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Wish Announces Winners of Young Innovators Competition

The World Innovation Summit for Health (WISH) has announced the winning participants for this year's Young Innovators competition.

The winners showcased their healthcare inventions, including devices, applications, pioneering delivery models, and design-based solutions at the 2016 WISH Summit that took place on the 29th and 30th of November 2016, in Doha, Qatar. The winning innovators were:

- **Israa Nasir** and **Kamil Shafiq** for 'Ammi Service', a voice messaging service to educate women in rural areas about maternal health;
- **Vasundhra Khanna** for 'Bac-Kits', a home-based testing kit for bacterial infections;
- **Costa Carlos** for the 'OTTAA Project', a communication platform for people with speech impairments;
- **Abderrahim Bourouis** for 'Wonder Kit', a multimedia shirt for monitoring children with autism;
- **Said Alfarei** for 'Baseer', an interactive board that helps blind people read and write English and Arabic;
- **Haris Aghadi** and **Abdulla ElKhenji** for 'Meddy', an online network of doctors in Qatar;
- **Malaz Mohamad** and **Hannah Anderson** for developing a teaching device to train patients and caregivers about proper diabetic wound care.

"Pakistan has the highest rate of first-day infant deaths in the world," said Israa Nasir, one of the Young Innovators. "With the 'Ammi Service', we will provide mothers with health information that can save the lives of both the mother and her baby. Using voice messages, we will deliver essential maternal and infant health information to women in even the most isolated rural areas using mobile phones – a tool that 86% of them have." Nasir believes that the platform at WISH will help "kick-start" a change in the future of maternal health.

Another WISH 2016 Young Innovator, Abderrahim Bourouis, was a finalist in season eight of the Arab world's leading scientific 'edutainment' TV programme, Stars of Science. "I am proud to be showcasing 'WonderKit' and



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to be a part of the WISH Young Innovators programme 2016,” said Bourouis, who hopes to see ‘WonderKit’ out in the market and make a difference in the day-to-day lives of families with autistic children.

WISH, a global initiative of Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development (QF), is a meeting point for thousands of high-level policymakers, academics, and professionals.

“The founder of WISH, Her Highness Sheikha Moza bint Nasser, has a long record of championing the cause of children and young adults,” said Egbert Schillings, CEO of WISH. “That is why this program showcases the talents of young innovators from Qatar and around the world. This year’s cohort has impressed us with their ingenuity and entrepreneurship, but most of all with their commitment to the fundamental human value of health for all.”

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