

date: Tuesday 3 February 2026

subject: partnership commitment and collaboration

To whom it may concern,

I am pleased to write this letter of support for Darna, an arts-based community association in Tangier and its affiliated socially engaged artist and president Mr. Abdelghani Bouzian, with whom we are developing a meaningful, important and promising collaboration.

The UNESCO Chair Centre for Arts and Learning has identified Darna as a strong partner with extensive experience, know-how and knowledge in the field of issues based arts education and community art projects. Our partnership has demonstrated how aligned values such as empathy, care and building strong communities as well as our shared expertise on creative pedagogies and co-creation for positive social change can and will lead to benefits for all those involved. These include young people, women and street children in Tanger, but also members of staff and students from Darna and the UNESCO Chair Centre for Arts and Learning at ArteZ University of the Arts.

We are honoured to be collaborating with Darna and hope to make a meaningful contribution to their vital work in the city of Tangier.

Kind regards,



Prof. Dr. John Johnston

UNESCO Chair

Head of UNESCO Centre for Arts and Learning (UCAL)

