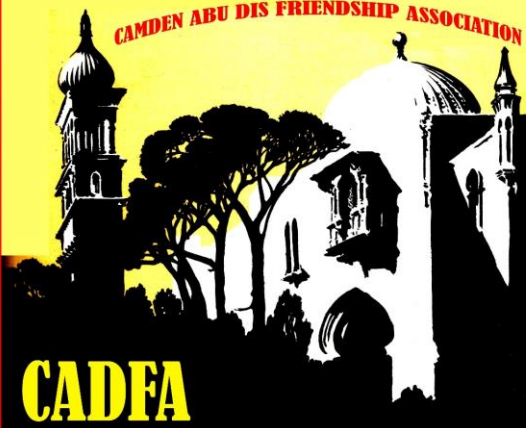


# CADFA Update September 2015



*Linking together for human rights*


CAMDEN ABU DIS FRIENDSHIP ASSOCIATION



## CADFA

### Birthday Party - 10 October 7pm

Delicious Palestinian Cuisine  
& Live Music by the SOAS Arabic Band



In advance on website

£8 members

£10 non-members

On the night £12

St Clement's Church  
St. Clement's Lane EC4N 7JH

Monument

WWW.CADFA.ORG + Facebook

**CADFA BIRTHDAY PARTY 10<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER –**  
Plans are getting better and better for this event – we have food from Hiba Restaurant, music by SOAS Arabic Band, speakers from Palestine and here and CAKE 😊

**\*\* CADFA members are invited to come at 6.30 for the AGM**

and then at 7pm the party kicks off – Do book your ticket on line to save money (remember the new website is

**CHILD PRISONER CAMPAIGN - YOUTH LINKS -**  
CADFA youth links meeting on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September at 5pm at CADFA office to discuss the child prisoner campaign, specially in the light of new child imprisonments in Abu Dis and around. This is a frequent reality in Palestine.



Here is a picture of a young boy being arrested by Israeli soldiers in Burin village near Nablus. See report from Abu Dis overleaf.

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VISA EQUALITY CAMPAIGN - We're postponing our meeting on this - We'll tell you more at the 10<sup>th</sup> October event, see below\*\*

**STUDENT MEETING - CADFA student links meeting on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm:** EDUCATION IN PALESTINE and next moves for student links with Palestine. If you'd like to book FOOD then let us know – We'll organise it if enough people want it! Please students come along if you want to be active in CADFA work/ visits/ links with Palestine in the next year.

## REPORT FROM ABU DIS

How disgusting to live under Israeli occupation. We have our own problems here in London, but to hear reports of life in Abu Dis – where they're struggling with the same things, work, home, friends, family - is to hear a story of imprisonment by walls and soldiers and bullying and danger becoming ordinary and today is no exception. With the big Wall on the west of the town stopping people getting to Jerusalem, and on the other side of it fierce trouble centred on the Al Aqsa mosque (yesterday many fewer than usual on a Friday managed to go to pray in a building damaged by the invasions and shooting over the past week), and the huge Israeli settlements on the east. With news of imprisonment at every turn – people imprisoned, people released, people released from hunger strike and then re-imprisoned. With young children in the front line of what is looking like a new intifada: all over the West Bank, young boys involved in clashes with heavily armed soldiers. In Abu Dis, a jeep of soldiers with loudspeakers shouting to the children "Watch it, we know you all, we'll come back with dogs and we'll get each one of you." (see video on our Facebook page). Two more boys were captured yesterday Friday in Abu Dis). With injuries from the Israeli army reported in Abu Dis and every town. With Israelis shooting tear gas everywhere and spraying sewage-smell along the main street of Abu Dis again yesterday. Even for people in the third or fourth generation under occupation, it must be hard to get ready for their big Eid (religious festival) this week and get back to university today...

**WOMEN'S LINKS** – We had a good women's meeting last week which has kick-started the effort to link with women's groups locally again and also raise money for next year's women's visit. The links group welcomes new women – please get in touch if you'd like to be involved.

**EDUCATION LINKS and TEACHERS' VISIT** – If you're a teacher and not in touch with us please do be! We're redesigning our programme for the new year, aiming to add on new school groups (twinning clubs/ friendship clubs/ Palestine clubs/ human rights clubs – they are called different things in different places). We're also working towards a teachers' visit from Palestine now due to be in January, finishing with a conference at the NUT on school twinning in Palestine.

**CADFA STALL HELPERS NEEDED for COVENT GARDEN and BLOOMSBURY FESTIVALS next weekend!! 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>!!**

DAR ASSADAQA needs help! We'll be launching a crowdfunding campaign for the community centre in Abu Dis that we support - and will need your help do to this effectively!

### **ACCOMMODATION FOR EVS VOLUNTEERS**

We are badly in need of accommodation for our new Palestinian volunteers, coming early/ mid October. Please please get in touch if any chance at all that you can help....

**CAN YOU SPARE SOME TIME?** VOLUNTEERS/ HELPERS welcome in the CADFA office for admin tasks/ press and media/ helping with campaigns, events and visits / project work.