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**Inside the Lincoln-Duhok Sister City Initiative:**  
**A Conversation with Working Group Members**



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**Dr. Hadi Pir**  
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**Ms. Layla Younis**  
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This episode explores the Lincoln-Duhok Sister City initiative, a citizen-to-citizen partnership addressing education, healthcare, cultural exchange, and community development. Host Delovan Barwari and four guests from Lincoln's Yazidi – Kurdish community, all part of the working group, discuss the project's goals and emphasize the vital role of unity in its success.



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In this episode of the Kurdistan in America podcast, brought to you by the KRG Representation in the US, host [Delovan Barwari](#) explores the Lincoln-Duhok Sister City initiative. This collaboration through university partnerships focuses on key areas like education, healthcare, cultural exchange, and community development, all while emphasizing the importance of unity within both communities to build a stronger future.

Joining Delovan are four members of Lincoln's Yazidi and Kurdish community, all part of the working group: Dr. Fahad Rashoka, PhD in Nutrition and Health

Sciences; Dr. Hadi Pir, PhD in Education and advocate for community development; Layla Younis, an International Development professional; and Kak Haroon, a graduate student at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Delovan is also part of this working group, helping to advance the initiative.

The episode delves into the origins of the UNMC-University of Duhok partnership, efforts to expand collaboration with the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, and the impact of this initiative on Yazidi and Kurdish students. It also highlights how this partnership strengthens ties between Duhok and Lincoln.

Stay tuned for this inspiring conversation on the power of unity and the importance of partnerships in addressing shared challenges and creating meaningful connections.

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