

Former Trainer Recognized for Establishing a WIT Center in Oman



“You must always believe you can, and never forget your dream,” says Fatma Al Shidad. “This is what I gained through the WIT program—the self-confidence and belief that I could achieve my dream—my very own IT center for women.” The day that Fatma opened the doors to a women’s IT center in 2008 was the day Fatma realized that her dream had come to fruition.

Fatma firmly believes that her experience as a Professional Development trainer for WIT Oman offered the necessary skills to open and manage her own IT center in Salalah. The success of the center is evident; to date, 237 women have graduated from the WIT program at her center. Of those graduates, many have obtained internships with local businesses as Fatma facilitates a network with professional women in the community who act as mentors to the participants. In January 2010, Fatma received the Tawasul Civil Society Leaders Award for her contributions to the growth and empowerment of Omani Civil Society. She glows with pride as she reflects on the dynamic progression of her training institute, which will no doubt continue to expand and create opportunities for an ever-increasing number of women.