NBD Food Packaging event saw over 100 Iftar boxes packed at Emirates Red Crescent and distributed to families in need across the country.

Brest Friends Forever
Emirates NBD and Brest Friends, a breast cancer support group under the Al Jalila Foundation, organized an Iftar for Brest Friends members. The Iftar celebration included inspirational talks, games and a meal. Exchangers were on hand to help organize games, hand out prizes and distribute goody bags.
Supporting Refugees Together

Over Ramadan, Emirates NBD donated over AED 50,000 to SALMA, an initiative that provides halal food to victims of man-made and natural disasters. Food is delivered to refugee camps and communities worldwide most impacted by malnutrition.

Cool Shades

A joint charitable drive between Emirates NBD and La Moda Sunglasses provided over 1,000 pairs of sunglasses to labourers in Sonapur. Collection bins were installed in Emirates NBD branches and offices offering the opportunity for employees and the public alike to donate their old sunglasses. Once collected, La Moda repaired and sanitized the glasses and supplied protective cases. 13 Exchangers then visited Sonapur to help distribute the sunglasses to the labourers.

Join us in July!

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