



Annual Report 2017

THE WORK OF THE PALESTINIAN CENTRE FOR PEACE AND DEMOCRACY

The year 2017 in Palestine marked the anniversary of four occasions: First, the 100-year anniversary of Balfour declaration in 1917; the declaration from the British Foreign Secretary that London would support the creation of a Jewish national state in Palestine. Secondly, the 70th anniversary of the UN Partition Plan for Palestine in 1947 that gave Israel the birth certificate. Thirdly, the 50th anniversary of Israel's occupation of the West Bank and Gaza Strip in 1967. And finally, the 30th anniversary of the launching of the first Intifada, which started in Gaza on December 9th, 1987 and it was spreading rapidly through the whole of the Occupied Palestinian Territories.

Four major events took place in 2017 and played a major role in making 2017 one of the worst years Palestinians have witnessed; the new USA administration, Mr. Trump who came up with the slogan of the "deal of the century" or the mother of all transactions at the beginning of the year, and he ended the year by his recognition of Jerusalem as the capital of Israel that generated a series of reactions in Palestine and on the global level. The Palestinian prisoners' hunger strike started in April and ended in June had a great impact on the all the Palestinians were engaged in different supporting activities in all the districts of the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

In spite of the difficult political situation, the Palestinians conducted the local elections on May 13th, and there was a Palestinian-Palestinian agreement for unification between Fatah and Hamas, but it is still not implemented on the ground.

All the above political events had a great impact on the Palestinians in general and the Palestinian youth in particular especially the interns and friends of the Palestinian Centre for Peace and Democracy PCPD. The PCPD was involved and engaged fully and strongly in all the previous events, in all its different levels; the PCPD general assembly, board, staff, and the young supporters (interns and friends) were part of many events took place in the cities, towns and villages. They were engaged in various workshops and sessions in all the regions, talking to the citizens and youngsters.

The main mission of the PCPD in 2017 was to help the Palestinian public keep the faith in peace, in the international legitimacy and to encourage and support the non-violent actions that can guarantee the intensive participation of many citizens, especially women as well as it forces the Israeli forces not to use their weapons. The PCPD dealt with the entire hard and difficult situation as an opportunity to talk about the just peace that is based on two states solution, and it was also an opportunity to open new and serious discussions on the "one state solution" alternative where we found a number of people who have discussed this new political program seriously.

Further, during 2017, it was clearly seen the strong participation of youth in political discussions, they were trying to prove that they are part of the political life, they do believe that they are stronger than the old people who kept themselves inside their houses and offices. The Palestinian youth were distributed in all the risky locations on the borders of their cities and towns to confront the Israeli soldiers non-violently. They are the one who were killed, injured and arrested by the Israelis, and they are the ones who are considered as the wood of the Intifada. We, at the PCPD listened to all people who were engaged in political processes and we were the main actors during the preparations for the local elections since the PCPD was the back bone of the Elections Monitoring Civil Committee that observed and monitored the local elections took place on the 13th of May 2017.



PCPD VISION:

The Palestinian Society is committed to practicing true democracy in a free, independent and democratic State that adheres to gender equality, freedoms and social justice.

PCPD MISSION:

The Palestinian Centre for Peace and Democracy is an independent, civil, nongovernmental and not for profit Palestinian organization established in 1992. It works in the field of political development and genuine peace based on the Palestinian Declaration of Independence and UN Resolutions to establish an independent Palestinian State with East Jerusalem as its capital, within the Palestinian territories occupied in 1967.

Guiding Values and Principles

The work and culture of PCPD is guided by the following values, principles:

- Political **commitment** to the genuine peace based on UN Resolutions to establish an independent Palestinian state within the territories occupied in 1967
- **Right to Self-Determination:** PCPD believes that Palestinians of all backgrounds, affiliations and walks of life have the right to self-determination, political independence, and sovereignty over its occupied territories of 1967 with East Jerusalem as its capital.
- **Peace and Justice:** through both its activities and organizational philosophy, PCPD is committed to real and just peace as outlined in the Declaration of Independence and international resolutions.
- **Equality** regardless of sex, religion and political affiliation
- **Transparency** is not a slogan for PCPD; it is a daily practice of our work. Both the Board of Directors and the General Assembly implement their work in an efficient and creative manner. The executive body informs both governing bodies on all work details including signed contracts, budgets, and relationships with partners.
- **Teamwork** is at the heart of our work. The executive management and staff assess the needs of our target groups, articulate their ideas and proposals, draft them into proposals, and refer them to the Board who then submits them to the General Assembly for ratification
- **Decentralization** and **delegation** form an indispensable part of PCPD's management methodology as it helps in creating quick response mechanisms to the needs of our target groups, encourages new initiatives, and gives wide authorities to coordinators and the facilitators in their locations.
- We believe in the importance of **cooperation** and **networking** with local organizations that include marginalized groups. This helps us understand the needs of those groups and helps them build their capacities to voice their needs and impact their communities. PCPD is part of the grassroots organizations network that was established in 2005 and we work in full partnership with its members.
- **Democracy and Participation:** PCPD is committed to all the principles and foundations of participatory democratic practices.



PCPD General Assembly:

PCPD was founded by the following figures:

- Mr. Bashir Barghouti (passed away)
- Dr. Tayseer Arouri (passed away)
- Dr. Sameer Abdulla
- Dr. Tamer Essawi
- Mr. Hana Amera

In addition to that, the PCPD has a general assembly of **33 members**, who elect the Board of Directors. The staff is the executive body of the organisation; followed by a big number of young volunteers (PCPD Youth Supporters) who together with the staff conduct various innovative interventions to advocate for the mission and vision of the organisation.

The general assembly are the following:

Ms. Sona Arouri	Ms. Fadwa Khader	Ms. Hana Abideen
Mr. Abbas Milhem	Ms. Khitam Al-Deek	Ms. Ann Ankar
Dr. Talib Awad	Mr. Aref Jafal	Ms. Shahrazad Tmazi
Ms. Shola Abed Hadi	Dr. Muhammad Bragheet	Ms. Hazar Ismael
Mr. Muhammad Saleem	Mr. Ameen Enabi	Ms. Nadia Harb
Mr. Hashem Barahma	Ms. Haneen Zeidan	Mr. Khaleel Sheeha
Mr. Thaer Hanaysha	Dr. Nidal Kafri	Mr. Emad Daoud
Mr. Ghassan Abdulla	Mr. Naeem Al-Ashhab	Ms. Sabreen Amouri
Mr. Waleed Maqbul	Ms. Intisar Salman	Ms. Nina Thabet
Mr. Issa Samandar	Mr. Munther Qareq	Mr. Abed Majeed Hamdan
Ms. Haneen Abu Sada	Ms. Taghreed Kishkek	Ms. Sahhar Barakat

The Board of Directors at the PCPD are:

Ms. Sona Arouri – Chairwoman	Ms. Shahrazad Tmazi – member
Ms. Fadwa Khader – Deputy to the Chairwoman	Dr. Talib Awad – member
Mr. Abbas Milhem – Treasurer	Mr. Aref Jafal – member
Ms. Hana Abideen – Secretary	

STAFF:

Mr. Naseef Muallem – Director General
Ms. Hilda Issa – Administrative and Financial Director
Ms. Ekram Zbeidi – project coordinator (Tulkarm)
Mr. Hussein Sawalha – project coordinator (Jenin)
Mr. Thaer Hanaysha – Project Coordinator (Ramallah)
Ms. Narmeen Amouri – administrative assistant (Ramallah)
Ms. Smoud Mtaeer – project coordinator (Bethlehem)
Ms. Tahani Shahateet – project coordinator (Hebron)
Mr. Raed Khateeb – Media Coordinator (part time)
Mr. Ashraf Jabr – accountant (part time)



One of the staff meeting sessions at PCPD office in Beitunyia



YOUTH INTERNS

The PCPD has a big number of youth who are from the different regions of the West Bank and who act as interns. They are youngsters; they are university graduates in media, social and political studies.

The following are their names:

1- Ms. Ghazal Al-Qudsi – Tulkarm	22- Ms. Julia Khair – Bethlehem
2- Ms. Saja Al-Saeed – Tulkarm	23- Ms. Thikrayat Khair – Bethlehem
3- Ms. Narmeen Fuqoa – Tulkarm	24- Ms. Majd Khilawi – Bethlehem
4- Mr. Yazan Khadour – Tulkarm	25- Mr. Moataz Abu Znaed - Bethlehem
5- Ms Isra Zbeidi – Tulkarm	26- Ms. Malak Shaheen - Bethlehem
6- Ms. Tabark Mihdawi – Tulkarm	27- Ms. Hiba Smeerat – Jenin
7- Ms. Faten Shadeed – Tulkarm	28- Ms. Ibtisam Amarna – Jenin
8- Ms. Sabreen Shweiki – Ramallah	29- Ms. Nida Abu Sibah – Jenin
9- Ms. Rasha Swedan - Ramallah	30- Ms. Bisan Abu Farha – Jenin
10- Mr. Moawiya Nasar - Ramallah	31- Ms. Dua Jarar – Jenin
11- Ms. Amira Abu Ayash - Ramallah	32- Ms. Yasmeen Al-Omary – Jenin
12- Ms. Nur Abed Fatah - Ramallah	33- Ms. Sundus Samoudi – Jenin
13- Ms. Rawya Manasra – Hebron	34- Mr. Qusay Abbas - Jenin
14- Mr. Wael Amer – Hebron	35- Mr. Waseem Gazawi – Jenin
15- Ms. Naseem Kashour – Hebron	36- Mr. Amjad Odeha – Tubas
16- Ms. Lena Hamouri – Hebron	37- Ms. Enas Al-Mashni – Salfeet
17- Ms. Lama Maswada – Hebron	38- Ms. Jenan Sharabati – Salfeet
18- Ms. Enas Maswada – Hebron	39- Ms. Eman Dwekat - Nablus
19- Ms. Yasmeen Enaya - Nablus	40- Mr. Rakan Daoud – Nablus
20- Mr. Rustum Yaseen – Nablus	41- Ms. Tala Al-qudsi- Nablus
21- Ms. Hiba Mustafa – Nablus	



The youth interns are planning for the upcoming period.



WOMAN PROGRAM

The Woman Program aims to *empower young women in order to promote their full participation in the political, democratic, and decision-making processes*. The overall objective of this project is to empower groups of young women representing women community based organizations to be actively engaged in the policy processes on the national and local levels, leading towards an environment where women are agents of change in their communities; where women can find a safe space in these organizations to be active in the public sphere.

The theme of the work of the PCPD under this program is to create wider participation of women in the public and political sphere as well as the electoral process. PCPD works for the representation of the Palestinian women in the political space in an equal way to men; where women are encouraged to be part of any elections that take place. Women in the Palestinian society are largely marginalized and excluded from decision-making levels, dominated by a patriarchal structure where men dominate and lead the institutional agendas. Women's marginalization is in great part due to the traditional social norms, which tend to exclude them from men-dominated decision-making instances. Women themselves can consider that political participation is a "men's world" and that there is no effective space for them to evolve and open the debate on issues pertaining to their specific needs and challenges. This self-marginalization can lead to a deepening of the gap between men and women representation at the institutional level, contributing to strengthening practices that discriminate and disempower women.

The PCPD is interested in the 2030 Agenda to achieve for Sustainable Development; in realizing the human rights of all and into achieving gender equality, as well as the empowerment of all women and girls. Thus we believe in **Goal 5**; Gender; female/male representation in global government will be equal. We believe that more women in politics make for stronger democracies; thus, we have to make equal opportunities for leadership and participation of women at all levels of decision making in political, economic and public life; to adopt and strengthen sound policies and enforceable legislations for the promotion of gender equality. **Goal 10**; reduce inequalities, is also a goal that is of interest, since it aims to empower and promote the social, economic and political inclusion of all; and in order to enhance women's full participation in the electoral process, we need to motivate women to participate in the elections; thus increasing their political influence and educating the voters on issues that are important to women and girls. **Goal 16**; Peace, Justice and strong institutions advocates to ensure responsive, inclusive, participatory and representative decision making at all levels; since we believe that more women representation within the local governments is the first step towards reaching other decision making positions, thus having fair gender representation.

PCPD methodology is to contribute to social change through identifying root causes of limited women political participation and lack of democratic practices; to define strategies and methods of intervention. PCPD **theory of change** revolves around a **bottom up approach** and involvement of different stakeholders creates ownership and ensures sustainability and impact of its interventions. It also invests in young women and men to **create catalysts for change** in their communities and equip them with knowledge and skills to **lead societal change**.

PCPD is working to create a democratic alternative to the political establishment, the Feminist Political Shadow Body, which will engage marginalised women and men in democratic and transparent way while forming the political agenda of that Body, take action-oriented decisions and hold duty bearers accountable to rights of women and youth. As such, the hope is that this Body will inspire the political parties to become more open and democratic in terms of their membership and practices, i.e. willing to guarantee the inclusion of women and youth in their structures and decision making.



The youth are in the training session: Toward the Establishment of a feminist Political Shadow Body

PCPD celebrated the 8th of March; the International Woman Day

To address and affect the public opinion, and communicate for equal rights, the youth conducted a campaign on 8/3/2017 to mark the 8th of March; where the core group went down to the streets in a bus holding slogans promoting women's right in decision making; hanging posters in the streets and talking to the citizens about women rights, about the 8th March and what it means to them, in addition to asking the citizens about their opinion of women's political roles. The tour began in Jenin and went to Tulkarm, and the youth who were divided into groups, met a number of 160 citizens.



Youth in the street, holding posters to celebrate the 8th March.

PCPD youth show solidarity during the prisoners' hunger strike, where they volunteered to join the solidarity tents, in order to be with the families of the prisoners during these difficult times. They raised slogans and talked to the citizens there, went out to the streets and conducted campaigns in the streets, thus challenging discriminatory practises that hinder young women to be activists in the public sphere.



Youth sitting in one of the tents in solidarity with the prisoners' hunger strike

PCPD marked 16 Days Activism Against Violence by a campaign entitled: “Do You Know?” The core group of young women at PCPD met on the 21st November to discuss the campaign and plan for it. They also prepared the printed material that they will be using during this campaign which aimed to shed the light to the importance of ending violence against women and demand for legislations that protect women against violence in all its forms and kinds. The proposed campaign was to go to the streets and meet the citizens and open with them discussions related to gender violence. The youth chose to introduce 16 topics related to the daily reality of young Palestinian women.



Youth hanging posters in the street to mark the 16 Days of Violence Against Women



One of the citizens is glad to get a pamphlet from the youth and is proud to hold it in front of the camera

PCPD established a core group of confident and engaged young women and men, who desire progressive change in the public, political discourse, giving priority to political agendas. This was done through addressing a political development and democracy training program as well as training on social and classic media, with the purpose of developing a Rights Based Feminist Political Charter that will contribute to change in the public, political discourse and give priority to women engagement in the political agendas.



Youth are trained on shooting films for the sake of producing short films to promote their beliefs.

Young women and men are capacitated and empowered to identify discriminatory issues in the Palestinian laws, proposed amendments as alternative articles that are harmonious into the international agreements that Palestine signed and ratified, especially UN 1325 and CEDAW. Thus the youth were trained on how to document these issues, and prepare short documentary films. Four short films were produced on the importance of youth involvement in the electoral process, the importance of a gender sensitive Constitution, the importance of peace and justice within UN 1325 and finally equality in wages between men and women (equal wage to equal pay).



A picture during the film produced by the youth; entitled: No to discrimination between men and women in the wages. The film is the idea, shooting and act of the youth themselves.

The short films were screened in the local TV channels (Maan TV and Falastinyat) in addition to be posted on the facebook and on PCPD You tube. Further, these films were screened in 50 occasions in cooperation with 50 different CBOs. A discussion took place after each screening and recommendations for change were gathered by the core group who conducted these workshops. Throughout these screenings the PCPD reached 1061 youth from the different regions of the West Bank. Constructive discussions took place between the core group and the youth around issues of women's rights and equality in the Palestinian laws and how to be in line with the international legislations.



This You tube film was published at PCPD facebook and had 2K views

PEACE PROGRAM:

Under *the Peace program*, PCPD's strategic objective is enhancing the notions of peace and independence as means to establish an independent, democratic Palestinian state, based on the Palestinian Declaration of Independence and the UN resolutions. PCPD is working to **strengthen the Palestinians' support for non-violent approaches towards a just and lasting peace**. Under this program, PCPD conducted hundreds of workshops, sessions and meeting with beneficiaries and stakeholders in order to enhance the non-violent approached while facing the Israeli occupation. All PCPD family; staff, board, general assembly and supporters volunteered in conducting visits and meetings with local governments and local CBOs and discussed with them the importance of cooperation and coordination between the civil society and the local governments in order to develop the services that are given to citizens that serves their dignity and strengthen their stead fasten in their towns and land. The PCPD social media, TV spots, radio spots and sessions and short films played a main role in promoting the PCPD vision, mission, ideas, stands and activities.



Youth are in a live TV session

Throughout a project entitled: Empowering youth for Media Advocacy Work, a group of young men and women were empowered to become leaders, to be able to connect with citizens as well as political leaders and decision makers on issues related to democracy, rule of law, good governance and peace building. The goal is to encourage these youth to deal with the consequences of ongoing conflicts and to advocate for the just peace through the implementation of 15 live TV sessions on the local TV Channels. By the end of these TV sessions, the youth promoted these sessions through the social media, put them on You tube and transmitted them through the face book page, to reach a greater number of audiences.

Further, PCPD is implementing a project entitled: Spreading the culture of peace, justice, tolerance and nonviolence amongst youngsters as a means to solve conflicts. The long term impact of this project is to work for a solid foundation for a just and lasting peace; the ability to conceive and develop practical activities aimed at engaging youth capacities in non-violent actions towards conflict resolution of the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict. Under this project, the youth met a number of decision making figures and opened discussions with them on the political process, the future of a peace process. Following these meetings, the youth arranged for a number of open workshops in the locations where citizens met these decision makers and opened fruitful discussions with them.



Youth meeting decision makers in the different cities of the West Bank



CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAM:

PCPD participated in a training course on integrity in Nepal, with the participation of other partner organizations from around the World. This is a new project at the PCPD conducted with the cooperation of Teacher Centre and with the funding of Integrity Action. This project aims to embedding anti-corruption and transparency measures into the educational sector, establishing integrity clubs at schools for the purpose of ensuring long term sustainability of anti-corruption and transparency efforts in education.

The PCPD trainings under this program strengthened the core group at the PCPD to act as political leaders and to raise awareness between the citizens for the just and lasting peace; as well as engage the civil society stakeholders for the adaptation of a Palestinian political grand strategy.

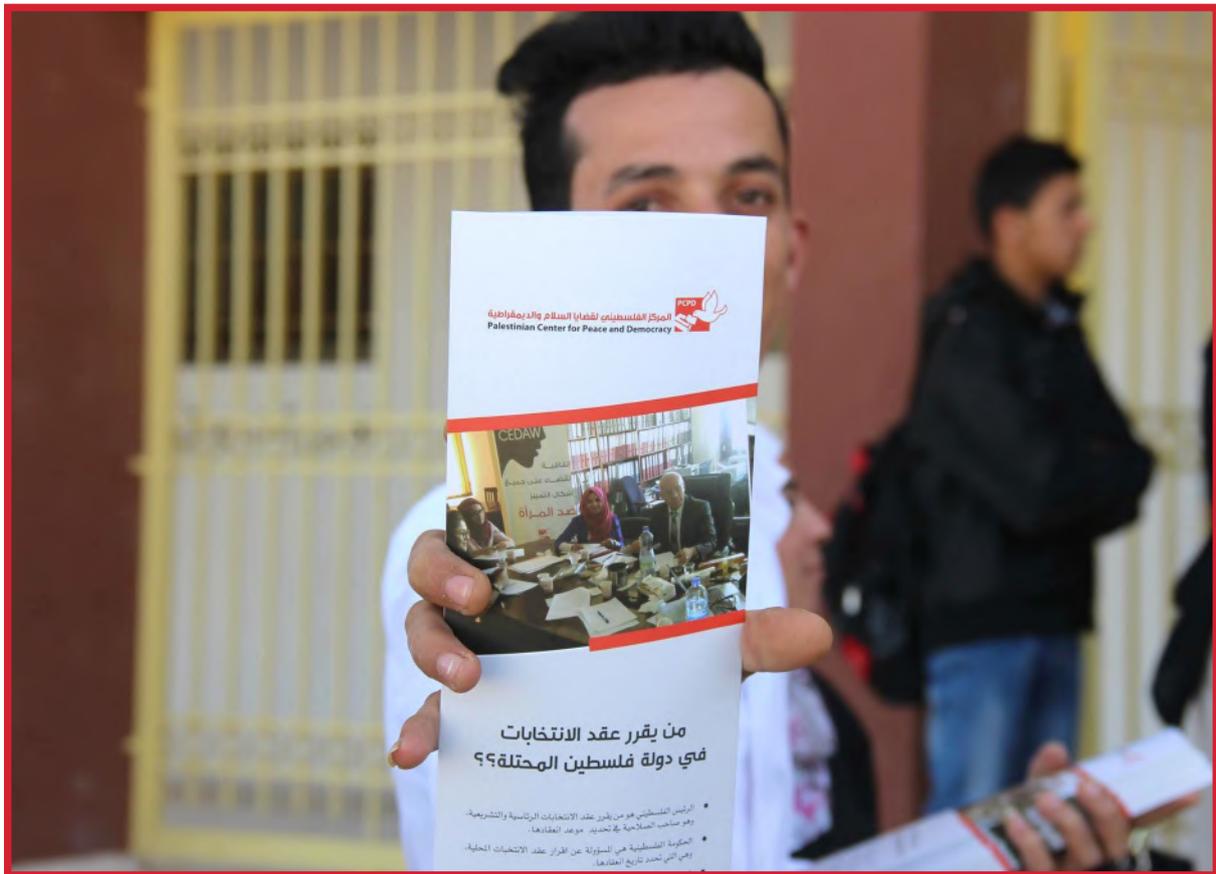
CIVIL SOCIETY AND DEMOCRACY PROGRAM

Under this program, the PCPD wishes to make the Palestinian Society committed to practicing true democracy in a free independent democratic state that adheres to equality, freedoms and social justice.

To achieve the above, the PCPD contributed in pressurizing for holding of the local government elections, as well as raising the voice for the importance of holding the presidential and legislative council elections. Throughout our activities, the PCPD was able to hold 60 sessions to youngsters at the civil society organizations in Hebron, entitled: Citizenship and Democracy, emphasizing on the importance of participating in the local elections, thus reaching a number of more than 1460 youngsters. As a result of these sessions, there was an increase in the participants' awareness on elections as well as their enthusiasm to be part of any future electoral process. Finally, an open day was conducted at one school in Hebron where 136 students participated. A pamphlet was distributed throughout the project span.



A girl holding the slogan of the project: Citizenship and Elections



A young participant in the Election Project is proud to hold the pamphlet that the PCPD distributed during the session

Under this program, PCPD implemented a project entitled: Social Accountability in Practise that aimed to strengthen state citizen relationship through the institutionalization of social accountability in the local governance system; which is in line with the National Policy for Social Accountability and the National Toolkit for Social Accountability in full cooperation with concerned stakeholders. This project activated the citizens in the targeted areas to be part of the decision making process on the local level and in particular in the villages where they live. As a result 8 Follow Up Committees were established in 8 locations, where youth are the base of these Committees.

By the end of the training courses, PCPD escorts the youth to the monument of Mandela in Ramallah, which is a symbol of a democratic leader who was committed to tolerance, equality and rights for all despite color, sex, religion or political affiliation. It is a symbol of tolerance and national unification.



The PCPD standing in front of the monument of Mandella in Ramallah



SUCCESS STORIES:

The statistics in Palestine states that percentage of women who have bank accounts reaches only 15%, which is a low percentage, and shows that most of the Palestinian women are not economically independent. One of the successes of this project, is that it encourages and supports the youth to open bank accounts at the Arab Bank. This is important to the PCPD, because it increases the financial literacy and independence of women, most of which never had a personal bank account; and it strengthens the transparency and accountability of the project, which is one of PCPD's guiding principles. One of the participants, Tala Al-Qudsi, mentioned: "Now I have my own bank account, I feel independent". PCPD will continue encouraging and supporting the young participants to open their own bank accounts, which serves to make them feel independent. All the youth doing internship at the PCPD have now bank accounts.

The youth at PCPD like to be engaged in street activities and meet strangers and advocate for women rights and equality in a confident way. They are ready to receive refusal, and sometimes accusations, and are brave enough to open serious discussions. Further, they are willing to be videoed through these street activities and are willing to be interviewed while the PCPD is preparing their short videos and documentary.

PCPD youth showed great interest to be involved in media training and they stressed to the importance of establishing a Media Group to support the project activities. They prepare scenarios and think of ideas for short documentary films, where they act in these films. They try to pass a message to the other youth about their ideas and beliefs. Later on, these You tubes are shared on the facebook page of the PCPD, where it reaches more than 6,900 people. PCPD's facebook page has grown considerably, where its follower's basis is with 9450 followers today.

Quotes from the participants:

Besan Abu Farha, a young women from tulkram: "I feel I am part of the family of the Palestinian Centre for Peace and Democracy. Throughout my involvement in the project, my political information and interest has increased. I feel that my character has changed, and I am more courageous in presenting my ideas. I now believe in social justice, and understand more the work of the political parties. I have a lot of political information and I feel that the Palestinian women are capable of being involved in the political process, however, the laws and legislations as well as the habits and culture play a major role in preventing women to be actively involved. Nowadays, I can open discussion with the citizens in the streets on issues related to women, a thing that I never imagined of doing".

Narmeen Amouri; a young women from Jerusalem: "I now have a deeper and more comprehensive view about political issues. I believe in complete equality and the right of women to be politically active. I have the support of my family in being active in the public sphere and I talk to my friends and have gave the chance for two of them to be involved with the PCPD. These days, I feel stronger and more courageous to discuss the political situation, the lack of any breakthrough in the peace process and I can discuss possible scenarios for the prevailing of peace. I was part of the film productions at the PCPD, assisted in preparing the script and acted in many films. I am proud to be in those films that demand for the ratification of CEDAW, 1325 and for equal pay for equal pay."

Saja Saed, a young woman from Tulkarm; "I can analyze political subjects whether it is related to Palestine or to the world in general. We used to believe that getting involved in politics is not easy and is full of obstacles, that we might be imprisoned and cause a lot of problems to us and our families. However, after being involved at PCPD activities, I feel that politics is a great experience. I feel that women should be aware that politics is not confined to men and that equality entitles equal political rights for both women and men. I believe that it is important to work for gender

equality and it is our role as young educated women to promote for women rights. I have great hope that being involved in this project can change the political perspective of women in Palestine. I feel empowered to work for women involvement in politics and I do hope that our project will be successful and that we can establish this Feminist Political Body. I also look forward to understand feminism more and to promote the idea that men can be feminist”.

Finally, one of the interns at the PCPD, Julia Khair, a 22 year old girl from Bethlehem was approved to join the IVEP program, an international volunteer exchange program lead by the Mennonite Central Committee. Julia was chosen to serve in Manitoba – Canada, where she began her volunteer program in July 2017, where she is involved in different programs, one of which is the migration and resettlement program with families that the MCC sponsors. She is helping out with the translation since most of the refugees are from the Arab World. Further, Julai is woking in Peace building and advocacy program, in a campaign entitled Cry for Home and it is concentrating on the Palestinian-Israeli conflict. In addition to taking some training in media. Julia says: “Being an IVEP in Canda is very important and helpful. I learnt a lot of new things and I gained a lot of new information during my experience here, my mind is getting wider, I learnt how to think differently, how to make decisions, and how to be responsible for a big and important matter. It is really an amazing experience, and my English language improved tremendously. I am glad that the PCPD and the MCC gave me this chance to be an IVEP in Canada. Thank you”.



Julia Khair, who is now in Canada, attending the IVEP program



MAIN RESULTS DURING 2017:

Each year, PCPD forms a new core group of youth, give them a number of trainings and as a result, this group is a strong believers in non-violent measures to achieve the just peace; strong advocates to the importance of the international legitimacy to solve the conflict; become qualified to be engaged in political discussion on different levels; on the level of other youth; on the level of politicians and decision makers and finally on the level of the citizens in general. These youth are offered an internship position at the PCPD for one year long and this empowers them with knowledge and skills and qualifies them to apply for jobs. More than 25% of the core group got job opportunities during the year 2017.

The youth trained at PCPD were empowered and able to plan and implement meetings with decision makers and talk to them about the political situation, the importance peace within the international legitimacy; thus reinforcing the Palestinian public opinion towards the option of the UN which is based on the popular resistance, and which contributes towards increasing the awareness and abiding by the democratic practises, thus raising their voices to the decision makers to abide by the principles of democracy based on the Palestinian Declaration of Independence of 1988, as well as the International legislations that were ratified by the Palestinian Authority.

The youth involved at PCPD are distinguished from the other youth and even their remarks and posts on the facebook show their interests in political and democratic issues. They are also interested in the power of social media as a tool to spread their ideas, thoughts and beliefs, and are using short documentary you tubes as a way to show and share their work with the others. During 2017, 15 films and spots were produced by the youth themselves. All these You tubes document the work done during the year, and can be viewed at PCPD You tube channel at: PCPD Palestine.

There was a 10% increase in the participation of the youth in the local elections in the 36 regions in Hebron where PCPD implemented its election project.

More and more youth are contacting PCPD and asking to be involved in its trainings and activities.

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