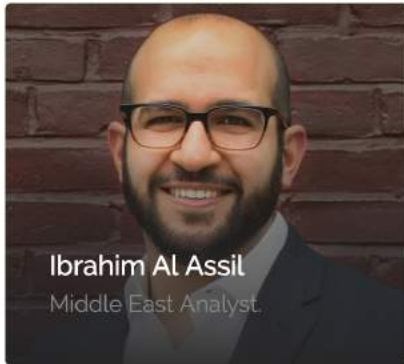
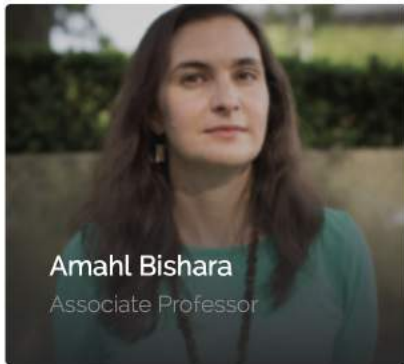
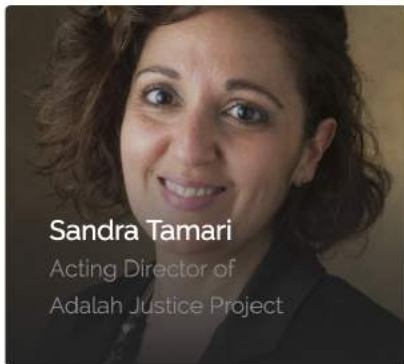


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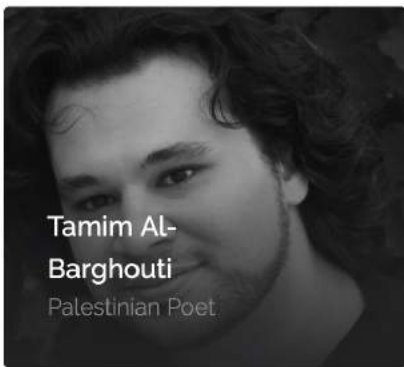
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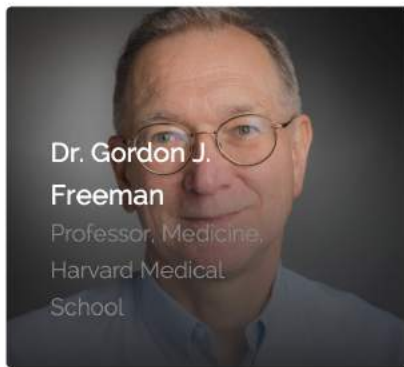
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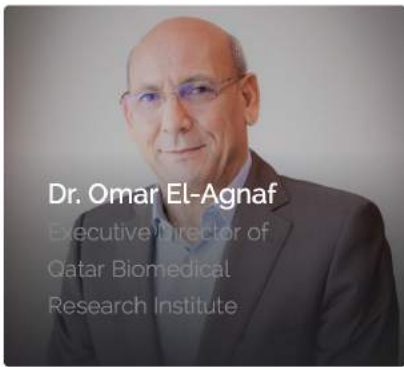
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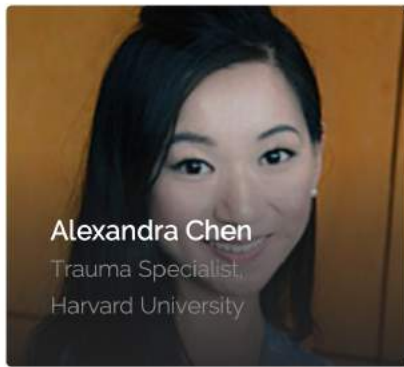
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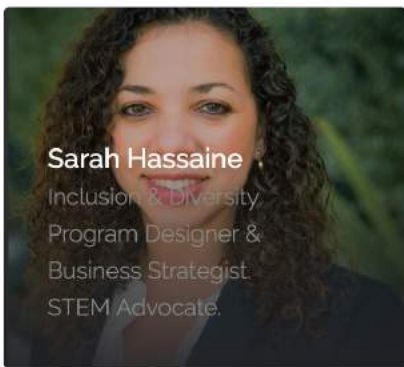
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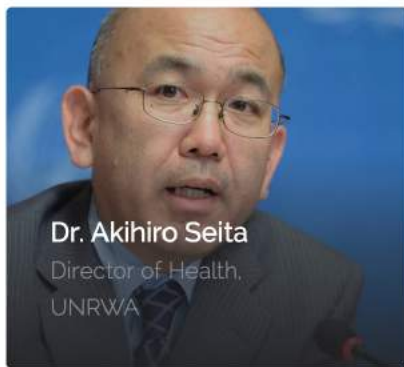
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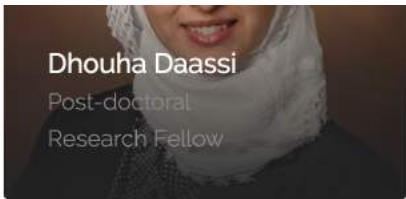
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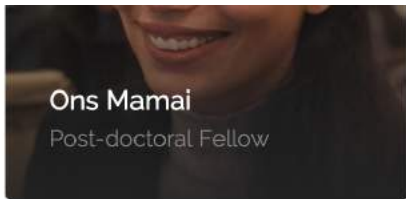
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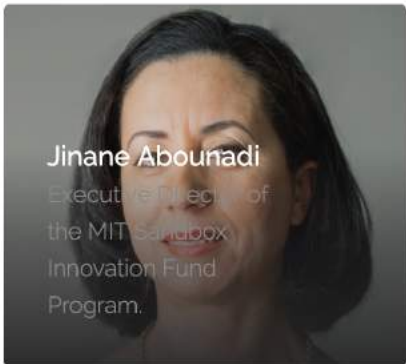
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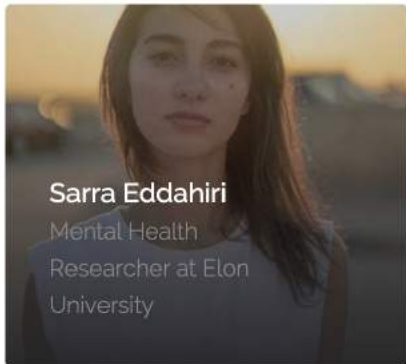
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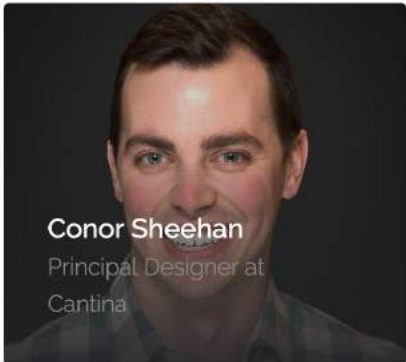
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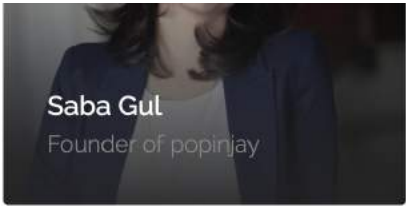


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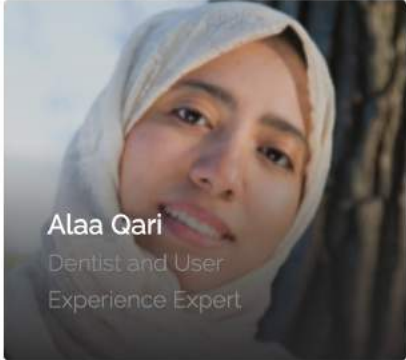




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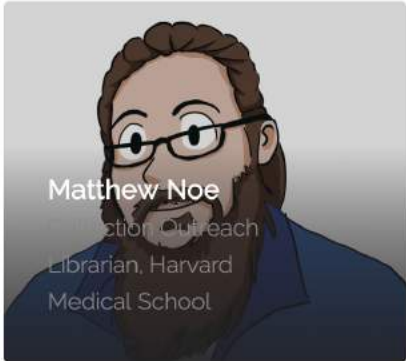
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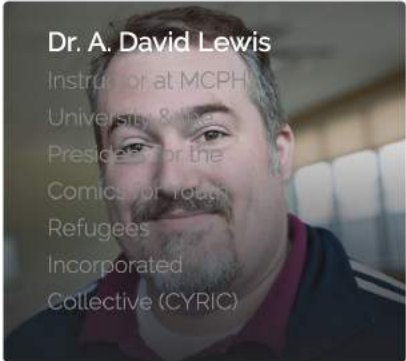
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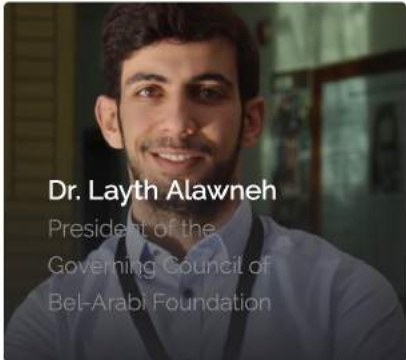
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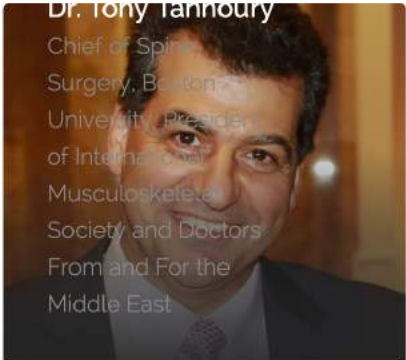
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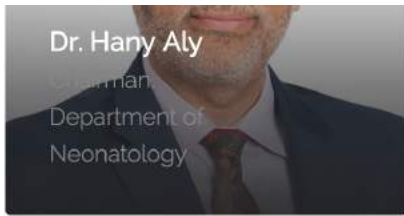


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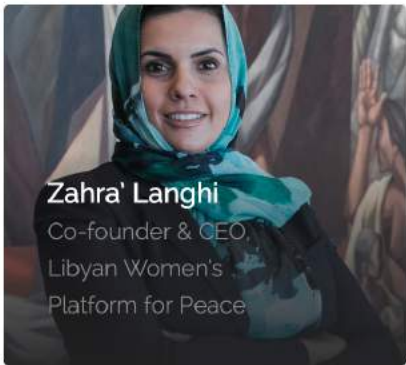
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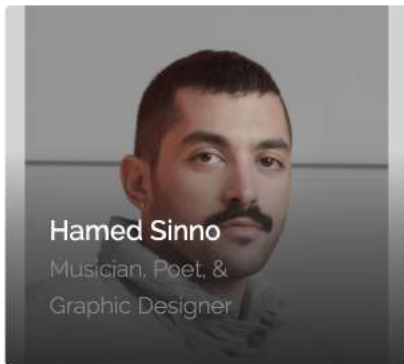
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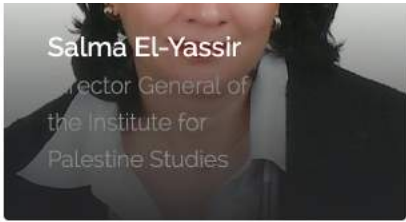


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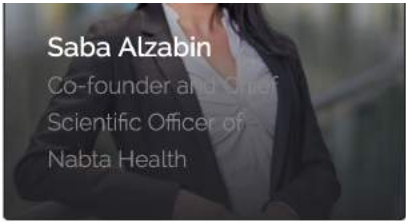
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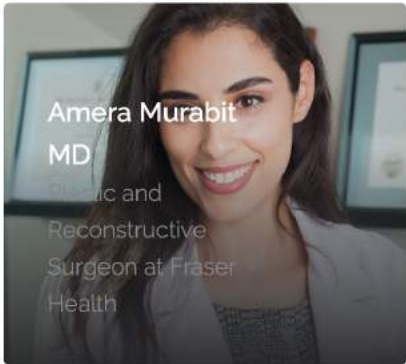
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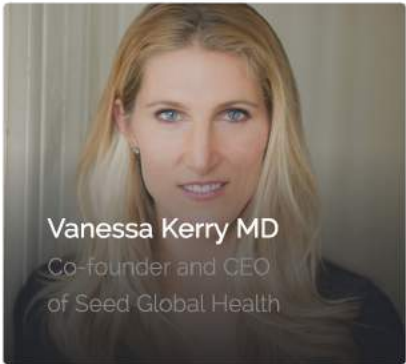
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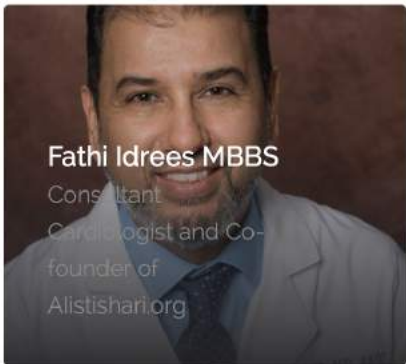
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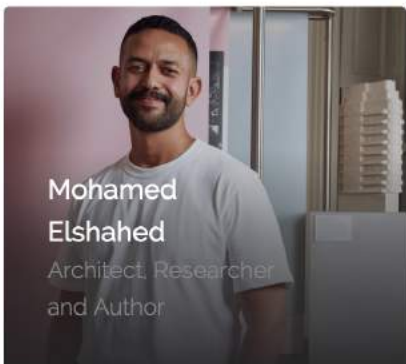
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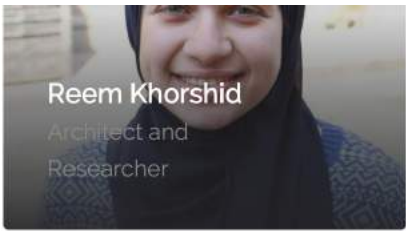
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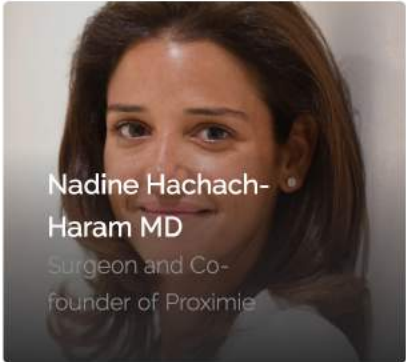
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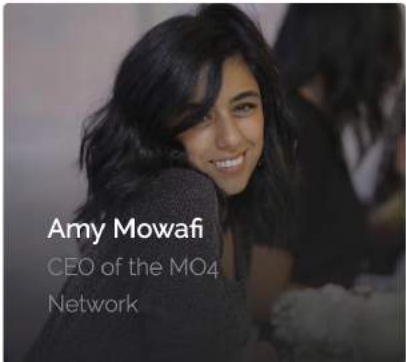
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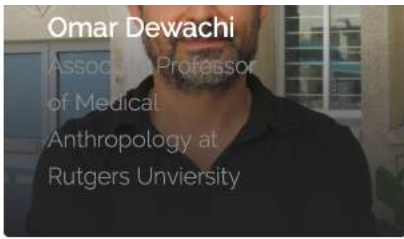
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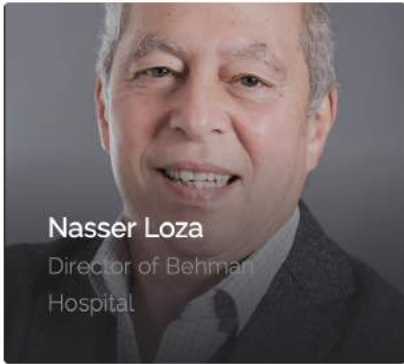




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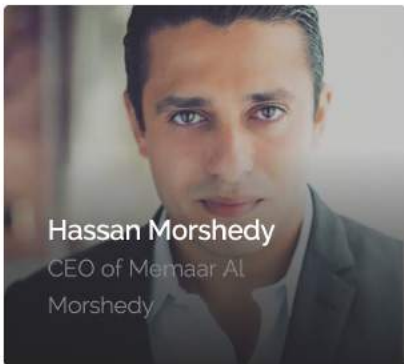
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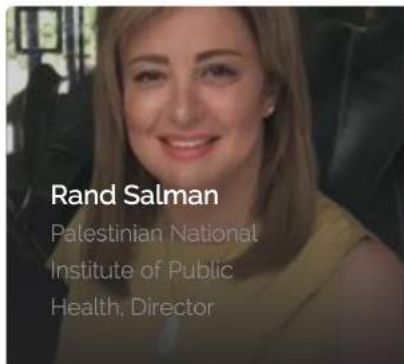
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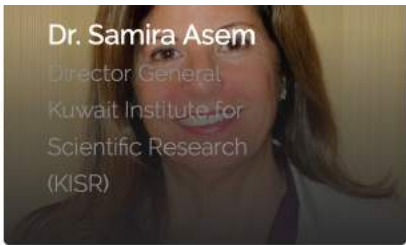


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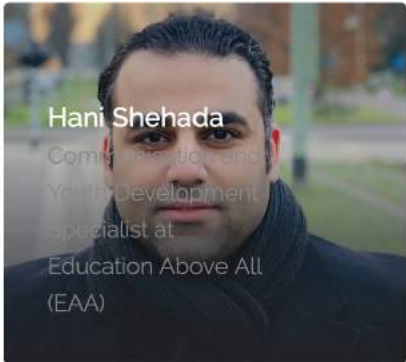
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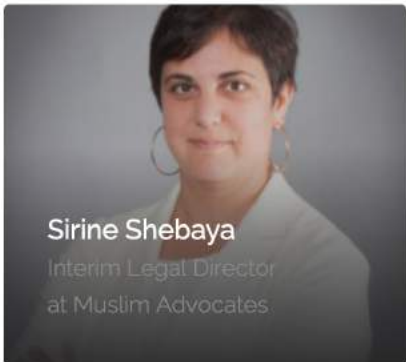
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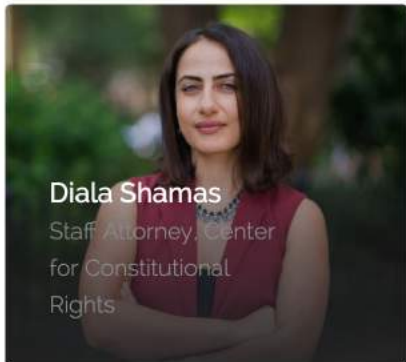
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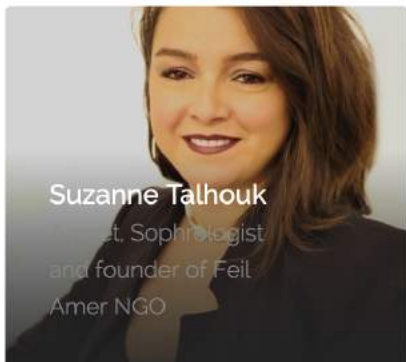
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A portrait of Aida Murad, a woman with dark hair, wearing a dark, patterned dress. She is looking slightly to the right of the camera. The background is a soft, out-of-focus indoor setting.

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