

## Mission

The Palestinian Centre for Rapprochement (PCR) is working to bridge the gap to bridge the gap between Palestinians and people from around the world by showing them how Palestinians are forced to live under occupation, therefore, empowering them for non-violent direct action.



## Goals

- Promote a just settlement with Israel for a peaceful and sustainable Palestine
- Promote harmony and rapprochement within and between societies
- Raise awareness by providing accurate first-hand information about Palestine, and by organizing visits to Palestine
- Empowering young people, women and those in marginalized parts of Palestinian society in order to enhance civic duty and responsibility



## The Community Service and Development Department , AIMS

- Increase civic duty and responsibilities by empowering and training young Palestinians in various fields to develop an efficient and effective leadership
- Provide a positive environment for Christian and Muslim young men and women to work together for a better future with an orientation

towards non-violence and peace.

His Department runs the Tunes for Peace project which gives young Palestinians access to professional music learning.

In addition, since 2008, PCR has organised the Shepherds Night Festival from 23 - 25 December each year, bringing joy to the children and people of the Bethlehem area. PCR has successfully created a permanent festival venue in Beit Sahour, encouraging cultural and artistic performances in the region, as well as promoting local and fair trade hand-made products. The Festival has become an annual event in Beit Sahour, and an important part of Christmas week in the Bethlehem area.



## The Media Department

[www.imemc.org](http://www.imemc.org)

This Department manages the International Middle East Media Centre (IMEMC News).

- Publishes and promotes fair and non-partisan reporting online through comprehensive coverage of non-violent popular resistance
- Combines Palestinian journalists' deep understanding of the context, history and socio-political environment of the Palestine/Israel situation with international journalists' skills in non-partisan reporting.



## IMEMC's Multimedia Unit - "Balad Productions"

[www.youtube.com/baladproductions](http://www.youtube.com/baladproductions)

- \* Daily and weekly audio reports providing a summary of socio-political developments.
- \* Special audio and video feature stories
- \* Mini-Documentaries
- \* Ability to provide Film-Making Equipment & Personnel
- \* Document festivals and events

## The Advocacy Department

[www.palestinejn.org](http://www.palestinejn.org)

The Advocacy Department directs the program Palestine Justice Network (PJN), with a mission to:

- Build a global network of activists and organizations that work together in advocacy in order to support the goals set forth by the Palestinian Civil Society Call to Action 2005.
- Promote awareness of the Palestinian cause worldwide
- Mobilize Palestinians and Internationals to work together to achieve restoration and respect for Palestinian rights.

## The Alternative Travel Department, Siraj Center for Holy Land Studies

[www.sirajcenter.org](http://www.sirajcenter.org)

Siraj is derived from the Palestinian name for the local type of olive oil lamp to enlighten the paths of travelers.



## The Siraj Center

- Aims to forge links between Palestinian people and people from around the globe through travel programs, interfaith and ecumenical dialogue, and culture and youth exchange programs.
- Works directly with the local Palestine community, and has initiated programs throughout the West Bank, cooperating both with Palestinian and international organizations.
- Provides first-hand experience of Palestine and its Holy Land by arranging visits the sites, the lovely landscape and towns, meet the Palestinian people and experience the hospitality of local families and their cuisine.

The Siraj Center arranges all aspects of a visit:

- Accommodation
- Transportation
- Expert guides
- Meetings with a variety of groups raising awareness about current issues.

## Year-Round Programs

These programs run according to demand or availability, and can be organized for larger existing groups. Individuals wishing to take part in such programs are advised to contact Siraj for further details. Tailor-made tours throughout the year. Siraj provides assistance in designing a tour based on





the needs and goals of the interested party. In addition, Siraj arranges tours for special interest groups with focused themes.



## Pilgrimage Programs

- Visits to local churches, the "living stones" and all holy sites
- Fact Finding Mission Volunteers work with local groups half the time, while the other half, visiting, touring and staying with local families

## Bike Palestine

[www.bikepalestine.com](http://www.bikepalestine.com)

Cycle through history on the roads traveled by pilgrims, prophets and ancient caravans.

- A unique experience in an exciting territory
- Professional and experienced guides
- Select accommodation and a rich enticing cuisine
- Full logistical support and back-up transportation
- Experience the cultural and religious diversity of this fascinating country
- Secure and easy cycling in an enchanted landscape rich in history
- Build everlasting friendships



## Walk Palestine

[www.walkpalestine.com](http://www.walkpalestine.com)

Walk Palestine aims to enhance programmed walking tours throughout Palestine. Walking trails in Palestine are as old as the stones of Jerusa-

lem. Caravan routes were used to trade and exchange goods with the people who lived in Palestine throughout all ages and civilizations. There were three different areas: the Jordan Valley (rift valley), the Central or Patriarch's Route, and Via Maris.

Through Walking Palestine, travelers can have the best experience by meeting locals, enjoying home stay, local guesthouses, authentic culture of the land, flora and fauna, beautiful landscape, delicious cuisines, and building everlasting friendships.



## Jerusalem Wilderness

[www.jerusalemwilderness.com](http://www.jerusalemwilderness.com)

Explore the hidden Monasteries in the Jerusalem Wilderness, and join the finest desert walks to witness and experience how the Bedouin live.

## Annual Programs Summer Celebration

The Summer Celebration is a two-month program allowing international students the opportunity to immerse themselves in Palestinian culture, daily life and language, whilst contributing through volunteer placements. They can also study Arabic or History at Bethlehem University. The duration of the program is from mid-June until mid-August.



For more information about our daily tours please visit : [www.daytours.ps](http://www.daytours.ps)

## Activities

- Interfaith meetings and discussions
- Visits to Refugee Camps
- Talks on: Peace and justice concerns, Eastern Christianity, Islam and Judaism
- Visits to local non-governmental organizations
- Worship with members of local Christian community and choirs
- Dabkeh (dance) and folklore evenings
- Barbecues with local youth groups
- Visits to Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Nazareth, Sea of Galilee, Nablus, Jericho, Ramallah, etc.
- Planting of trees, olive harvest and other volunteer projects

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