

# Windows for Peace (UK)

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## A personal letter from Rutie Atsmon (Director of Windows in Israel and the Territories) – celebrating our 5<sup>th</sup> birthday

*It's not hard to explain what a difference Windows UK has made in our lives.*

*When Windows UK was established five year ago it was the first time we had experienced a group of dedicated friends that we could count on for continuity of support both morally and financially. Knowing that there are people we can turn to, to share our challenges and difficulties and get the support for things that nobody else is usually willing to pay for – the overhead expenses such as rent, phone bills and travel expenses (without payment for these basic expenses an organisation cannot work!). But they are not as "sexy" for supporters as joint workshops or printing the magazine. Knowing that these basic needs are paid for - that we are not going to be thrown out of the office or have our phone line cut and we have been able to concentrate on our educational work and the development of our tools - has been an enormous relief. This has enabled us to do more and better work, gain more respect for what we do which, in turn, has followed with more funding from various sources.*

*The ongoing growth of Windows UK with many more friends and supporters not only empower us to continue with our work but also inspire others around the world to open Windows for Peace branches in other countries. Recently Windows for Peace Netherlands was launched and friends from the USA and Germany are planning to do the same.*

*Windows for Peace UK is for us more than a support group: by developing and running your own Muslim /Jewish youth dialogue group in Manchester, organising together a seminar for Windows youth in Edinburgh, training together with youth workers. These developments have given us a real sense of partnership which means a lot to us.*

*I don't think that any of us imagined five years ago that all of this would happen. I am sure that 5 years from now, celebrating the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary; we will have many more reasons to be proud of this partnership.*

*On behalf of Windows members, team and participants in the Middle East I want to thank you for being there for us. It would have not been the same without you.*

*All our love, Rutie.*

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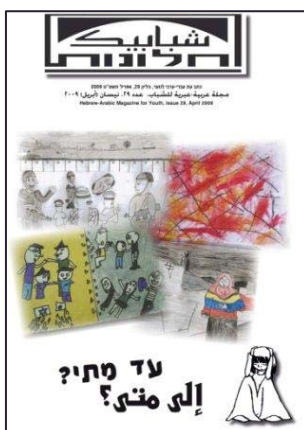
## From issue 29 of the Windows magazine "Until When?"

"In war there are no winners. Everyone loses one way or another, in the short-term or the long-term. Despite the war that happened and the difficult and sensitive situation, we want to prove that it is possible to live together..."

*-Editorial from the Jewish Young Journalists*

"We want security and peace for children. To the Israeli readers- we want to say that we don't blame you for what is happening because it is clear that you have no influence. We want you to know that we are the next generation, and therefore, we hope that in the future you will have influence: and the numbers of those who want peace and protection for human rights will grow..."

*-Editorial from the Palestinian Young Journalists*



## Windows Groups around the UK

### Windows for Peace Youth Dialogue Group

*The story so far.....*

In 2006-7 Windows for Peace UK Youth Dialogue group held workshops involving over 200 young people aged 13 and over from Muslim, Palestinian, Arab and Jewish backgrounds who live in the UK to dialogue about the situation in Israel and Palestine. In September 2007 a small group of young people and facilitators started meeting to write a pack based on the activities we had developed and tested at the workshops. In April 2008 we received a lottery grant which enabled us to:-

**July 2008:** Go to Edinburgh with a group of Muslim Young people from Rochdale to meet and work with the Windows Channels for Communication group of Palestinian and Israeli young people.

**August 2008:** Have a fantastic day involving 40 young people from Habonim, a Jewish youth group and Muslim young people from Rochdale



**Feb 2009:** Complete and launch our resource pack. The launch was so popular we had to turn people away. Over 50 people came from all over the country. We were surprised and delighted to attract many youth workers who work with people of other heritages as well as Muslim, Palestinian, Arab and Jewish. Through the Resource Pack, we have made links with new organisations including university chaplains of all denominations and the Muslim Youth Work Foundation. The day before we launched the pack we heard that we had been awarded over £7600 from the Network for Social Change for work from April 2009.

**April 2009:** We were invited to do some work on with youth leaders in the Reform Synagogue Youth Movement (RSY). Frances Avery, one of the young people involved in our group and a member of RSY does

this, resulting in the following feedback *'this emphasis made a real difference. We now need to work on making Windows for Peace an ethos in our organisation for understanding the conflict.'*

Our next big event is training for facilitators in September to increase the number of people inside and outside Windows for Peace UK using the pack in the UK. We are doing the training alongside Windows Channels for Communication. This will take place at Warrington Peace Centre which is supporting us by providing residential facilities at cost price.

We are enormously grateful to all our supporters. For more information see: [www.windowsforpeaceuk.org](http://www.windowsforpeaceuk.org) or contact [sam@windowsforpeaceuk.org](mailto:sam@windowsforpeaceuk.org)

### Merseyside & West Cheshire Group - David Bird

We'll be 5 years old in December. So time for a little bit of reflection. We are a committed band of half a dozen or so, groupies, and a wider circle of a hundred or so, supporters who have been motivated by our wish to help those visionaries in Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories. The brightest star in our world is undoubtedly the (so far annual) Cheshire Garden Party, where good food is eaten, Klezmer and Arabic musicians come from far and wide to play for us and dancers circle the lawn; and when we count the proceeds, they usually top £1000 (this year more than £1500). We have displayed the "Dreaming Peace" Exhibition of children's paintings and shown the film "Encounter Point". We have spread the word of our existence and canvassed Standing Orders. We have done novel things, like opening the "eco-house" of one of our members, and done the mundane things, like having stalls at other people's events.

Challenges? Yes, there are plenty. But two are at the heart of who we are: first, we want to support Windows - Channels for Communication in Israel and Occupied Territories by having fundraising events; second, we would like to raise awareness and understanding and, in the process, engage more with the local Jewish community and the local Muslim community. Then some of the Middle Eastern vision will have come to us in Merseyside and West Cheshire.

**Jude Bloomfield**, a founder Trustee resigned as a Trustee in September 2008. Jude has made an enormous contribution to Windows for Peace UK, especially by keeping things going in London. Her vision and hard work enabled the Point Blank project to take place this summer (see page 7 for details). Enormous thanks to Jude for everything she has done. We are delighted that we can continue to rely on her active support.

## Windows Groups around the UK

### Edinburgh Summer School

The visit by 17 young journalists and facilitators last July and its enormous success was due to Judy Sischy's and Brenda Beecham's inspiration, fundraising and involvement while the Summer School was in Edinburgh.

Their reports of the visit can be found on the windowsforpeaceuk.org website. The young journalists have gone on to make video's with Point Blank and one of them has sent a report of this experience.

Judy and Brenda are now preparing for a new group to experience the Summer School in Edinburgh in 2010. The Dialogue Concert, referred to in this issue, is part of the fundraising and what a wonderful idea of Ruth Waterman and Florian Uhig presenting a musical expression of dialogue which is so close to the heart of 'Windows'. The effects and importance of the Jewish Israelis, Palestinian Israelis and Palestinians from the Occupied Territories meeting for 2 weeks in a safe place and working through their issues of 'understanding the other' and becoming good friends, cannot be underestimated.

Thoughts and pictures of some of participants of the 2080 Summer School.

### Traveling far away allowed us to spend intensive time together and learn more about each other



**Ofri from Tel Aviv:** The delegation was so meaningful for me because it allowed us the time to talk, to hear, to digest and internalize information, to learn and, most of all, to strengthen the connections between us, something that was difficult to do in the short meetings over the year.

**Mohammed from Azza (Beit Jubrin) Refugee Camp, Bethlehem:** "If one day there will be peace, I will be honored to say that I was a part of making it."



**Maria from Jaffa:** Since I joined Windows and became a journalist for the magazine, I have changed and my positions and viewpoint towards reality have changed.

### Leeds Windows for Peace UK Group – Yaakov Atik

There are two significant events that led me to become involved in 'Windows'. The first was seeing the 'Encounter Point' documentary at the Leeds Film Festival in 2006. The second was participating in a 'Windows' Training Day. It was here that I met Rutie Atsmon, Judith Emanuel and the rest of the Northern region volunteers for the first time. This day was an eye-opener for me. There was nothing similar happening in Leeds and, most critically, for the first time it spoke to me in a very direct and personal way - 'Windows' allowed me to speak about my own ambivalence and mistrust of the Palestinians (and feelings of helplessness as someone who had lived in Israel), yet it also invited me to begin to understand the ambivalence and fears that Palestinians were experiencing of the Israelis. The film and the workshop gave me permission to explore my feelings, without the expectation of solving the Israeli/Palestinian conflict. What a relief!

I decided to show 'Encounter Point', with Ken Singer giving an introduction to the film/documentary, at the Sinai Progressive Synagogue and the following week Rutie came to Leeds to facilitate a workshop and talk in the Synagogue. These events were a tremendous success. It was also particularly timely as they took place immediately after the Gaza war. In addition to committing to 'Windows' activities, these events allowed participants to begin talking about their feelings towards the conflict in Gaza.

Since then, there have been several events in support of 'Windows'. The first meeting was held on May 9<sup>th</sup> with 20 people attending. A second meeting was held on June 10<sup>th</sup> when the group came to hear Judith Emanuel talk about Windows for Peace (UK). A fund-raising Salsa evening brought in over £300 and a voluntary contribution following a talk by Fabian Hamilton, the local MP, raised another £60.

Sinai Synagogue and 'Windows' are in the early stages of developing a long and lasting relationship. The activities described in this article are only the beginning.

### North Manchester Group

A small group in North Manchester began by showing Encounter Point at Shaarei Shalom Synagogue. They decided they wanted to engage with local Muslims and have made links with local groups and are planning meetings to explore how they want to work together. For more information, contact Marjorie Bendal, marjoriebendal@talktalk.net; tel. 0161 773 6812

**A quarter of a million pounds and counting — Ken Singer**

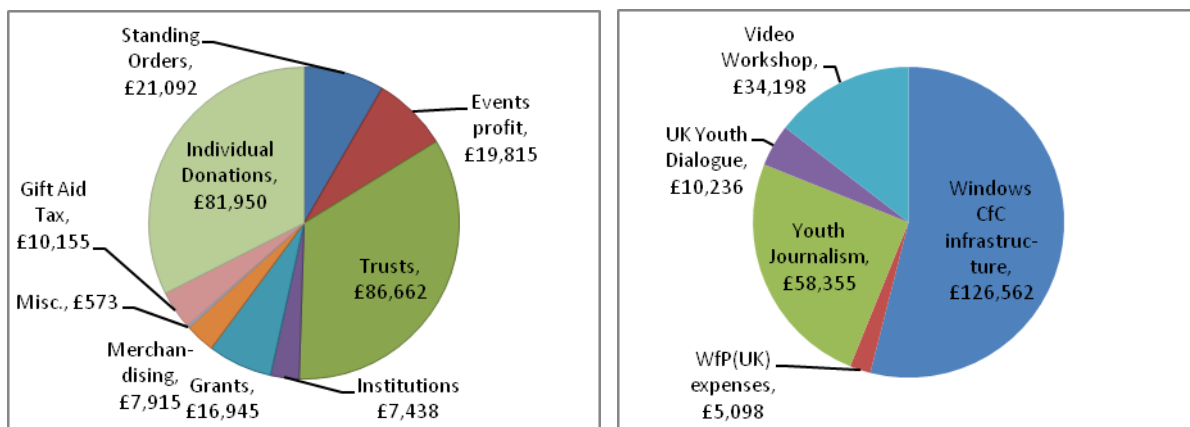
Since we started Windows for Peace in the UK, has raised over a quarter of a million pounds – and almost 98% of that has been used for our charitable purposes. The idea of setting up a charity in the UK arose during a visit to the Windows Tel Aviv office in November 2003. As with many small charities, their funding position rose and fell owing to factors often outside their control: international sentiment as to the likelihood of peace; the lottery of being successful with grant applications, and the amount of time and effort the small group had for funding-raising. In the UK a number of individuals and groups had supported Windows, but if this could be put on a regular footing it would greatly help Window’s ability to plan.

We started by bringing the Director of Windows, Rutie Atsmon, and a Palestinian colleague, Fahmi Manassra, to the UK for meetings to garner support for the fledgling charity and our first fund-raising target was £1,000 to pay for this visit. At the same time we rapidly raised £13,000 to help Windows over an immediate funding crisis. The decision to form a UK charity was taken at a meeting with Rutie and Fahmi in London in April 2004. The charity was formally established in August 2004 and our first financial year ran from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2004.

Our first target was the support of Windows in the Middle East; in particular, to transfer regular funds to support their infrastructure. The initial, modest target was £1000 per month. Funding was to come from a combination of many small donations, a small number of large donations, fund-raising events and the sale of Windows for Peace greetings cards. Our early hope was that we could match the regular infrastructure funding by regular donations by Standing Orders. This would leave the other income from fund-raising events and larger donations etc. to be used to support specific projects. We never achieved this objective – and still haven’t, although we continue to try to expand our Standing Order donor list. There is a real security in having a large number of small donors.

In time the group of supporters grew and new people with new ideas came on board. We now have over 500 people who have given support to us in one way or another and our fundraising has expanded to include a major programme of work with young Muslims, Jews, Palestinians and Arabs in the UK as well as supporting specific projects for Windows in the Middle East. The most significant of these have been first, our support for the young journalism project – in particular the two week Summer School held in Edinburgh last year and the continuing support for the programme and second, the video workshop running this summer in the Middle East. Both of these have benefited from the support of a large number of individual donors and trusts.

So, from a modest £1,000 in 2003 we have now raised over £250,000. The total income to date amounts to £252,595 (see the left hand pie chart).



The Events income comes principally from the annual concerts and garden parties, with many smaller events such as coffee mornings and film showings. The Institutions are mainly churches and synagogues plus a few individual peace groups from around the country. The grants are from the National Lottery and the Network for Social Change to support our UK youth work. Merchandising is from the sale of our greetings cards and the “Songs for Peace” CD. The total spend is £233,154 (see the right hand pie chart). Only 2.2% (£5,098) has been used for the running of the charity in the UK: almost 98% of all the money raised has been used for our charitable purposes.

We are currently transferring £2,000 per month to Windows in the Middle East for infrastructure. Our Standing Order income (with Gift Aid tax reclaimed) amounts to around £700 per month, so we are still well short of our target of matching the regular transfers with regular Standing Order donations. Needless to say, you only have to murmur in our direction and we shall be happy to send you the necessary form – and perhaps a few spare for friends and relatives!

*Judith Emanuel – Trustee*

I have been a Trustee from the beginning of Windows for Peace UK. I wanted to work with other Jewish people as well as Muslims, Palestinians and Arabs in the UK who want to support people in Palestine and Israel working for a just peace. I have not been disappointed. The things I love most about the work is: the people involved, their reliability, competence and commitment; the structure which gets the best out of people – the groups decide what they want to do with support from the Trustees. We work together well; what we have achieved, money and awareness raised, some security for Windows for Communication; the Youth Dialogue group which I co-ordinate.



*Ken Singer – Trustee*

After forty years of regular and frequent family visits to Israel and ever-increasing frustration with the lack of progress towards peace, what can one do? Well you just have to do what you CAN do. For Yvonne and me it was helping one of the most forward-looking, person-to-person organisations we came across – Windows. That's why five years ago we decided to create something in the UK.



*Xen Hassan – Trustee*



I first got involved with Windows for Peace Youth Dialogue project in Manchester nearly four years ago, when I first got back to the UK after 7 months in Nablus, Palestine and a month in Haifa, Israel.

While there I had been struck by the lack of information, and the misinformation, distrust and bitterness held on each side towards the other side. I had come across a Windows Channels for Communication magazine in a youth centre in Askar refugee camp near Nablus. I saw Windows as an exciting attempt to bridge that rift, and had chatted about it with the young people and youth leaders there, so I was excited to meet people involved in similar work here.

The Manchester Windows Youth Dialogue project has gone from strength to strength. Being a trustee has been a great chance to meet the other local groups. Each group works to their own strengths in raising funds for Windows Channels for Communication's work in Palestine and Israel. They also do the difficult job of addressing the elephant in the room (the Middle East conflict) in their communities and raising awareness of the vital contribution of dialogue in the search for resolution to the conflict.

*Ros Raizada - Trustee*

I care passionately about a just peace in Israel and Palestine which is why I became interested in the work of Windows for Peace(UK). I first became involved in 2004 as a founder member of the Merseyside and West Cheshire group and I have been a trustee since September 2006. My main contribution has been fundraising and five very successful garden parties have been held at my home. I have introduced Windows to quite a number of supporters including Helen O who produced a CD of Songs for Peace in 2006 to raise money for Windows; my sister Brenda Beecham who introduced her friend Judy Sischy which resulted in the Edinburgh Summer School of 2008; and Penny Roberts, the trustee who edits this newsletter.

I am delighted with the way Windows for Peace (UK) has grown over the past five years contributing to the mutual understanding of young people both in Israel and Palestine and here in the UK and look forward to the future with optimism



*Penny Roberts – Trustee*

Having come from a strongly Zionist and unquestioning background, I have found that my involvement with 'Windows' has allowed me the safe space to explore and understand the views of others. I am proud to be involved with this charity whose active members operate in an ethical and trustworthy way and marvel at what has been achieved over the past 5 years.



## Updates from Windows- Channels for Communication – Israel and OPT

As we look back on the past year of activity, 2008-09, we are proud of our achievements towards promoting a just peace between Jews and Palestinians, especially given the increasingly difficult reality that we face. On a political level, it has been an extraordinarily challenging year, with increasing tension between Jews and Palestinians, both within Israel and between Israel and the OPT; the January 2009 war and its aftermath; a new right wing government in Israel; and generally intensified hostility to joint work coming from both Israeli and Palestinian societies. Especially now, during these difficult times in the region, we believe our work is more important than ever. On the one hand, we see a window of political opportunity and international support, yet on the other hand, we experience overall radicalization in Israeli and Palestinian societies, with growing fear and suspicion, desperation and suffering.

The year started off with good energies as our "senior" young journalists returned from Scotland and our team continued in its process of professionalization. Windows, as an organization, has grown considerably in terms of staff and budgets in recent years and we are excited about our growing abilities to affect change in our societies. Yet, this was interrupted with the outbreak of war in late December 2008. Keeping in line with our practices of opening channels of communication, our team was in daily contact through emails, phone calls, and face-to-face meetings as we all dealt with a complex scope of emotions. As a team we opposed the war from the beginning and decided it was important for us, as a joint Palestinian-Israeli organization, to issue a statement condemning the cycle of violence and encouraging those who believe in joint-work and a just future to speak up against the military actions in Gaza and to join forces to find alternatives.

In recent months the challenges have not abated. On the political level, we have felt the situation deteriorate as we begin to experience the effects of the new Israeli government. It has been harder to get permits for Palestinians to enter Israel, we have seen more checkpoints go up, and crossing becoming stricter (including entering the territories, not just exiting), freedom of expression within Israeli society is being threatened and we feel escalating antagonism towards our type of joint Palestinian - Israeli work. We expect these trends to continue and we will continue to look for ways to cope with the challenges, adapting our programs as necessary, while persisting in our work. Despite the challenges, we remain determined to continue our work. We

have been impressed with our members, working together, as a joint Israeli-Palestinian team to cope with feelings and opinions, and to respond to changes in the situation. We have seen the impact of our programs on participants who have gone through a long-term process, as they demonstrate commitment to building strong and sustainable Israeli - Palestinian partnership. Witnessing their commitment strengthens our resolve to continue our work promoting acquaintance, understanding, democratic values and human rights towards a just and lasting peace in the region.



*Young Journalists at a joint seminar, January 2009*

### Young Editorial Board:

The 2008-09 "junior" young editorial board is made up of Jewish youth from Givatayim (metropolitan Tel Aviv area), OPT Palestinians from Jenin area and Palestinian citizens of Israel from Tamra (Galilee) and is continuing the process they began in 2007-08. After building preliminary acquaintance through SIG meetings, letter exchanges, and joint seminars, the group has begun taking a more active role in the production of the bi-lingual youth magazine, a role which they will continue and strengthen in the coming year. In recent months they dealt with challenging issues and current events, including the January 2009 Israel – Hamas war. During the war they demonstrated great maturity, which is evidence of the process they have gone through. During their January joint seminar, which occurred at the height of the violence, the Tamra and Givatayim groups met together and conducted a video-conference with their peers from Jenin because the parents and society of the Jenin youth felt it was inappropriate to travel to Tel Aviv at the time. All three sub-groups exchanged many letters throughout the war, which then became the basis for much of the latest issue of the magazine.



*Filming the music video during PointBlank seminar*



Jenin Group  
(left)



Tamra and  
Givatayim  
Groups  
(right)

The group continued with regular SIG session and met in joint meetings in April and June 2009 in Beit Jala and Tel Aviv, respectively. These joint meetings furthered their process as a group in dealing with complex and important issues, and also served as important time for them to strengthen their relations as friends, playing and socializing during the breaks.

### Windows Hebrew-Arabic Youth Magazine

In April 2009 we produced issue #29 of the magazine, "Until When?" that dealt with the recent Israel-Hamas war. After years of producing 48-page issues of the magazine, this was a 16-page pilot version. The shorter version is able to be more relevant to current events and more attractive to schools and readers who may have found the longer issues to be somewhat daunting. (see page 1).

### Through the Lens: Video Group:

After completing their 3<sup>rd</sup> year of working together, our group of young journalists from Tel Aviv, Bethlehem and Jaffa, has now graduated to the video program. This year has been transitional; they returned from their seminar in Scotland in the summer of 2008 with great motivation to engage in social activism, and they have begun initiating their own activities, while continuing work on the magazine and exploring new means of media and communication and coping with the conflict. During the war, this group also met via video-conference, but again in face-to-face meetings immediately after the cease-fire went into effect, where they shared their feelings and explored international law and its relevance to the situation in the region.



Over the past few months the group has explored new forms of media, including participating in a live internet-radio broadcast in April 2009 with youth from Portland, Oregon, USA, which is available at <http://www.earth2parents.com/>.

In June, the group participated in the Point Blank video seminar, where music and video specialists from the UK facilitated the production of a music video. The youth worked together to write the lyrics and music, record the song, and produce, film and edit a video clip to go along with it. We believe that such a music clip is more attractive to youth than traditional documentary videos and will be an important tool that can be used in school workshops, posted on [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com), and distributed through other similar venues. The final version is still in editing and we will share it as soon as possible.

### Reconnecting after the war, January 2009

Armed with their new music and video experience, along with their years of print journalism, these youth will continue their process of building trust and partnership while creating interesting and important video products which we will use in our other programs in the coming year. We believe the video program will further their growing interest in social activism, giving them the tools to reach their peers and the wider community and promote change in their schools, and societies.



Participating in the music and video seminar, June 2009

## Diary Dates

### September

#### 20-21 & 29 - London

Rutie Atsmon and Najeh Abu Shamsiyeh in London. Meetings can be arranged

[Contact@windowsforpeaceuk.org](mailto:Contact@windowsforpeaceuk.org)

#### 25 - Manchester

Volunteers and Trustees Training Day with Rutie and Najeh.

A workshop open to active members of, or anyone wanting to start their own group of, Windows for Peace (UK).

Contact: [ros@windowsforpeaceuk.org](mailto:ros@windowsforpeaceuk.org)

#### 26 - Leeds

Morning: talk by Rutie and Najeh at service in Sinai Synagogue. Q&A after kiddush

Afternoon: Informal meeting with Rutie and Najeh in a Leeds private home.

Everyone welcome

Contact Ya'akov: [yaakov.atik@ntlworld.com](mailto:yaakov.atik@ntlworld.com)

#### 27- Frodsham, West Cheshire

Informal meeting with Rutie and Najeh at Ros's home

Contact Ros: [ros-razaida@googlemail.com](mailto:ros-razaida@googlemail.com) /01928740518

### October

#### 31 - Newcastle upon Tyne

Dialogue concert in aid of 'Windows' Youth Group coming to Edinburgh in 2010 - see article about the event.

Performers: Ruth Waterman and Florian Uhlig

Venue: Performing Arts Centre

Tickets: £12.50 from Jill Graham, PAC Events Manager Tel: 01912128930 / [J.Graham@rgs.newcastle.sch.uk](mailto:J.Graham@rgs.newcastle.sch.uk)

### November

#### 3 to 10 - Windows for Peace (UK) Study Tour in Israel and Occupied Territories.

Open to anyone - see itinerary in newsletter

Contact: [penny@windowsforpeaceuk.org](mailto:penny@windowsforpeaceuk.org) / 07813338505

### January

#### 9 or 23 (date to be confirmed) - Liverpool

Dance: Two bands - Klezmer and Ceilidh - circle and Irish dancing.

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## Dialogue Study Tour 2009 8 Nights - Approximately £700 (exc. Air Fare)

*Windows for Peace (UK) is pleased to announce a Study Tour of Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories to take place between 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> November 2009 inclusive. This tour has been tailor-made for 'Windows' by the Olive Co-operative to give our supporters the opportunity to meet active members of Windows Channels for Communication as well as other grassroots organisations working to address the difficult issues of 'how to break away from conflict and build a mutually respectful and peaceful future'.*

*The tour will explore a number of perspectives of life in the region, from the unrecognised Bedouin villages of the Negev, to the Jewish/Palestinian village of Neve Shalom/Wahat al-Salam (Oasis of Peace) in Israel. Tour highlights include; the Olive Harvest Festival in Jenin, hosted by the groundbreaking Palestinian Fair Trade Association; alternative tours of Jerusalem, Bethlehem and Jaffa. The group will meet with the Parent's Circle - Bereaved Families Forum, Israeli refuseniks and Palestinian women's handicraft co-operatives. Tour participants will also visit a refugee camp, see the impact of the Wall and settlements on Palestinian territories and gain insight from some truly inspiring individuals and organisations.*

*Accommodation has been designed to be as varied as possible; from an hotel in the Old City of Jerusalem, a permaculture organic farm in Bethlehem to staying with families in Jenin. To enhance the tour, participants will be joined, throughout, by an experienced guide from the UK, who also speaks Hebrew and Arabic, as well as local guides on the trips.*

*The combination of Windows' knowledge and contacts through working in the Occupied Palestinian Territories and Israel over the last twenty years and the Olive Co-operative's experience of running educational tours in the region makes this a unique visit allowing participants the chance to gain, at first hand, a deeper understanding of the situation in the area .*

*For more information and to book a place on the tour, please contact [leonie@olivecoop.com](mailto:leonie@olivecoop.com) or call the Olive office on 0161 2731970. To discuss the tour with a 'Windows' representative, contact [penny@windowsforpeaceuk.org](mailto:penny@windowsforpeaceuk.org) (07813 338 505). Booking forms can be downloaded from the Windows website, [www.windowsforpeaceuk.org/events.htm](http://www.windowsforpeaceuk.org/events.htm)*

## A Concert of Musical Dialogue to raise funds for

### 2010 Edinburgh Summer School

We are delighted that the international concert violinist Ruth Waterman and pianist Florian Uhlig will be giving a concert to raise funds for the 2010 Edinburgh Summer School. The concert will be a Musical Dialogue which explores and performs the Mendelssohn Violin Sonata in F.

The inclusion of Ruth Waterman in the book 'Great Violinists', by Margaret Campbell, acknowledges her memorable performances over the years throughout Europe and the US. In this concert she introduces and performs Mendelssohn's radiant sonata, illustrating how the violin and the piano speak to each other, not always harmoniously, the dialogue passing through playfulness, challenge, conflict and unanimity.

The concert will take place on Sat. 31st October 2009 at 7.30pm at the Performing Arts Centre, Royal Grammar School, Eskdale Terrace, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE2 4DX.

Tickets are £12.50, available from Jill Graham, PAC Events Manager. Tel:0191-2128930; or email: [J.Graham@rgs.newcastle.sch.uk](mailto:J.Graham@rgs.newcastle.sch.uk)