

Pupils from the Ecole Saint Charles des Filles de la Charité visit the Museum at NDU

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Forty-two young ladies from Classe EB8(4eme) at the Ecole Saint Charles des Filles de la Charité situated in Ashrafieh, Beirut, visited the Museum at the Notre Dame University, Louaizé. The pupils were led by Mrs. Marleine Abou Rached (*Responsable du cycle*).

The pupils were taken into the Pierre Aboukhater auditorium, where they were welcomed and given a presentation and the history of the Stone Wing Museum and the Frank and Laure Skeels Collection by Museum Aide Mrs. Caline Saadeh Abi-Saad.

LERC's chief indexer Mrs. Liliane Haddad then gave an overview of the activities of LERC, outlining the history of Lebanese emigration and the reasons behind this phenomenon. She also touched upon the importance of remittances sent to Lebanese families from abroad and explained briefly about the economic reasons as a factor behind Lebanese emigration.



Mrs. L. Haddad explains about Lebanese emigration to the pupils (Mar 2011).

Mrs. Haddad pointed out the positive aspects of Lebanese emigration which leads to the human and cultural development of Lebanon, with cultures adopted by Lebanese abroad enriching Lebanese society back home.

The negative aspects of Lebanese emigration, she said, are seen in the brain drain as Lebanon's best minds and best skilled workers, and especially the educated youth, leave the country in droves searching for better jobs and opportunities abroad.

The pupils were then taken down to the Museum to see first-hand what they had learned about in the presentation by Mrs. Saadeh Abi-Saad. Mrs. Haddad, seconded by Mr. Elie Nabhan, led the pupils on a tour of the migration wing of the museum, describing items in detail and providing information on all the LERC materials displayed.



Group photo at the Museum of pupils, teachers and presenters (Mar 2011).