

# Muhanad Azmi



From Sudan, living in Istanbul, Turkey

Muhanad has graduated with a Master's degree in Transport Engineering, is a rising leader in sustainable transport. He has worked on projects promoting walkability, cycling, and sustainability, while volunteering in sports events to improve urban mobility. Muhanad's leadership and ability to integrate transport solutions with community needs make him a key figure shaping the future of mobility and inspiring others to rethink transportation's role in benefiting both people and the environment.





Transport systems can be considered inclusive only if...

... they are designed through the lens of the most vulnerable groups – women, youth, elderly, people with disabilities. If these groups feel safe, seen, and heard while using public transport, then we are heading in the right direction.

If I was in power of our transport systems, the first thing I would do is...

... invest in safe and accessible infrastructure for walking and cycling. I've seen how these basic modes of transport can change the daily lives of people—especially students and workers—if given the right space and respect.

How does the current transport situation in your city influence your work?

I live in a city where not everyone feels safe or even considered in transport planning. This motivates me to push for people-centered design and rethink how we build cities that move –not just cars– but humans, safely and equally.

What's the main challenge that you face in your daily work?

One challenge I face is bridging the gap between plans and real people's needs. Sometimes, transport plans ignore the lived realities of youth or marginalized communities. Bringing their voice into the conversation isn't easy, but it's necessary.

Why is it important to listen to young people?

Because young people live in the future we're designing for. We have fresh ideas, different priorities, and often the courage to question outdated systems. Ignoring us means ignoring innovation.

What would you tell other young people working in the transport field?

Stay curious, stay grounded, and don't wait for permission to lead. Transport isn't just about roads, it's about people, opportunity, justice. You have something valuable to contribute, no matter your title or years of experience.

My work aligns with the Hamburg Charter Principles!



My work strongly connects to the principle of "Leave No One Behind". Whether it's volunteering in city marathons, promoting active mobility, or studying transport systems, I always keep inclusion, equity, and sustainability at the core of what I do.

