

The ELFS Alumni Association joins forces with Adyan and SWorld Research Hub

On Thursday, September 18, 2025, the Alumni Association of the Lebanese School of Social Training marked a major milestone by signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Adyan Foundation and the SWorld Research Hub. At the signing table were Carmel Ghafari Wakim, President of the Alumni Association; Alexandre Adam, Executive Director of Adyan; and Aimée Ghanem, Founder and Director of SWorld Research Hub and proud ELFS Alumna.

This new partnership centers on documenting the journeys of religious leaders trained at ELFS, showcasing the added value of their education and its tangible impact on their missions, social work, cohesion, and the promotion of living together in diversity.

Grounded in a shared vision, the MoU translates into concrete actions. Since 2006, Adyan has been dedicated to advancing interreligious dialogue, diversity, and social responsibility. In this project, it will bring expertise in religious responsibility and narrative building, contribute to developing and implementing the archiving methodology, and help disseminate results across its networks.

The ELFS Alumni Association will mobilize its members, provide access to documents and testimonies, validate findings, and advise on adapting the ELFS curriculum. For its part, SWorld Research Hub - a center specialized in research, archiving, and publishing - will guide the methodological process, support documentation and data analysis, contribute to publications and best-practice reports, and coordinate with partners to ensure effective implementation. Together, the three institutions will also ensure broad visibility and media outreach for the initiatives.

By joining forces, the ELFS Alumni Association, Adyan, and SWorld are shaping a meaningful and lasting collaboration in service of pluralism, solidarity, and inclusive citizenship.