

HELP WINDOWS HELP CHILDREN BRING PEACE TO THE MIDDLE EAST



WINDOWS receives limited funding for its current projects in Media and the Arts from several sources., but it can only reach a small number of Palestinian and Israeli children. It works in several locations in the West Bank and Gaza, but could extend its outreach work considerably with more funding.

We believe that a just and lasting peace has to be built in the Middle East from the ground upwards. As a contribution to this, **WINDOWS** provides an effective child centred form of peace education. By giving your support to **WINDOWS** and its new British Partnerships you can help hope to grow in the Middle Eastern environment of despair.

MEET US AND FIND OUT MORE

Representatives from **WINDOWS** are visiting the UK from March 29th to April 14th 2004. To find out more about meeting them in London or Manchester on this tour and in the future – or to find out about visiting them in Israel – contact:

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WHAT IS WINDOWS?

WINDOWS FOR COMMUNICATION is a joint Israeli-Palestinian Media and Art project based in Tel Aviv and the West Bank. It aims to foster understanding between young people on both sides of the divide and encourage an ongoing dialogue between them.

The young people work together to produce **WINDOWS**, a magazine in Arabic and Hebrew that seeks to breakdown stereotypes and to convey the complex situation sensitively. Israeli and Palestinian children also create artwork together which is displayed in exhibitions in schools, youth clubs and other places. Some of them meet up in summer camp in and outside the region, where deeper friendships develop.

*‘...when there’s no peace,
there is a roadblock to every dream.’*

* from Innocent Criminals, a song by Tamar Nafa and Mahmoud Shrari, Windows journal

WHO IS INVOLVED – AND WHAT OUR AIMS ARE

The newly established BRITISH SHALOM-SALAAM TRUST is seeking partners in Britain who wish to support the aims of **WINDOWS**.

WINDOWS aims are:

- to redress the physical and mental effects of hatred, violence and trauma
- to implant a culture of peace and mutual respect by working on both sides of the divide.

- to counter all forms of racism, anti-Semitism and the negative stereotyping of peoples
- to foster universal human rights

On a recent visit to Israel and the Occupied Territories, we witnessed the power of **WINDOWS** at work first hand in Tul Kárem and Tel Aviv. Some of the children encountered had been orphaned in conflicts and all had suffered trauma. Despite this, they were able to convey their aspirations vividly, boosted by a growing fluency in English and the self confidence contact with **WINDOWS** had given them. In the refugee camp on Tul Karem they sang of their deep-felt hopes for a multicultural society. We were extremely impressed, for no where else on the West Bank had we met such articulate and self-assured girls or boys – children whose focus was on peace, rather the presence fo the Israeli soldiers in their midst.

Because of this, we are launching an invitation to British organisations and individuals to join us in supporting **WINDOWS, which works** in several ways:

- by establishing educational exchanges with British school children, from all types of community
- by attracting sponsors for orphaned children and poor refugee families
- and by recruiting volunteers to work on **WINDOWS** summer camp on the West Bank.

