

WORKCAMPS IN Palestine- 2024

camp code	Dates	Place	Camp name	Type
IPYL082	5-14/7/24	Hebron	Music for peace and global understanding	Music, political and cultural
IPYL083	20-30/7/2024	Ramallah	The rich cultural resistance side of Palestine	Music, dance and cultural festival
IPYL084	15-24/8/2024	Hebron Al-Khalil Old Town	“Learning from the past to working for the future”. Palestine: WHV Hebron old city and Ibrahimi Mosque”	Renovation, restoration and culture
IPYL085	22/12/24=1/1/25	Bethlehem and Hebron	“Christmas in Palestine: priceless experience”	Culture

IPYL082 Music for peace and global solidarity:

Code : IPYL082

Date : 7-16/7/2024

Place : Hebron city and district.

Hosting Organization: IPYL-PCMRD-H3 music studio

Work type: Music, political and cultural.

Number of Volunteers: 12 Internationals 6 locals

Participation Fee: 300 Euros

Introduction:

This first of its kind that IPYL plans to implement aims at shedding light on the other side of Palestinians resistance through its rich history in musical arts and its role in resistance and building solidarity bridges with the outside world. Music and songs have been very integral part of the Palestinians struggle for independence and self-determination. Countless songs and musical pieces were produced during the long time of Palestinians eagerness and aspiration for freedom and peace.

Palestinians always believed, that arts and music are very important components of their history and identity. Fights with the Israeli occupation and colonizers was not only on lands and rights to live on this part of the world, but rather a fight for the very existence of the natives who have their roots deeply imbedded into the land through thousands of years into history. We, the natives have developed our identity through centuries which could be seen in our songs, music, arts, style of life that is very compatible with the landscape and its conditions. The resilience of the Palestinian nation is one of a kind, the ability of people to continue to exist on their lands and country through adaptation to any condition, is very hard to shake or uproot. Our music and songs almost cover all the possible aspects, from loving each other, loving of the land and cultivation, very sweet romance, to weddings, to god blessings, and finally songs for resistance and freedoms.

Project description:

IPYL recently established a music studio, with the support of several friends and donors, to develop the music production to meet the new era that the youth enjoy and use a tool to express themselves and their daily reality, which is very harsh and challenging. The idea of the project is to host 12 international volunteers who have experience in modern and contemporary music production to join 6 other local volunteers to develop musical pieces that are new and goes in line with the music fashion these days.

International volunteers must have basic knowledge and skills in such a domain and should be eager to develop several music pieces and willing to use their own instruments to combine it with ours. These pieces will be used by IPYL to share with the world and promote the studio that our local volunteers are running.

In addition to producing music, volunteers will work together on developing a song that talks about peace, global solidarity and freedoms.

The workcamp will also include field visits to several musical academies in Palestine to learn about the musical heritage of the Palestinians and in some cases, play some music from different countries together with the local music students and workers.

Practical information:

Volunteers are encouraged to bring:

- Musical instruments
- Any music editing applications to install at our studio
- Any music pieces they produced recently to share with the other volunteers
- Bring mosquito lotion, swimming suits and sun glasses (summer in July could be very hot)
- Information about your country; anything which can create international theme parties, based on food, drinks, music, dance and games that are typical from your home country.

IPYL084

**“Explore the richness of the culture of resistance side of the Palestinian struggle”
through international music and songs festival in Ramallah
music, songs and culture.**

Code: IPYL083

Date: (20-30/7/2024)

Place: Ramallah city

Hosting Organization: IPYL-PCMRD- Cultural department of Ramallah municipality.

Work type: international music and songs festival

Number of Volunteers: 16 Internationals 16 nationals

Participation Fee: 300 Euros

Introduction and project description:

Each year, Ramallah municipality organizes international songs and music festival that resonates the global contemporary concerns and to expose the unique Palestinian musical and singing arts and culture. Usually these festivals host more than **20 international bands/ troops and 20 national** and local ones. the type of these bands are mixed; traditional, classical and contemporary. The idea behind these festivals is to bring about musical artists from around the world to perform together and separately and share their unique pieces and songs as a tool to boost global understanding between nations as an opportunity for intercultural dialogue on issues related to human rights, and fun in a participatory manner. It is also a chance for the audience and the guest bands to learn about the similarities in the different cultures through their music and songs which is can bring nations closer to each other and abandon and stereotypes and prejudices that usually results from media bias and ignorance of each other.

The Palestine music and song festival will last from 7 days. The organizers want the international and national volunteers to help in preparing the place and in the implementation of the festival by organizing the place to be ready to host the bands, ushering the guests, cleaning and any other related work. In addition to the voluntary work side, the volunteers will also attend several field visits to different Palestinian geo-political sites and organizations.

Annually, the festival is attended by tens of thousands of people of all kinds; locals, nationals and internationals. It's very much like any global musical festivals with many concerts and performances of all type.

Practical information:

Volunteers are encouraged to bring:

- Working shoes and clothes
- Mosquito lotion
- Sun glasses
- Gloves
- Swimming suits
- Information about your country; anything which can create international theme parties, based on food, drinks, music, dance and games that are typical from your home country.

IPYL084 **“Resilience and Re-mobilization towards World Heritage”**
Protecting world heritage sites through resilience and community participation and social awareness
Rehabilitation, renovation, construction and cultural.

Code: IPYL085

Date: (15-25/8/2024)

Place: Hebron city

Hosting Organization: IPYL-Hebron Rehabilitation Committee and UNESCO.

Work type: WHV/ renovation, restoration and rehabilitation of ancient buildings

Number of Volunteers: 16 Internationals 16 nationals

Participation Fee: 300 Euros

Introduction:

About the World Heritage Site: Hebron/Al-Khalil Old Town

The use of a local limestone shaped the construction of the old town of Hebron/Al-Khalil during the Mamluk period between 1250 and 1517. The centre of interest of the town was the site of Al-Ibrahimi Mosque/The tomb of the Patriarchs whose buildings are in a compound built in the 1st century AD to protect the tombs of the patriarch Abraham/Ibrahim and his family. This place became a site of pilgrimage for the three monotheistic religions: Judaism, Christianity and Islam. The town was sited at the crossroads of trade routes for caravans travelling between southern Palestine, Sinai, Eastern Jordan and the north of the Arabian Peninsula. Although the subsequent Ottoman Period (1517-1917) heralded an extension of the town to the surrounding areas and brought numerous architectural additions, particularly the raising of the roof level of houses to provide more upper stories, the overall Mamluk morphology of the town is seen to have persisted with its hierarchy of areas, quarters based on ethnic, religious or professional groupings, and houses with groups of rooms organized according to a tree-shaped system.

This work camp will expose volunteers to daily life in the Occupied West Bank. Volunteers will conduct renovation at the old city of Hebron South Jerusalem which is on the WHL. This World Heritage Site is in danger due to the Israeli military occupation measures and settlers' attempts to takeover old buildings and convert them into illegal housing. The work in this location will include, renovation of two old buildings; the ancient *Turkish bath* and the *Spanish Academy* (used to provide trainings in renovation and rehabilitation of old buildings. Both located in the old city and has been renovated earlier but now need further maintenance and renovation work. The first building was prepared to be a Turkish bath and the second as a community non-formal academy for archeological students and concerned people from around the world.

In addition to the physical work at both buildings (under the supervision of the site manager,, UNESCO and the Hebron Rehabilitation Committee) the volunteers will learn about the daily challenges facing the Palestinians people from the occupation and the Jewish settlers militia.

The afternoons of the work camp will be dedicated to an educational, social and cultural program of activities. The aim is to expose volunteers to the reality of life in Palestine in the context of the ongoing Israeli occupation and the Palestinians people resilience. The program will educate volunteers on Palestinian culture and history, and the origins of conflict in the region. The program will introduce volunteers to various civil society entities who are working towards a future Palestinian state. Civil society plays a crucial role in Palestine, helping people to stay resilient in the face of the many challenges brought about by the occupation.

Project Description:

The work will include the following activities:

1. Assisting the renovation of the two ancient buildings; plastering, old stones cleaning, painting etc.
2. Learn about the most advanced renovation techniques of old buildings.
3. Prepare both places to be ready to host activities and to function as a Turkish bath and non-formal education renovation academy.

A detailed program will be send out to volunteers prior to the start of the work camp.

Cultural, social and educational activities:

As mentioned above, the afternoon will be dedicated to educational and cultural activities that will expose volunteers to Palestinian culture and history, and that will help volunteers to understand the reality of life under occupation. The program will include lectures, display of documentaries, visits to refugee camps in the Bethlehem area and tours of other places of interest. The program will provide many opportunities for interaction with locals. Volunteers will have the opportunity to speak with Palestinian activists and to ask whatever questions they have about the situation in Palestine.

Food and Accommodation: The volunteers will be hosted at IPYL volunteers' dormitory in Hebron. Men and women will stay in separate rooms. The dorm is about 20 minutes' walk from the location of the work. The accommodation includes hot water, kitchen and hangout space. The place has fast internet connection and presentations equipment (the media center of IPYL is beside the flat). The volunteers will cook breakfasts, lunches and dinners by themselves (daily cooking teams to be established). Lunch might be served during the work time. Tea and coffee will be available all the time at the dorm and the hangout space.

There might be curfew for the work camp, which would be around midnight, unless we have some activities outside that night/evening.

The camp is alcohol and drugs free, volunteers can't drink alcohol during the camp duration. The camp leaders will designate some local bars (Bethlehem only) where volunteers can drink.

Practical information:

Volunteers are encouraged to bring:

- Working shoes and clothes
- Mosquito lotion
- Sun glasses
- Gloves
- Swimming suits
- Information about your country; anything which can create international theme parties, based on food, drinks, music, dance and games that are typical from your home country.

"Christmas in Palestine: Priceless Experience"
Renovation, culture and Christmas celebration.

Code: IPYL081

Date: 22/12/2023– 02/01/2024

Place: Hebron & Bethlehem

Hosting Organization: IPYL-PCMRD- and Bethlehem municipality.

Work type: Culture of Christmas celebrations in the birthplace of Jesus.

Number of Volunteers: 18 Internationals and 6 locals

Participation Fee: 300 Euros

Introduction:

The project seeks to bring young people from various cultures together to build cultural bridges of understanding, reconciliation and global peace. The long-term goal of project is to prepare youth to make positive contributions to society through the values of global understanding, helping, contributing tolerance, and respectful global coexistence and building on common grounds of cultural proximities and differences. These goals are achieved through education, informational, awareness raising, youth empowerment and voluntary work camps. The city of Bethlehem has global value to all mankind, since it reflects the common universal human values that should be the guiding light for all human beings.

Project Description:

The volunteers will work in different areas in Bethlehem city and surrounding areas. The work will include; participating in the Christmas celebrations, painting walls, renovation and restoration of some places, gardening and tree planting.

Food and Accommodation: The volunteers will be hosted at the IPYL volunteers flat in Hebron (20 KM south city of Bethlehem) men and women will stay in separate rooms. The accommodation includes hot water, kitchen and hangout space. The place has fast internet connection including computers and presentations equipment (the media center of IPYL is beside the flat). The volunteers will cook breakfasts, lunches and dinners by themselves (daily cooking teams to be established). In some cases, lunch will be served during the work time. Tea and coffee will be available all the time at the form and the hangout space.

There might be curfew for the work camp, which would be around midnight, unless we have some activities around outside that night/evening.

The camp is alcohol and drugs free, volunteers can't drink alcohol during the camp duration. The camp leaders will designate some local bars in Bethlehem where volunteers can drink.

Cultural, social and educational activities: As mentioned above, the afternoon will be dedicated to educational and cultural activities that will expose volunteers to Palestinian culture and history, and that will help volunteers to understand the reality of life under occupation. The program will include lectures, display of documentaries, visits to refugee camps in the Bethlehem area and tours of other places of interest. The program will provide many opportunities for interaction with locals. Volunteers will have the opportunity to speak with Palestinian activists and to ask whatever questions they have about the situation in Palestine.

A detailed program will be sent to the participants before their arrival.

Practical information:

Don't forget to bring: (Necessary)

- Warm clothes; Pullover, raincoat or light jacket in case of rain (it could get very cold in December)
- Working shoes, clothes and gloves
- Information about your country; musical instruments and/or anything which can create international theme parties, based on food, drinks, music, dance and games that are typical from your home country.

Additional notes:

- The participants have to pay **300 Euro** to IPYL, as participation fees for the camp upon arrival. The amount can be paid in Euro, US Dollars and New Israeli Shekels according to the official exchange rate of the day.
- The local currency is the New Israeli Shekel (the most common one). One Euro is around 3.8 Shekels 1 USD is about 3.6 Shekels.
- IPYL camps are alcohol and drugs free. We expect volunteers to respect this rule. We will bring you to designated bars within the city of Bethlehem, where you can drink.
- The transportation to and from the borders/airports to the camp accommodation/borders is **NOT** covered by IPYL.

International Palestinian Youth League (IPYL)

IPYL is an organization that empowers Palestinian youth through educational programs, intercultural learning, training, media literacy and youth leadership activities. Since its inception, IPYL has implemented hundreds of projects in a range of fields. These include 79 international voluntary work camps in Palestine and 69 in work camps in other Middle Eastern countries. The organization also carries out youth exchanges, geopolitical study trips (alternative tourism), media role in social empowerment, active citizenship and leadership, youth and women think tank groups and community meetings. For more info about IPYL, please visit <https://www.ipyl.org>.

Infosheet and arrival not will be sent out one month before the camp starts

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