

SAUDI CARTOONISTS AMONG MIDEAST PARTICIPANTS AT CARTOON EXHIBIT

The British Council's 'Media in Society' programme and the Guardian Foundation showcased a collection of cartoons from Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Palestine and Syria in London recently.

Titled 'Lighting Lamps', the exhibition featured 10 entries from each country selected by Steve Bill, the famous British cartoonist.

Participating from Saudi Arabia was Yazeed Alharthi, a pharmacist by profession, and a cartoonist for the Riyadh-based Al-Riyadh Arabia paper and the weekly Rotana magazine. His cartoons depicted social issues such as charity, marriage and conspicuous consumption. Joining him was Abdullah Sayel, cartoonist and Manager Editor of the first local cartoon magazine, Karakter.

The participants and media representatives toured several important places in London including the famed Media Institute, the Cartoon Museum and the Guardian newspaper.

'Lighting Lamps' grew out of the British Council's four-year 'Media in Society' project, designed to improve "the effectiveness of the media in raising awareness of key social issues.

