



## CADFA Update, August 2015

### Linking together for human rights



To everyone on holiday – Have a good time. Hope it brings you back rested, optimistic and active.

Here are some CADFA headlines and things to find out about in the new year. Do join us.



#### People news

CONGRATULATIONS Diarmaid + Suma, getting married in Ireland in September.

CONGRATULATIONS Ahmed and Sarah and welcome to Sofia! The first (of a number now) of Camden-Abu Dis marriages – Sarah, a teacher at Maria Fidelis School and Ahmed Afana from Abu Dis married several years ago. Lovely news of the birth of their little girl Sofia in June!!

GOODBYE, THANK YOU AND GOOD LUCK Hazem, who has been the volunteer co-ordinator at Dar Assadaqa for the past year and a bit (in Abu Dis) – wishing you well.





CONGRATULATIONS Shahd, our volunteer from last year who has finished an MA here this year.

and see how much had been achieved in an amazing twelve months... See [HERE](#) for a summary.



GOODBYE FOR NOW to our EVS volunteers Emilio, Dunja, Momin and Nadine. Very best wishes for your next steps.

Thanks volunteers for your presentations, JULIA for lovely music, and it was good to see some of the films made through CADFA in Abu Dis (have a look on You Tube).

### **Twinning in Action**

Last year, our most exciting project was Twinning in Action with its many parts – The

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### **CADFA News Camden**

Thanks all who came to our lovely CADFA CAMDEN SUMMER EVENT on August 20th, the end of a full year of visits, exchanges, links group work, events and campaigning. It was good to look back



most recent report on this is now on the website. The project isn't finished yet!



### **CADFA News Abu Dis**

DAR ASSADAQA has just hosted its second summer camp for children this summer. The first was before Ramadan. During the August summer camp our volunteers, Umar, Roisin and Marie made a strong contribution and organised many exciting outings for the children including a visit to a refugee camp in Bethlehem, a swimming outing to Jericho and rock-climbing outside Ramallah.

Dar Assadaqa itself needs a serious injection of funds to upgrade its facilities, have more staff and equipment and sharpen up its programme. You can help - look out for more information soon.

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**HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN ABU DIS -**  
Human rights reports from Abu Dis are part of the material on our new website – Please look at them.  
[cadfa.org](http://cadfa.org)

MILITARY INVASIONS, arrests and imprisonment, administrative detention (imprisonment without trial), division by the Separation Wall, movement restrictions and other human rights violations continue for the people of Palestine. Abu Dis people are also seized by horrible news across the country– more attacks by settlers, more people shot by the army.

**Sign our petition – join our activities!**

Come along to our meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> September which is on movement restrictions and visa equality.

THANKS FOR KEEPING GOING to our local volunteers – Actually too many to list so this time we will focus on FRANCES who has been working on our website for... is it eight years??

She must be delighted like all of us at the new site we now have .. [CADFA.ORG](http://CADFA.ORG)

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**CADFA money news**

Things are still very difficult (see other newsletters). We have some lovely friends who are trying very hard and we need still to ask for more help. If you have fundraising skills and/or determination, we need you!

**CROWDFUNDING** We are putting together a crowdfunding appeal for Dar Assadaqa, have a lot of ideas but need your help. if you are able to make this more professional and effective please get in touch We aim to begin this appeal this autumn.

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**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

**BOTH IN ABU DIS AND IN LONDON** If you support the work we are doing, we welcome your application!

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Coming up after the summer

**NEW VOLUNTEERS IN OCTOBER** We'll have some European volunteers (selection process



happening now) and also WADEA and NOUR from Palestine – They seem great and we are looking forward.

**WE ARE LOOKING FOR ACCOMMODATION** for our EVS volunteers for a few months (perhaps as little as a month at a time)! (we can pay very little, not commercial prices) We would also like to find friends and helpers to make their time a good one for them as well as a useful one for CADFA!

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## EXCHANGE VISIT PLANS FOR 2015-16 ...

interest, help, participants needed!

- **Young people's visit to Palestine**
- **General visit to Palestine**
- **Teachers' visit from Palestine**
- **Leaders' visit from Palestine**
- **Women – students – kids all depend on funding and to be confirmed.**

**Our Erasmus + funded trips to Palestine** that seemed so real and close now seem more uncertain. More details follow. If you are interested in any of these, we'd like to hear from you.

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### COMING UP IN SEPTEMBER

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> 7 pm YOUTH meeting** to discuss youth visit to Palestine.

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> 6pm WOMEN'S meeting** Getting active for the new year.

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> 6pm TRUSTEE meeting**

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> – 7pm Open meeting on movement restrictions and visa equality campaign**

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> STUDENT event info to follow**

**AN OCTOBER DATE FOR YOUR DIARY**

**AGM and CADFA BIRTHDAY EVENT –**

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> October (there will be something then in Abu Dis too, if you are there!)

**Where to find out more.**

- **CADFA website** [cadfa.org](http://cadfa.org)
- **Facebook CADFA (Camden Abu Dis Friendship Association)**
- **Twitter** @camdenabudis **YouTube** camden abudis
- **Blogs** including [abudisvolunteers@blogspot.co.uk](mailto:abudisvolunteers@blogspot.co.uk)
- [youthcadfa.blogspot.co.uk](http://youthcadfa.blogspot.co.uk)

(See blog page on the website for lists of other CADFA blogs)



**Too many people to thank this year!** We cannot forget WILL or NINA or DAVID or ANNIKA or JONATHAN or NASIMA or MICHAEL or SAMA or AYESHA or ED or or... This is getting dangerous – it is not at all a complete list! Hope to thank you all one by one. Above, in red, SHAZ who has helped with all our visits in so many ways. Here he is at a cricket fundraiser that he organised earlier in the year.

Below the SOAS Arabic Band with our volunteer Nadine singing – Sounded so lovely. We hope they or some of them will be with us on 3<sup>rd</sup> October for our special evening – Hope you will too.



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