



NEWSLETTER



2016- A Reflection

2016 has been a very busy year for us at The Coalition for Peace with Justice. We have partnered with people and groups of all backgrounds, continuing to diversify our reach. In addition to our long standing supporters, we have made a concerted effort to target students, the local universities, and churches throughout our area. It all began in February with guest speakers Maya Wind and Eran Efrati, this was the first of five programs that occurred in the first half of the year. In May, we hosted Dr. Steve Feldman talking at Peace Covenant Church in Durham concerning his project "Promised Land Museum" about the Palestinian experience, which can be found at www.promisedlandmuseum.org.

During the summer, our activities tend to slow down, but in October we picked right back up, co-hosting two events. The first was held at Duke University, "A View Behind the Wall: Personal Observations from Palestine" was organized by Jewish Voice for Peace, Abrahamic Initiative on the Middle East, and Coalition for Peace with Justice. Later in the month we co-hosted "Linking Liberation Struggles" at North Carolina Central University (a historically African-American University in Durham) with The Abrahamic Initiative on the Middle East as well.

In November, award winning author Ben Ehrenreich came to speak, in both Chapel Hill and NC State University. Ben's most recent book "The Way to the Spring" was published this past summer. While here, Ben spoke to several groups in the Triangle, and also in Greensboro and Charlotte.

Looking Forward

We have several excellent programs already on the calendar for 2017, marking the 50th anniversary of the Occupation, and 100th anniversary of the Balfour Declaration. We will be hosting events in June and November marking these significant points in the history of the Palestinian people.

In March, we will be co-hosting Rev. Dr. Mitri Raheb at an event titled "Dare to Dream: Ecumenical Educational Conference on Peace and Justice in the Middle East". This two-day event will occur in both Chapel Hill and Durham.

We look forward to building more coalitions, strengthening our partners to be more effective and reach more people. At CPWJ, we bring information from non-mainstream media to the public in a timely manner. We will continue to work with peace builders like the Palestinians, Israelis, Americans and the international community throughout the world.

Please make sure you follow us on Facebook, Twitter, our website, and get our emails. Thank you for your support, and we look forward to another year of advocating for freedom and equal rights to end Occupation and colonization.



Spotlight: No Way to Treat a Child

CPWJ would like to spotlight another agency seeking justice. The *No Way to Treat a Child* campaign seeks to challenge Israel's prolonged military occupation of Palestinians by exposing widespread and systematic ill-treatment of Palestinian children in the Israeli military detention system. It is data driven project of Defense for Children International - Palestine and American Friends Service Committee. In 2015 and 2016, CPWJ brought representatives from this human rights campaign to audiences in Raleigh, Durham, Chapel Hill, and Greensboro

The No Way to Treat a Child campaign is committed to securing a just and viable future for Palestinian children living in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, and envisions a world where all children attain rights in accordance with the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child and other international standards. Currently, Jewish Children who come in contact with law are not put in this military court system but are afforded full legal protections under Israeli civil courts, which is not the same series of events Palestinian children encounter.

The campaign seeks to challenge Israel's prolonged military occupation of Palestinians by organizing and supporting an extensive network of people demanding immediate protections for Palestinian children held in Israeli military detention where ill-treatment and torture is widespread, systematic, and institutionalized.

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For more information, visit www.nowaytotreatachild.org and you can find them on Facebook & Twitter.