

# ESRA'A AL SHAFEI

Mideast Youth

2009 Global Fellow



## BIG BOLD IDEA

Connect youth from the Middle East and North Africa online to promote human rights, religious freedom, tolerance, and free speech.

## ORGANIZATION OVERVIEW

After a decade of local impact, credibility, and innovation, the scope of work now goes well beyond the region. As such the organization has rebranded from Mideast Youth, to become Majal. With courage and innovation, Majal addresses issues that receive little or no attention: From rights of the invisible lower income migrant workers, to the stigmatized Middle East LGBTQ community, to those seeking to express dissent through music.

## PERSONAL BIO

Esra'a Al Shafei is a digital native whose work grew out of her experience of the power of the web to bring diverse people together. She is the recipient of the "Berkman Award" from the Berkman Center for Internet and Society at Harvard Law School for "outstanding contributions to the internet and its impact on society over the last decade", the Monaco Media Prize, which acknowledges innovative uses of media for the betterment of humanity, and the "Most Courageous Media" award from Free Press Unlimited.

### Organization/Fellow Location

Mesa, United States

### Impact Location

Global

### Organization Structure

Nonprofit

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