

# LIVING PALESTINE

## EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOP FOR CIVIC AWARENESS

It is difficult to find educational tools to address The Palestinian issue in a comprehensive way. The Platform of French NGOs for Palestine offers an interactive teaching tool to understand the daily lives of Palestinians. This workshop was designed from internationally recognized sources (NGOs and UN).

### Main objectives

**Promote a better understanding** of the history and the news surrounding the Israeli-Palestinian conflict;

**Bring down stereotypes** and, in doing so, help people to develop a more just vision of the societies in conflict;

**Use active learning methods** to give people the keys to understanding how Palestinians live today;

**Think together** rather than give readymade answers, and contribute to an education for peace.

### This workshop is addressed to:

A young public (from high school seniors)

An adult public



## The Workshop

The activities are centered around a role playing game. The participants are divided into 5 groups. Each group must fulfil a different mission corresponding to a life situation in Palestine.

The time limit for each mission varies between 40 to 45 minutes. During this time, the participants will face obstacles that will lead them to ask themselves about the realities of life in Palestine and Israel, followed by a debriefing activity .

*“If you had been born in this region of the Middle East, what would your life be like? To what kind of challenges would you be exposed?”*



**“The olive harvest”**: a family of farmers must harvest its olives to survive. The Wall separates them from 80% of their land and olive trees.

**“Expelled from their land ”**: a group of volunteers journalist making part of an Israeli civil society organization have to carry out a report to highlight Israel’s policy of Palestinian houses demolition and requisition of land.They will have to collect different testimonies of Palestinians living in Silwan, Al 'Araqib, East Jerusalem, Hebron, the Jordan Valley and Acre.

**“Gaza fishermen”**: a group of fishermen in Gaza must make its fishing in order to support their families’ basic needs.

**“On the roads of Palestine”**: a contest of traditional dance is organised in south West Bank. Five companies of 5 different Palestinian cities will try to get to Hebron in time for the competition.

**“Ongoing displacement”**: five Palestinian families go through time, from 1947 to the present day, to relive the main events of the region.



An Israeli Civil Administration Office allows participants to meet one another throughout the missions, as well as to be confronted with the waiting, the dependence of bureaucracy and the arbitrariness which punctuate Palestinian’s life.

The workshop is organized by 3 facilitators. By the end of 40 to 45 minutes destined to the missions, the groups must have a time to exchange their experiences and to consider in a more profound way the emotions that may have emerged during the role play. This time will be consecrated to the participants’ debriefing and to the relation between the missions, the feelings they may have produced and the facts and realities on the ground. These exchanges will be followed by a debate.

The facilitators may organize the workshop according to the public and the time available. The role play is a support, a dynamic starting point that must lead to reflection. What is more, this time of in-depth consideration and thought must be sufficiently long to allow the participants to clear up confusions, amalgams and break down widespread stereotypes.

**The Platform of French NGOs for Palestine organizes training sessions. At the end of the training, trainees will receive an educational kit.**

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