



Basma El Hussein

Basma El Hussein is an arts manager and a cultural activist who has been involved in supporting independent cultural projects and organizations in the Arab region for the past 20 years.

Basma was previously the Media, Arts & Culture Program Officer for the Ford Foundation in the Middle East and North Africa, and the Arts Manager of the British Council in Egypt. Basma has also worked as a theatre director, script-writer, organizer of cultural events and arts critic and reviewer. She is also active in the women's rights movement in Egypt and has initiated and participated in campaigns to enhance women's participation in public life.

Basma El Hussein is currently the managing director of Al Mawred Al Thaqafy (Culture Resource), a regional non-profit organization that aims at supporting young artists and writers, and stimulating cultural exchange within the region and with the world. She has also co-founded, and is a trustee of the Arab Fund for Arts & Culture, an independent regional foundation.