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Culture, art, and heritage

"A nation without history is a nation without future" PYU believes that it is everyone's responsibility to save and promote the authentic values of the Palestinian society and the humanity as whole. Therefore, PYU has supported youth groups to establish Music bands, Theater bands, and dance groups and provided them with training and uniforms, helped in organizing concerts for those talents. At the same time, PYU implemented several programs for renovating archaeological sites and promoting alternative tourism in the Palestinian areas. Publications and information dissemination is also a part of the efforts PYU is making in this area.

Areas of intervention:


Divisions of the PYU(centers): Gaza, Beit Rima, Beit Dajan, Beit Sira, Mazare' Nubani, Aboud, Beit Our, Beit Jala, Deir Estia, Silwad and Kobar, Salfeet, Beit Doko.

Other areas

Salfeet governorate, North -West Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Hebron, Jericho, and Gaza.

Partners and donors:

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PYU is an Independent Palestinian NGO, established in 1992, and registered officially under the Palestinian charitable organizations law in 2002. The main reason for the PYU establishment was to organize the Palestinian youth efforts toward active participation in building a civil, democratic and advanced Palestinian society, and to contribute effectively in the Palestinian state building process. With time PYU has extended its scope to work with the political empowerment of youth and young women, economical empowerment and poverty alleviation, culture and non-curriculum education, volunteering and community service, advocacy and lobbying for youth interests.

OUR MISSION

Our field of work includes influencing legislations, programs, plans and procedures of organizations and developing youth capabilities including directions, knowledge and experience, in addition to social culture and organizational infrastructure. We focus our work on guaranteeing the availability of different options to youth in all areas, such that youth participation and thought is not limited to certain aspects.

OUR VISION

Youth is an active force in a civilized, advanced and democratic Palestinian society: we believe that all Palestinian youth, from all national districts, are free from all imposed restrictions, primarily by eradicating occupation and occupational procedures. We see that by the end of the next decade there will be youth in leadership positions with decision-making authorities in political parties,

social organizations and economic facilities. We are also proud that Palestinian youth are the guarantees that their families will accomplish sustainability in ways and results of living, and enhance its capabilities to recuperate from external shocks threatening their livelihood.

PYU INTERVENTIONS

- Media and Advocacy

PYU is not only a service provider, it also plays an important role in influencing, mainstreaming, and advocating youth interests among the official decision making centers, and the public. PYU with its strong volunteers' base, and partners' network, has executed advocacy campaigns on education and labor market issues, civil freedoms and human rights, political and public participation of youth and women, and many other issues concerning the youth and women inclusiveness. For this purpose PYU established the first community radio in Palestine (Shabab FM) in 2007, lead and managed by the youth themselves. PYU is a member and board member of many local and regional networks and institutions, noticeably the new formed supreme council for youth and sport, board member of PNGO (the Palestinian NGOs network), Euro-Med network, the Anna-Lindh network for youth, and the Arab Federation for Youth and Environment (an arm of The League of Arab States).

- Youth Engagement and Capacity building

While PYU is working toward an enabling environment for youth to participate, it also parallelly works on developing the capabilities of youth to play their expected role in the society and public life. For over than 20 years PYU has been investing

in youth development, thousands of youth and young women have benefited (from) and participated in the capacity building programs on Democracy & Human Rights, political participation, career development, business development and entrepreneurship, life skills and many other areas.

Noticeable partners and donors in this field are Olof Palme International Center, COSPE-Italy, UNDP, EU, Ministry of culture, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Environment, and many others.

- Economic empowerment and poverty alleviation

PYU believes that youth should be the most productive element of the society, therefore; PYU has invested in developing youth capabilities and opportunities in the Palestinian labor market by providing the knowledge, skills and developing the attitudes toward better participation in the labor market, this includes the self-employment as a career option through promoting and educating entrepreneurship. Over the last 4 years, PYU helped to create around 600 job opportunities for young men and women from poor families, around 350 small enterprises were created, and thousands hours of training in career skills have been conducted. PYU will continue working on empowering youth with tools and resources that enable them to fulfill their ambitions and the ambitions of their families, by providing necessary income resources to accomplish the desired level of livelihood.

- Community service and volunteering

PYU utilized the concept of voluntary work and community service to enrich the experiences of the youth and promote the social responsibility among them. The hundreds of summer camps and community service campaigns are examples of