

THE FORUM FOR DEVELOPMENT, CULTURE AND DIALOGUE, FDCD

Our Vision

We envision a transformed Middle East, where political views, ethnicities and religions are woven into a richly diverse culture of peace and in which the human rights of all citizens are respected.

Our Mission

We promote peacebuilding, equal citizenship, and human rights in the Middle East by creating common spaces for dialogue and building the capacity of community and civil society groups to be catalysts for peace, with a focus on women and youth.

We carry out our work in such a way that respects the dignity of every human being, value the diversity of cultures in the Middle East, encourage dialogue and understanding as a means of resolving conflict, and promote justice as the lasting basis of peace.

Profile of participants:

- Interested in interacting with persons of other cultures and religions
- Willing to engage in dialogue
- 22-35 years old
- Good command of the English language

Participants are encouraged to bring material (such as pictures, music, clothes, flags, spices, cookery etc.) related to their country, culture or organization, to share with the group.

How to apply

The deadline for applications is Thursday May 1st, 2011.

If you would like to request an application form, kindly send an email to lindamacktaby@gmail.com

Applicants will be notified of their selection by Thursday May 20th, 2011.

Organizations can nominate up to two participants.

Persons that have participated in the same camp in previous years may apply, but priority will be given to new participants.

If you wish to support this or similar events, kindly contact Rev. Riad Jarjour, President of FDCD, at riadjarjour@cyberia.net.lb



**INTERNATIONAL
WORK & STUDY CAMP**
JULY 3rd TO 10th, 2011
LEBANON
"Dialogue: Its Role in Peacebuilding & Conflict Resolution"

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INTERNATIONAL WORK AND STUDY CAMP

The Forum for Development, Culture, and Dialogue FDCD is pleased to inform you that the annual 'International Work and Study Camp IWSC' for 2011, in collaboration with the Norwegian Embassy, the Mennonite Central Committee MCC and Danmission, will take place from July 3rd to July 10th, in Lebanon.

This annual event is motivated by the conviction that interaction transforms relationships. Youth from different countries, religions, and backgrounds, live together for a week, and take part in workshops, lectures, and encounters with dialogue practitioners, civil society/ community leaders, and youth groups.



Activities

The overall objective of the Camp is to work with youth from Europe, North America, the Middle East, and Africa on the process of dialogue, its role in peace building, conflict resolution/prevention and transformation, as well as better understanding through workshops, lectures, exercises and field visits. This experience of dialogue in practice will give participants a starting point for transforming relations.

Lectures and Workshops

Participants will take part in lectures informing them about listening tools, dialogue, conflict resolution, human rights, and different religions. Besides trainers from Lebanon, this year the focus will be on Mr. Bart Brandsma from Netherland who will be giving a training course on dialogue for peaceful change, addressing issues on the nature of conflict, the conceptual framework and models of peacebuilding and the mediatory behavior.

Work

The camp has an added component of 'work': there will be a visit to the house of Hope and the participants will do activities with the street kids there.



Field Visits

The group will have the chance to visit religious and community centers, dialogue practitioners, and Human Rights organizations. For example, in 2010, the group visited such centers, including Sheikh Shafiq Jradi (al-Ma'arif al-Hikmiyya), and with Rev. Elie Haddad and Sheikh Abbas al Jawhari.

Intercultural and Social Nights

Social evenings will allow participants to share cultural, gastronomic and musical heritage from their respective countries (slideshows, sketches, dances and more).

Living together

Living together for several days plays a large part in the transformation that occurs and is a model for **'One living.'**