



To Whom It May Concern

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Letter of recommendation

As the director of the Goethe-Institut Alexandria, I'm pleased to recommend Motaz Sobhy Abd-Elfatah.

The Goethe-Institut is the Federal Republic of Germany's cultural institute, active worldwide. We promote the study of German abroad and encourage international cultural exchange.

I got to know Motaz Sobhy since August 2019. He has attended a four months training program of Cultural Management at the Goethe-Institut Alexandria. The program included amongst other things the conception and development of cultural programs, proposal writing, budget management and communication. By the end of the program the participants got the opportunity to create their own cultural space.

In November 2011 Motaz Sobhy and the other participants of the training program open the space called *6, Bab Sharq*. Starting this year 2020 he has become one of the members that are independently running this new cultural space in Alexandria. The training program and the provision of the space *6, Bab Sharq* is a project of the Goethe-Institut supported by the German Federal Foreign Office.

During the training and beyond Motaz Sobhy has shown a very high commitment, active participation and constructive involvement towards all the workshops and events of this program.

Moreover, as a member of the leading team of *6, Bab Sharq* Motaz Sobhy has shown outstanding strengths in management skills, budgeting also event coordination. His work is characterized by his ability to work in teams, his tireless efforts to develop and realize the common ideas and his reliability of his actions and communication towards partners, guest and team colleagues.

During the opening of *6, Bab Sharq* he leaved a lasting impression to the audience with a curation of a photography exhibition of upcoming photographers of Alexandria. The exhibition but also his very convincing project ideas, especially in the field of film and photography, prove his high expertise in this art field.

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In the current situation of shutdown, Motaz Sobhy shows an impressive high interest in experimenting online formats for the planned events of 6, Bab Sharq. His efforts made a significant contribution to implement successfully online activities like discussion panels, lectures and workshops for the space.

It is always a great pleasure to collaborate with Motaz Sobhy and I highly recommend him. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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