

IFM-SEI member organisations in the Middle East Region



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Palestine Red Crescent Society

Palestinian Red Crescent Society, PRCS

(founded in 1968, observer member of the IFM-SEI):

"As the Palestinians do not have a sovereign country they are one of the last occupied states in the world. We are at the peace camp because we believe in peace and equality and we want to stress our principles: Volunteering, Independence, Unity, Universality, Impartiality, Neutrality and Humanity.

This place gives a good opportunity also to inform about the suffering that our movement and especially the ambulance workers face in their daily work."



Arab Youth Movement, AYM

(founded 1991 to promote youth issues of the Palestinians in Israel, to implement equality, social justice, co-existence of Jewish and Palestinian citizens of Israel and a lasting and just peace between Palestinians in the occupied territories and the state of Israel.):

"The peace camp is the fruit of two years of efforts of the AYM and other youth organisations inside the IFM-SEI to create a dialogue between youth in the Middle East and to talk together about possibilities of peace between two peoples based on mutual recognition of the right of peoples to live in a sovereign state. The peace camp is a frame for the intercultural meeting of youth. So we consider it very important that Europeans also participate to create a diversity of perspectives on political issues as well as on other points where bridge building between different cultures is needed. This can help to promote solidarity and understanding all over the world."

Independent Youth Union/Palestine, IYUP

IYUP decided to take part in the Peace Camp in Austria 2004 based on its strong belief in a just peace. The educational context of the camp encouraged us to send our participants to expand the culture of peace among our participants and to recognise the other. The friendly atmosphere of the camp helped the IYUP in achieving its educational and social goals. IYUP participants think that it is very important and necessary to continue working for peace and hold joint activities along with Israeli counterparts as a result of this camp. IYUP highly appreciates the role of Kinderfreunde of Austria, Rote Falken of Austria and IFM-SEI for gathering people from different cultures and political backgrounds to talk about their needs, interests and get to know each other.



Hashomer Hatzair

(Hashomer Hatzair is a Secular Jewish Zionist and Socialist youth movement. HH is an educational movement, active in Israel and in the Jewish diaspora all around the world. HH has recently celebrated its 90th anniversary.)

Hashomer Hatzair sees the Peace Camp as an important outcome of the movement's continuous work of peace building through education, on the basis of People to People relations.

The peace camp contributes to solidarity and understanding between groups in conflict and amongst European youth as well, as a part of our belief in world peace and intercultural encounters.

Hashomer Hatzair youth movement urges and demands from all parties involved in the conflict to sign a political agreement which will end the conflict and will bring just peace and prosperity to our region.



HaNoar HaOved VeHaLomed

(the working and learning youth is a youth movement of coexistence and has Arab members as well as Jewish Members. We all work together to educate youth for peace, equality and partnership.)

We believe that a peaceful future must come as a common decision to give each other a safe place. We all should be empathic to the others suffering. But the right for self-determination and an own state is not based on suffering. It is the basic right of each nation.

We wish to see independent, democratic and socialist states that live side by side in peace and partnership.