

# 2008 Work camps Descriptions



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## I. Organization and Workcamp descriptions (english)

### Introduction

adna - Association for Arab Youth is a development and capacity building agency for Arab-Palestinian youth in . It was established in 2000, and officially registered in 2001. Baadna works with Arab-Palestinian youth to work towards not being institutionally marginalized and to gain more equality with the Jewish majority in . Resistance to official discrimination aims to deepen connections to Palestinian identity and encourage community development.

The association encourages Arab-Palestinian youth to address discrimination by 's educational and governing institutions. Baadna directly mobilizes young people through educational programs and cultural activities. The association also collaborates with agencies promoting Arab-Palestinian youth and helps build their leadership capabilities.

### Baadna's International Activities

Baadna has strong relationships with partners in , and abroad. Baadna has hosted volunteers through the European Commission's European Voluntary Service (EVS) since 2002 and organized several exchanges and seminars, facilitated international exchanges on human rights issues that affect Palestinians in and in . This enabled intercultural exchange between internationals and Palestinian youth. In addition Baadna hosted STV and LTV for several projects.

In August 2002, Baadna organized the first two-week workcamp at Haessa, the most underprivileged Arab-Palestinian neighbourhood in . This work camp aimed at renovating the neighbourhood's houses, cleaning streets, planting trees and energizing the local community. Arab-Palestinian and Jewish volunteers, as well as volunteers from Japan, the US, Canada, Spain and France, took part in activities such as painting, reading and writing, teaching English, sports, and theatre performances.

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### 1) Sakhnen workcamp

**Dates :** 18-30\7\2008  
**Place:** Sakhnen, Heart of the Galilee /  
**Hosting Organization:** Baadna and  
**Work Type:** Environmental & renovation  
**Number of Volunteers:** 14 International  
**Participation Fee:** 150 Euros  
**Accommodation:** In municipal social centre.



### Local Community and Project Description

Sakhnen is a very old town, which dates back 3,500 years. The town is situated in the heart of the Galilee and has holy sites for Muslims, Christians and Jews.

The town is built over three hills. It is 200- above sea level, and it is located in a valley surrounded by mountains, the highest of them is high.

Today there are over 20,000 inhabitants in Sakhnen and most of them make a living from businesses, light industry, and construction work within the neighboring cities.

**Work Description:**

Volunteers will work on important site, called *The Spring "El-EIN"* which lies in the southeast of the town. This served as the main source of drinking water for the people of Sakhnin decades ago. Volunteers will work together to renovate certain parts of the spring which have eroded and deteriorated over the years. Meanwhile the volunteers will help to develop the surrounding area of the spring into a small park with benches, plants and flowers. In addition the work will be at different location of the town as public gardens, painting (drawing) walls of schools in order to interact with the local population and promote the idea of volunteering.

All the projects will not only add to the village but will benefit the lives of the people who live there.

**Cutura Program:**

Part of the work camp experience includes engaging with youth as well as with the Arab-Palestinian society. Through projects, discussions and cultural field trips, you will learn about your peers and about Arab-Palestinian culture while contributing to this community.

## 2) Fasouta workcamp

**Date:** 16/08/2008-29/08/2008

**Place:** Fasouta,

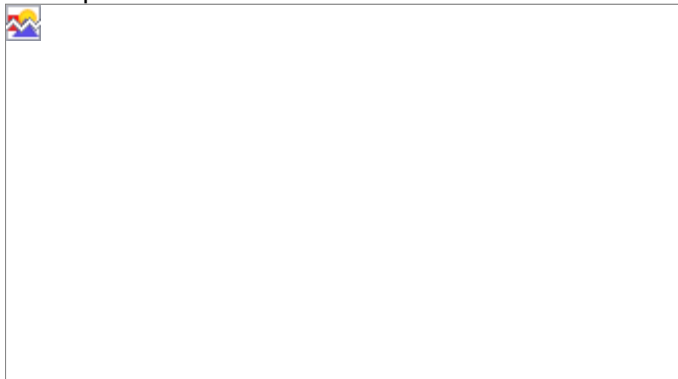
**Hosting Organization:** Baadna and

**Work Type:** Educational, Construction

**Number of Volunteers:** 12 internationals

**Participation Fee:** 150 Euros

**Accommodation:** In a municipal center

**Local Community and Project Description:**

Fasouta is an Arab Palestinian Christian village with 3,000 inhabitants, located in the far north of and right on the border with . It is an isolated town, on a road that leads to nowhere but Fasouta, The village is about 300 years old, and sits crowded atop a small hill from which you can see the Mediterranean Sea as well as deep into

**Work:** The camp will be divided into two main activities. First, local and international participants will engage in the creation of an educational farm for pupils at the elementary school. These include painting, building and some maintenance and gardening work in order to construct the space for the educational farm. Secondly they will be involved in different field trip visits.

**Cultura Program:** The majority of the work camp will be in Fasouta. However, to enhance participants' understanding of the Arab-Palestinian situation within , they will visit nearby villages and cities.

Beyond the work camp, throughout the experience, participants will become aware of the original Arab Palestinian way of life in the area. Every night, after a hard day of work and intensive education, participants will learn about traditional Palestinian culture via several activities and visits.

Youth participating in the work-camp will also learn about the economic, social and political realities faced by Palestinians in , will learn about issues such as the confiscation of Arab lands by the state, and

engage in cultural and social activities illustrating the region's historic importance.

### 3) workcamp

**Dates:** 6-19\9\2008

**Place:** old city.

**Hosting Organization:** Baadna and Baqaa' youth group

**Work Type:** Renovation, Art

**Number of Volunteers:** 12 International

**Participation Fee:** 150 Euros

**Accommodation:** centre at the old city

**Local Community & Project Description:** , famous as the home town of , is today a city offering visitors a wealth of important religious and historic sites combined with the attractions of a thriving modern Arab city. There are 75 thousand people living in and is considered the largest Arab city in . *The Old Market* The historic heart of the is still a thriving modern market (*souk*), however due to several reasons it is no longer as it used to be (center of the ).

**Work:** The workcamp will take place at the old city of Nazareth and the participants will be involved in painting, drawing and decorating empty spaces at the old city. In addition engaged with the local in workshops and field study visits.

#### Cultural Program:

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