

## Palestinian & Israeli groups working for peace and justice

**Arab Educational Institute:** Pax Christi's partner in Bethlehem working with Palestinian Christians and Muslims. [www.aeicenter.org/](http://www.aeicenter.org/)

**Addameer:** Palestinian prisoner support organisation. [www.addameer.org](http://www.addameer.org)



**Defence for Children International- Palestine:** Promoting and protecting the rights of Palestinian children [www.dci-palestine.org](http://www.dci-palestine.org)

**Kairos Palestine:** a network of Palestinian Christians with a message to the world about what is happening to Palestinians. [www.kairospalestine.ps/](http://www.kairospalestine.ps/)

**Jahalin Association:** working for the rights of Bedouin in the West Bank who face eviction by the Israeli army [www.jahalin.org](http://www.jahalin.org)



**Joint Advocacy Initiative:** working for peace with justice, based on humanitarian and Christian values. Olive tree planting and harvest visits. [www.jai-pal.org](http://www.jai-pal.org)

**B'Tselem:** information centre for human rights, producing excellent statistics/up-dates [www.btselem.org](http://www.btselem.org)

**Breaking the Silence:** Israeli soldiers document their experiences in the occupied Palestinian territories [www.breakingthesilence.org.il](http://www.breakingthesilence.org.il)

**Neve Shalom-Wahat al-Salam:** A village in Israel that models co-existence of all Israeli citizens, Jews and Palestinian Arabs. Exposure programmes, work on peace education and more [www.nswas.com](http://www.nswas.com)

**Physicians for Human Rights Israel:** working in Israel and Palestine for those in medical need. Advocacy and research work. <https://www.phr.org.il/en/>

**Israeli Committee Against House Demolition (ICAHD):** ICAHD is a nonviolent, direct-action group set up to oppose and resist the Israeli demolition of Palestinian houses in the Occupied Territory. Study Tours, rebuilding projects, tours of Jerusalem. <https://icahd.org/>

**Wi'am Palestinian Conflict Transformation Center.** Grassroot organisation from Bethlehem. Improving relationships and promoting peace & reconciliation. [www.alaslah.org/](http://www.alaslah.org/)

## Groups working in the UK

**War on Want:** Reports, resources and campaigns for justice for Palestinians including boycotts and divestment, and ending arms sales to Israel. <https://www.waronwant.org/justice-palestine>

**Zaytoun:** Imports olive oil and Palestinian products for sale in UK. They organise olive harvest tours in October/November. [www.zaytoun.org](http://www.zaytoun.org)

**Sabeel-Kairos:** A movement set up to support advocacy and action in response to the Kairos Palestine call. [www.sabeel-kairosbritain.org.uk](http://www.sabeel-kairosbritain.org.uk)

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## Why Pax Christi is involved

The words of Pope Francis act as a wake-up call to us all—reminding us of the scandal of the unresolved conflicts and injustices in Palestine & Israel. Pax Christi is working with others in the region and here in the UK

- to give a voice to those who work for nonviolent change
- to encourage Christians here to learn more about the on-going conflict and to see how they can work for peace and justice.

Pax Christi International has a long history of work in the region, involving Dutch, Flemish, and German, as well as the British, sections of the movement.

We make frequent visits to Palestine & Israel to identify and support partner groups. We have also taken larger groups on exposure visits.



Neve Shalom - Wahat al Salaam

## Working in solidarity with peacemakers in Palestine & Israel

“In expressing my closeness to those who suffer most from this conflict, I wish to state my heartfelt conviction that the time has come to put an end to this situation which has become increasingly unacceptable.

For the good of all, there is a need to intensify efforts and initiatives aimed at creating the conditions for a stable peace based on justice, on the recognition of the rights of every individual, and on mutual security.”

*Pope Francis, Bethlehem, May 2014*



Aida Refugee Camp, Bethlehem

In the UK we work with others to challenge the injustice of occupation and its violent effects on both communities, by taking part in lobbies of Parliament, weeks of prayer and action and other projects.

## What solidarity looks like

### Becoming more aware

There are many books, films, and campaigning resources, some of which you can find on the Pax Christi webpage: <http://bit.ly/1qBxsJS>

**The Wall** is a role-play/workshop designed to help reflection on the issue of land and barriers. <https://tinyurl.com/wallworkshop>

**Workshops and talks** Pax Christi can provide you with speakers for a parish or school event on Palestine Israel. We can share our experience of visits or work in the region.

**Investing for Peace** is a guide for local church activists that calls on UK churches to implement Morally Responsible investment policies to ensure that companies that they procure from and invest in do not profit from or advance the occupation. <https://tinyurl.com/investinpeace>

**Prayer.** From the land of two peoples and three faiths the call to prayer and reflection is essential. How we remember the needs of Palestine & Israel, how this is brought to our faith communities, how we pray for understanding are important.



- Take part in the **World Week of Prayer for Palestine and Israel**. Pax Christi is a partner. Each year a different theme is taken as a focus for education, prayer and action. The week is always around 21-28 September. Resources can be found here <http://bit.ly/1jrRZhU>
- Be aware of the major Jewish and Muslim feasts and how they are celebrated in the region and here at home. You can find a range of prayer cards here <http://paxchristi.org.uk/product-category/prayer-cards/>
- Advent, Christmas and Lent are natural times to reflect on the people of Bethlehem and Jerusalem today. Pax Christi has prayers and ideas for your liturgies and supply gifts (*as illustrated*) made by local craftworkers. Primary school resources here <http://paxchristi.org.uk/peace-education/primary-schools/>

**Visit.** “Come and See” is a constant call from our partners. Thousands are drawn to pilgrimage in the Holy Land but often fail to see the daily hardships and barriers to peace and justice. There are organisations which offer alternative pilgrimages which ensure that you can meet and listen to the people of the Holy Land. Resource here <https://tinyurl.com/y3u3hd5z>

Pax Christi can work with group organisers to offer briefings on the region, suggestions for practical planning, and groups you can link with over there.

**Pilgrimage People** is a UK based charity that offers a wide variety of tours that link with people on the ground. Profits are used to support projects in health, education and economic development in the Christian communities. [www.pilgrimagepeople.org/](http://www.pilgrimagepeople.org/)



*Our peace movement calls on the international community to act today to ensure that funding for necessary humanitarian services is guaranteed and to call for more robust steps to be taken towards a peace and reconciliation process that recognises and protects the human dignity and rights of Palestinians and Israelis as equals. We believe that this can only be accomplished with a steadfast commitment to abide by international law and UN resolutions.*

Pax Christi International, 2019



**Accompaniment.** Pax Christi is a partner of the **Ecumenical Accompaniment Programme in Palestine & Israel** a WCC project which recruits volunteers to serve for three months in the West Bank.

Ecumenical Accompaniers (EAs) live alongside Palestinians whose villages are threatened and who are harassed at checkpoints. They monitor and report human rights violations, are advocates for change, and work alongside Palestinian and Israeli peacemakers.

Consider becoming an EA yourself. Invite a returned EA to speak to your school, church, or community group.

Support the programme financially. <https://quaker.org.uk/our-work/international-work/eappi>