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PROGRESS REPORT

PALESTINE TALKS

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About Palestine Talks

"Palestine Talk" is a dedicated advocate for the Palestinian cause, committed to using personal narratives and the power of storytelling to connect people, promote empathy, and amplify the voices of young writers and advocates in the international community.

At Palestine Talks, we aim to move beyond the numbers and politics surrounding the Palestinian struggle. Our community is made up of individuals who share a vision of justice and equality for Palestinians, and we believe that education and advocacy are key to creating positive change.

We provide a space for writers and advocates to share their perspectives and insights on the Palestinian experience. By sharing stories and experiences, we aim to increase awareness and understanding of the Palestinian cause among the international community.

Through our mission, we hope to raise awareness about the struggles of Palestinians and advocate for their human rights. We believe that by humanizing the Palestinian experience and sharing personal stories, we can create empathy and understanding around the world.

Vision

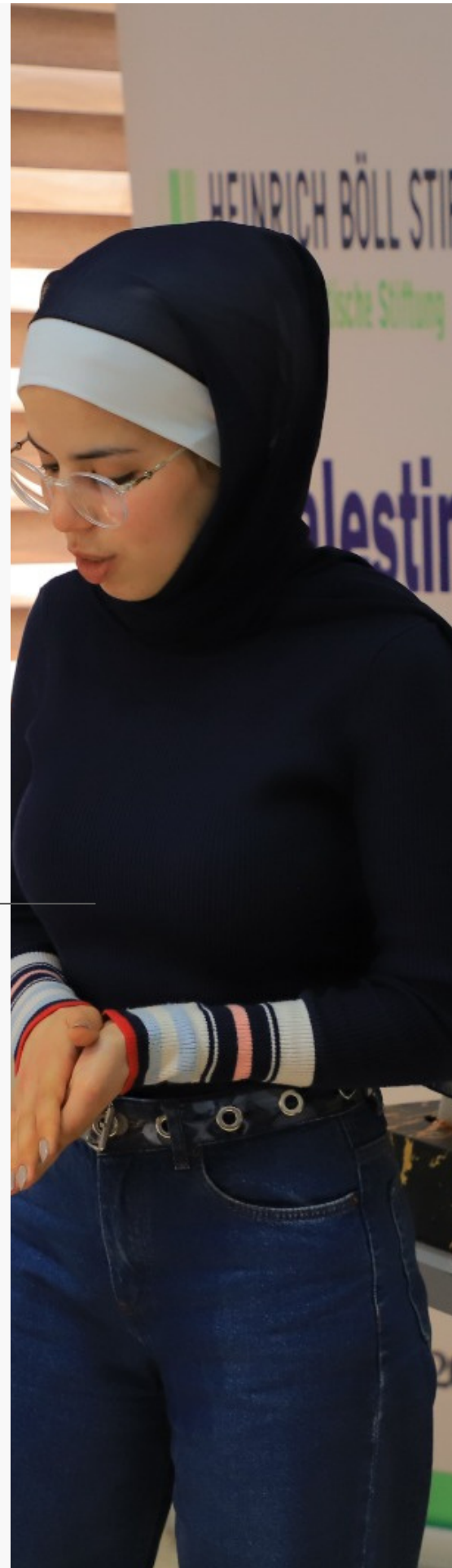
Our vision is to foster a community of individuals who share a vision of justice and equality for Palestinians. We believe in the power of education and advocacy to effect positive change. By providing a platform for writers and advocates to share their perspectives and insights, we aim to raise awareness, understanding, and support for the Palestinian cause globally.

We are committed to offering mentorship and guidance to aspiring writers, empowering them to become the next generation of storytellers who shed light on the Palestinian experience. Through our mission, we seek to humanize the Palestinian struggle, advocate for their human rights, and create a global environment of empathy and understanding.

Mission

The mission of Palestine Talks is to amplify the voices of young male and female writers and advocates, promoting the Palestinian narrative and increasing awareness of the Palestinian cause in the international community. We strive to move beyond numbers and politics, using personal narratives to create empathy and connect people worldwide.

Finally, to provide the Gaza Strip residents with an extensive, local source of English language books and educational materials.



Project Activities:

Activity 1: Establish the “Palestine Talks Forum”

A steering committee was created of a group of 3 experts from YVS, 2 in the field of human rights, and 1 in the field of creative writing. Steering committee selection comprised of 3 members to select the 15 young writers (5 males, 10 females), which are the core group of the project. The selection criteria were mainly based on:

- Young writers from the age group 18- 30 years.
- Proven record of writing.
- Very Good background in English
- Communication skills
- leadership skills
- Critical thinking skills.



- **The selection committee were nominated by YVS Board of Directors as qualified persons to do the work. The number of applicants was about 31 . The locations of the applicants were varied and included all areas of the Gaza Strip includes the locations of each applicant including the non-selected.**



Activity 2: Hold Training Program for 15 youthwriters

A training program of 7 training days was conducted for the 15 selected youth writers, focusing on the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR) and the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ICESCR) and research and analysis skills,

Planned Training Objectives:

- Improving (15) writers' knowledge and awareness on youth social, cultural, political, economic and civil rights according to national and international conventions and laws.
- Improving (15) writers' skills in monitoring main violations of their social, cultural, political, economic and civil rights in Palestine and identify the duty bearers in official and unofficial legal protection mechanisms.

Main Outputs/deliverable's:

- A pre meeting with the project team conducted.
- The training matrix, action plan, training bag, worksheets and case studies during and after the training course Prepared and delivered.





Activity 3: Hold Training Program for 15 youthwriters:

A training program of 3 training days was conducted for the 15 selected youth writers, focusing on creative writing and Brainstorming, Essay & Article Writing, short Story and the technique of show not tell.



Target group analysis:



Gender distribution: 30% male and 70% female.



Development of the Project

What setbacks occurred and how can they be explained?

Setback:

Receiving non-innovative ideas for articles and short essays.

Mitigation:

YVS crowdsourced ideas with community groups, invited experts to discuss ideas innovatively with the project participants. Conducting brainstorming sessions.

Setback:

Beneficiaries' commitment to the project

Mitigation:

adjusting the training schedules to be suitable for the project participants

Setback:

Increase in costs

Mitigation:

Efficient Financial management.

Setback:

Participants claim that 12 hours for writing is not enough.

Mitigation:

Adjusting the training to be suitable for the project participants.

Thank You

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