

Windows – Channels for Communication

Organization ID

Windows is a grassroots organization comprised of Palestinians from both sides of the Green Line and Jewish citizens of Israel that work, both separately and together, for lives based on human rights' values: justice, liberty, dignity, and equality. We believe that any situation of occupation, oppression and discrimination, be it physical or emotional or any other violation of rights must end immediately and be prevented from taking place ever again.

We believe that both peoples lived on this land and developed within it, and we are inspired by times in history where Arabs and Jews were able to live together with mutual acceptance and respect. We strongly believe that human rights based political solutions can be found to enable such life here once again. This can happen once enough people, locally and internationally, realize that measures of control, oppression, and expulsion, caused by the occupation, can only lead to violent resistance and more measures of oppression. That in turn pushes the controlled Palestinian people to continue that resistance in order to achieve their rights.

We acknowledge the historical processes and events, locally and internationally, that led to the establishment of the State of Israel. We also acknowledge the wrong that has been done to the Palestinian people since the idea of establishing the State of Israel began to materialize, through the 1948 and 1967 wars, and continuing today. We recognize the right of the Palestinian refugees to return to their land, which we see as no less valid than the right of the Jews to return, which is internationally accepted.

We believe in the human spirit and in the ability of individuals to promote change. As we are destined to share this land, we believe that working together we have more abilities and more power to shape a better future for our children.

Established in 1991, we have shared days of fear and pain, days of joy, hope, and days of disappointment and despair. While we do not always have answers for all our questions, we refuse to give up asking questions and are committed to continuing to search, learn, and cope together no matter what lies ahead.

Therefore, as an education organization we have taken upon ourselves the mission to create, encourage, and strengthen perceptions that can promote for a political solution that answers the needs of all people for liberty, safety, citizenship and wellbeing. We see this as the vital condition for healthy and fair life as well as viable peace both between our peoples and within them.

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