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Annual Report 2010

Work Camps – Incoming

2010

IPYL organized 6 international voluntary work camps during this year:

Work Camp Directory 2010

Code.	Date.	Organized by.	Place.
ME045/IPYL058	21/6 - 5/7/2010	International Palestine Youth League	Ramallah/ Palestine
ME046	6-17/7/2010	International Palestine Youth League & Youth Development Department	Jerusalem/ Palestine
ME047/IPYL059	23/7 - 5/8/2010	International Palestine Youth League	Nablus/ Palestine
ME048	23/7 - 5/8/2010	International Palestine Youth League & Youth Development Department	Amman/ Jordan
ME049/IPYL060	14-27/12/2010	International Palestine Youth League	Bethlehem/ Palestine
ME050/IPYL061	8-20/7/2010	International Palestine Youth League	Hebron/ Palestine

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Work Camps – Incoming

2011

IPYL organized 3 international voluntary work camps during this year:

Work Camp Directory 2011

Code.	Date.	Organized by.	Place.
ME051	24 Jun. – 7 Jul. 2011	International Palestine Youth League, Youth Development Department & Arab Catholic Scouts	Jerusalem/ Palestine
ME052/IPYL061	8/7-21/7/2011	International Palestine Youth League & Hebron Rehabilitation Committee	Hebron/ Palestine
ME053/IPYL063	20/07/2011 – 2/08/2011	International Palestine Youth League & the Municipality of Ramallah	Ramallah/ Palestine

ME051 - Jerusalem in the Heart: gave 20 international and local youth volunteers from Palestine the opportunity to come together for 2 weeks, this to direct special attention to the situation of Jerusalem as well as the everyday life Palestinians are facing there. The camp put emphasis on engaging youth in Palestinian culture, folklore, heritage and politics, with an emphasis on the Israeli occupation, illegal violations and continuous attempts to bury Palestinian culture and right to exist in their own country. It included meetings with local community leaders, lectures by politicians, feminists and economists, field visits to local associations working in community development, and finally documentary films concerning the reality of a military occupation.

ME052/IPYL061 - Hebron: History summary in one city: enabled 20 international and 10 local youth volunteers to address the complex and exceptional challenges facing Hebron. As a result of the Israeli military occupation and particularly the illegal settlements within the old city centre, which has led to systematic violence and harassment against Palestinians, as well as destruction and evacuation of Palestinian property. The work camp aimed at bringing understanding and clarity to the difficult situation, this through live interaction with Palestinians living within the old city area. Activities conducted during the work camp included; building a mosaic panel, painting walls in the old city using natural materials, and assisting the Hebron Rehabilitation Committee (HRC) within the old city. There the volunteers helped in preparation for an international conference concerning the situation in the old city, with translation of documents as well as organized all the logistics and technical needs for the conference.

ME053/IPYL063 - Ramallah: where independence started: included as many as 100 international and 100 local youth volunteers. During these two weeks workcamp the volunteers engaged in construction of sidewalks for pedestrians, building public garden, flea market renovation and several other environmental and agricultural works in different areas of Ramallah city. Also since the camp ended by the first day of the holy month of Ramadan, a farewell celebration was held with the participants in spirit of this feast. Here the international volunteers had the opportunity to learn and experience some of the authentic tradition and culture of Muslims traditions but also the Palestinian nation as a whole.

Project Activities –2011

Media Center.

Towards Environmental Leadership: in 2011, IPYL together with U.S Forest Service started a three year on-going project, which aim is to allocate sustainable environmental knowledge and awareness among Palestinian youth, especially concerning water resources and nature. The target group has been 40 high school students from 8th, 9th and 10th grade, but also teachers and parents. Various workshops have been held at the media centre where the participants have engaged in smaller research concerning sustainable environmental projects, with the goal to create youth advocates of environmental sustainability in Hebron.

Schools Across Borders, add the 2011 SAB to the existing Report!

Annual Activity Report 2012

Work Camps – Incoming

2012

IPYL organized 2 international voluntary work camps during this year:

Work Camp Directory 2012

Code.	Dates.	Organized by.	Place.
	01-10 Jul. 2012	International Palestine Youth League, Bethlehem Municipality & Hebron Rehabilitation Committee	Hebron & Bethlehem/ Palestine
ME054/ IPYL064	20 Dec.- 2 Jan. 2012/2013	International Palestine Youth League & Bethlehem Municipality	Bethlehem/ Palestine

Hebron and Bethlehem "Summarizing History in Two Cities": gave 16 international participants the opportunity to engage in Palestinian culture and society. This in order to bridge gaps of understanding and friendships between Palestinians and the international community, as well as spread information concerning the reality of the on-going occupation. The camp included visits to Hebron and Bethlehem where the history as well as present situation was discussed with the international participants, and communicated through the Palestinian youth of these cities.

ME054-IPYL064 - Live Christmas Rituals in Palestine: enabled 40 international and Palestinian youth volunteers to come together and celebrate Christmas in Bethlehem/ Palestine. Over the last years with the construction of the Israeli apartheid wall severe negative impacts has plagued Bethlehem politically, socially, and economically. Bethlehem has three Palestinian Refugee Camps; Dhisha, Al-Azza and Aaida. The work camp aimed at bridging gaps and understanding between international volunteers and the Palestinian community. During the work camp volunteers worked with rehabilitation, and restoration in the countryside, Bethlehem, and Battir the municipality of Bethlehem and the projects they run.

Project Activities - 2012

Media Center

Environment Camp: has been held together with U.S. Forest Service and aimed at engaging 30 high school students from 8th, 9th and 10th grade to conduct a two day field trip to BaniNaim village and town. This to further enhance the understanding of pollution in the environment, as well as to better realize human beings coexistence with nature, and the use of its resources. The work camp engaged the participants in team building exercise and learning more about nature, through for example collecting insects and naming them.

Through a Child's Lens:

Youth Voice is Louder: is a 6 month plan in collaboration with UNESCO and YDD. This project has included 26 children living within the H2 area of Hebron, where the Israeli settlements are situated and the occupation is as most visible. The aim of the project is to provide the children with skills and knowledge in media, photography and filming. This to enable the Palestinian youth living within this area to document the human rights violations that they are daily scrutinized to, and to spread the reality of the Israeli occupation they face around the world.

Action Learning:

IPYLS Action learning project started officially in July 2012, with 14 active participants both women and men, between the ages of 15-20. The group is growing gradually, this as sets have been made regularly every week since its beginning, trying to engage the youth in Palestine to share their experiences and difficulties in life, and together finding solutions and discussing these dilemmas. Today action Learning consist of more the 25 youths from Hebron, Ramallah, Nablus and Bethlehem, with the goal to include more youth and expand the project. Once a month a workshop and group seminars are held together with all the participants, usually also with Professor Stefan Bergstrand from Sweden who specialize in action learning in Sweden. This through Fronter a communication website, where he tries to guide and advice the set advisors on difficulties they face in their groups.

Prior Activities:

Before this project started officially, 13 of the participants had the opportunity to visit Sweden in 2010 and see how Action Learning is functioning as a project among Swedish youth. Furthermore in August 2011, 14 participants travelled to Sweden again to be activated in Action Learning. There they were trained in the methods and techniques of Action Learning this to enable them to know more about the projects and become leaders within the project and start making sets.

Schools Across Borders, ad the 2012 SAB to the existing Report!

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