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PALESTINIAN YOUTH AND SEEDS OF THE FUTURE

فيك ؟موسفن! نييطسلف يف بالبشرال يهي في كيك يف مهرالمآيي الم وكنوم الفليو ؟ موصايح نوشيجي الموسع عاطع! بالتكل الذه لالخ نم لواجن ؟ل بوتسمل المال الدف يوت الربيطسل في المال الدف يوت الله يوت المال المال المال المال أن يوت المال المال المال أن يوت المال المال

تالباقمها و عتاذلا ريوصتها مادختسا لالخ نم لمأنو قريحت المراض فصراء ، بالبش ل التاوص أطوّى بن أقريص قري الله المراض الله المراض بخب عتو موري من المورية اللشخصية والرجودية، وأن نستكشفرل والمراقب المراقبة عضت عالم والمراقبة ، اُدج ی دو و کام رف می می درف روظن می می می می درف روظن می می درف روظن می می درف روظن می حلّ رح ال المخم من كون ال المورجة عاتت قطت قائرها بال الدرجرة الله أول سحر الطابت المعهج البحرات في صفر المارية في صفر المارية ال عن العضول ان أ بابشل درس عفو دچن و ، آقی ثو ثدحتی امدن عف ،قدش بو نالخادتی یساقل ایداصت قال او ال شعاب من مرات من المرات و المرات ال ودرعمان في و ،اض ما مودل ب رحوف ص عن مون روف ص عن المحرب قىموىلا مەتبرچت ىە لب،ادرچم كئوش تىسىل مەتبراورىف ال الن روب " بعن به المناطقة ا والراين قضاير والمعلى والمعلى والمعلى والمعلى والمعالوة والمعالمة ەب نوموقى ام لك ىف دىسچتت نىيطسلىف نا مەنىم نورىڭكلا من ن رضار) من أجل ال العاردة والراجعال القروضال بحض الضرير أن و مص المال المرازل راه رسترقبل ارافرار سطردن رد.

How do young people in Palestine see themselves? How do they live their lives, what do they dream about and what are their hopes for the future? With this book we try to give a glimpse into the way young people in Palestine think about these questions. This is not a research about Palestinian youth or a holistic representation of their lives. Rather, it is an art project, a mosaic of images and a story about the way they understand themselves and the place and time in which they live.

Through the use of self-portrait photography and short interviews we hope to capture young people's voices, particularly their experience and expression of a personal and collective identity. The portraits, which always place an individual against his or her background, explore identity from a very intimate, individual perspective but always in relation to the broader environment. Personal and collective identities are closely interconnected and in the narrative of the young people, the harsh political and economic situation further intertwines the two. When young people talk about their own lives they also talk about Palestine. When they describe their home they also describe their country. In their narrative Palestine is not something abstract but what they experience and express through their daily life - through work, dance, sport, studies, art, architecture, friendship, family. As many emphasize, due to the struggle for freedom and



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روصل او يودونس اوصمل اماق امن يب ،قيتاذ روصيه ووصل اك يهرسي ام اذه ، ووصل انوذخاي ني خل امه مهسفن اس ان ان ان اك Bojan وي دولسل اوصمل العضو يذل Selfish اي وصمل العضوي يودن الي المعضوي ويدني Bojan قوي طب مهسفن ان عربي عند الشهر اوسيل مهان ال تأخفي و اعجادباً وي فلؤم ل ب طقف ن ي كراشم اوسيل مهل عجي امم ، قي عادباً

عم آيئڙج ترشُن قريصق قاباقم امعبتي ن اك قروص لك - قفل تخم عقاوم يف روصل اويدوتسا عضو مت دقو ،قروصل ا دقو ،يماقمل او تامزن تمل او بابش ل ازكارم و تاعماج ل و عراوش ل ضعب عم ،يئاوشع لكشب سان ل مظعم رايت عامت وا ،قيزيل جن ال انتخاص ات اتداعم ل اترجو ،تاءان شتس ال ا مجرتم قدعاس مب قي برعل اب

سدقها الراغ ان في ناصل النه النهاد ا

justice, Palestine is in everything they do. This means that personal dreams are impossible to separate from the hopes and aspiration for a Palestinian future.

The portraits and interviews thus aim to tell a story of how young people feel their identity, how they experience it through their personal self as well as through the place in which they live, and in relation to people they live with, or are separated from. For the context of Palestine, the latter is particularly important, with Palestinians living divided between the West Bank, Gaza, , and the rest of the world. This separation, together with the system of oppression, discrimination and colonization which makes it almost impossible for people to travel, creates a distance that many young people try to overcome in their imagination by pointing to their emotional attachment to places and people they have only heard about, either through friends, parents or grandparents.

The people we met were outspoken about the way the political and social context they live in limits their dreams and possibilities for the future. And the sadness and anger this causes. Yet they also expressed an incredible perseverance, resilience and hopefulness. Despite insecurities that perpetuate their lives young people stress the importance of looking forward and struggle for change. Their dreams and imagination of a different future are not to be excluded from this change.

All the photos are self-portraits. While the photographer set up the photo studio it was the people themselves who took the portraits. This so called Selfish Studio developed by the Slovenian photographer Bojan Brecelj enables people to express themselves in a creative way, making them not only participants but co-authors of the project.

Every portrait was followed by a short interview which is partially published together with the photo. The photo studio was set up on different locations – streets, universities, youth centres, parks, cafes. Aside from few exceptions most of the people were selected randomly. Conversations took place in English or in Arabic with the help of a translator.

During our ten day stay in Palestine we visited East Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Nablus, Jenin, Ramallah and Hebron, always with the surrounding areas. People we met live in these cities for various reasons: some were born there while others moved to the area to work, study, or are only passing through. These mix of people with different personal backgrounds shows the flow of the cities and its interconnectedness, the mobility, which although limited, it is still taking place.



لين يفول س نم مه باتكارا يفالؤم رنا يال إيشن نا دون ،اييخاو ققيرط يرلج بيثأت كالذل نالكف ،نيطس لف يف نوشيجي الرو قاليؤسأل يالجو ،ويدوت سال دادع إيلجو ،جورش مرابا جم ان ل ماعت .رشن ل ييءاهن ل اكشل ايل جو ،اهان جرط يت ل

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قوقع قيعم۾ ، اي ۾ ولوبور شن آل اقمل اع ، ڪافي ٻودوف اربراب. ليني فول س ، Humanitas ن اسن إل ا ليني فول س ، Proja ، روص م ، Bojan Brecel During our stay in Palestine we also planned to visit Gaza yet we were not able to obtain permission to enter.

Unfortunately, we were also not able to meet Palestinians living inside the 1948 territory, the importance of which was stressed by several people we met. Hopefully, this is something we will be able to do another time in the future.

Lastly, we would also like to mention that both authors of the publication are form Slovenia and do not live in Palestine. This of course had an impact on the way we approached the project, on the set up of the studio, on the questions we asked and the final selection for the publication. Our voices are thus impossible to exclude from the publication. This is therefore not just a book about the way young people see themselves, but to a certain extent, it is also connected to the way we see lives of young people in Palestine.

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Shouroq Abassi

I am Palestinian. Palestinian identity gives me motivation to continue.

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Mohamed Spitany, 24

I see a very good future of my place. With my volunteer work I see all these kids which will make future more beautiful, better.



١٨. لي لخ دمجم. اَضراأ كال تصرن انك بالاتجال اب راكفاً ان يطسل في ف راكفاً امدن ع قيني طسل فال اقي سن جل اي ف راكفاً امدن عود ان مر تقرس امن كال ، قبكن ل اوه ي ل اب ي ل عرط وطغي عيش ل وا

Mohamed Khalil, 18

When I think of Palestine I think of occupation. When I think of Palestinian identity the first thing that comes to my mind is catastrophe.

٣٦.شيواش لرغ دمجم. عم ميف جاتراً يذل اناكمل ايه ،قميدقل اقدل بل ايه يتدل ب ناكمل امنال دوماعل باب نم لوفحل ورمل بحاً ،يتلئاع). ةارلاب ميف رعشاً يذل اسدقل يف ديهول!

Mohamad Gazal Shawish, 24

My home is the Old City. It is a place where I get rest and sit with my family. I like coming to Damascus gate as this is the only place in Jerusalem I feel comfortable.



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Zakaria Abu Alhalaweh, 25

My home is Jerusalem, the Old City, where you can see the streets talking Arabic, talking about life in Jerusalem, about Palestinians.

٦٦ ،قدوج نيينر

Jumana Nabulse, 19

Palestine means belonging, pride, warmth and courage. We will stay here, we will continue to survive because we are strong.



Raneen Joudeh, 16

I live in Jerusalem, in the Old City. My home is everything. It is the place that catches my existence, a place where I find everything and where I get everything.

۲۶ ،يركېلا راشب

مراجاًنا عامن علي من المرافق ا المرضف المربق فالمرافق المربق المربق

Bashar Bakri, 24

What gives me hope is that there are people working on improving the quality of life and creating a better future. And it is all over around the world and it is happening slowly. The future is unknown. But when somebody is working towards these goals it means that we can achieve at least parts of it. That is what gives me hope.



۲۳ ،فسوي ينامأ

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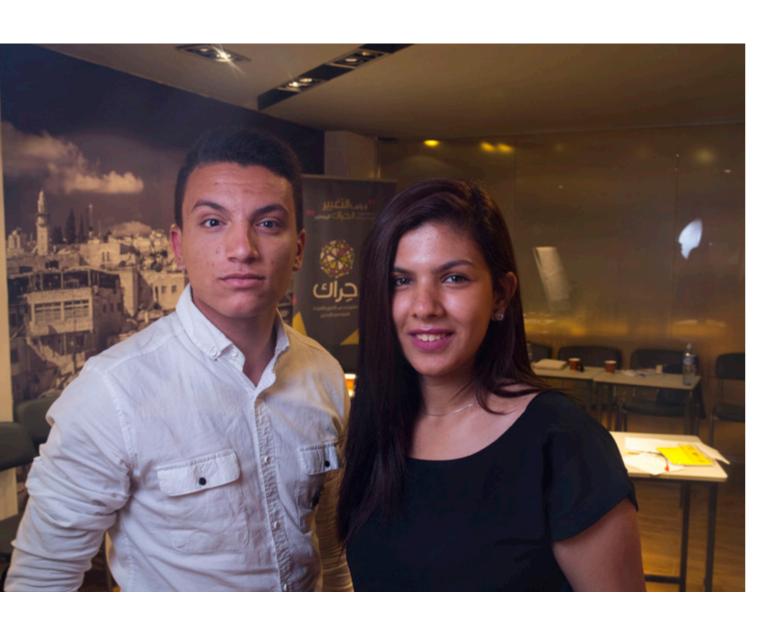
Amani Yousef, 23

I dream to make a change, to fight for Palestine through sports, not through weapons, not through anything more than education and sports. I think these are the two strongest weapons that anyone can ever fight with. I have a dream to raise the name of Palestine worldwide, to play basketball against all the teams in any country that I can, in the name of Palestine.

Sajah Jaber, 21

My dream is to make a dunk in basketball. And to represent my country, Palestine, through sport. To help my country and to let other people get to know Palestine. My dream is also peace and freedom.





Amani Adais, 24

٢٤.سيدق ين اما قيۇرل اويوغت , رارقل ا ذخأ ىل عن بيرداقل اقداقل اموقي ن أيمل م ١. ان يل عب عيو ان ضرا مذه ن أل ، بابش ل ل

Abd Al-Rahman Radaydah, 20

Young people give me hope. Because they show you positive sides in this life. Even under occupation there are young people who think they can do something for Palestine, that they can change the situation here.

My dream is that the leaders, those who can make

decisions, that they change the vision of the youth. Because this is our land and we should protect it.

،۶،۵ديادر ن مېرلا دبع

لات جال آنم مُغَرِّلاً يَلْ عَوْل مِلْلاً يَنْ نوطعي نيذِلاً مِه بـابشلاً مهناب نونمؤي مهو ،قلي جل انم قرشمل ابن اجل نول شمي مهناف انه ن۱مرل عضول ا يغتو ن يطسل فل عيش لمع يوطتسي



جەاء دبالل0،۲۱

وم في المالية ا المالية المالية

Jihad Obedallah,21

Palestine is thousands years old. We have our traditions: our traditional clothes, dance, culture. We have the past so we also have the future.

۲۱ ،يدابع ةريمأ

رييخَّتُبُ اُدبِّي نِ الدرف ال اى العهو ، روذهل ان مع عمتهمل ا يوغت دي ا ى ال اي دوَّي دق امم ، عمت همل ا يويغت ى ال الصري ى عت ه مس فن اذه ن كل ، قعيس اروماً ى رن موي لك ن جن ، ال الت حال ا عامن ا ن جن ، ل ض ف ا عضول العجائين أل واجال ، رميت س أل مرامل ال اي ني صعي ي يغت ال وجن مدقت ن و ، ل مرال اب كسمتن ، ساب ش ك

Ameera Abbadi, 21

I want to change the community from the roots. Individuals have to start to change themselves and then the community will change. This can also end occupation. We see bad things every day. But this also gives me inspiration to keep on, to try to make the situation better. We as youth, we keep our hope, and we move towards change.



9.ميچرب رضخ دعس دل بالكمرل ويوم بورد الكمرا ن الكمرا ن وي مري الكمرا ن الكرد كيدل ن اك اذا ،اعئار ان الكم ملجج ل واجائس مورة الكرد ن اك ان الكرد طقف ،دوي ويودل الكت وان واجه عند الكياب الكياب الكرد الكرد الكرد الكراد الكراد الكرد ا

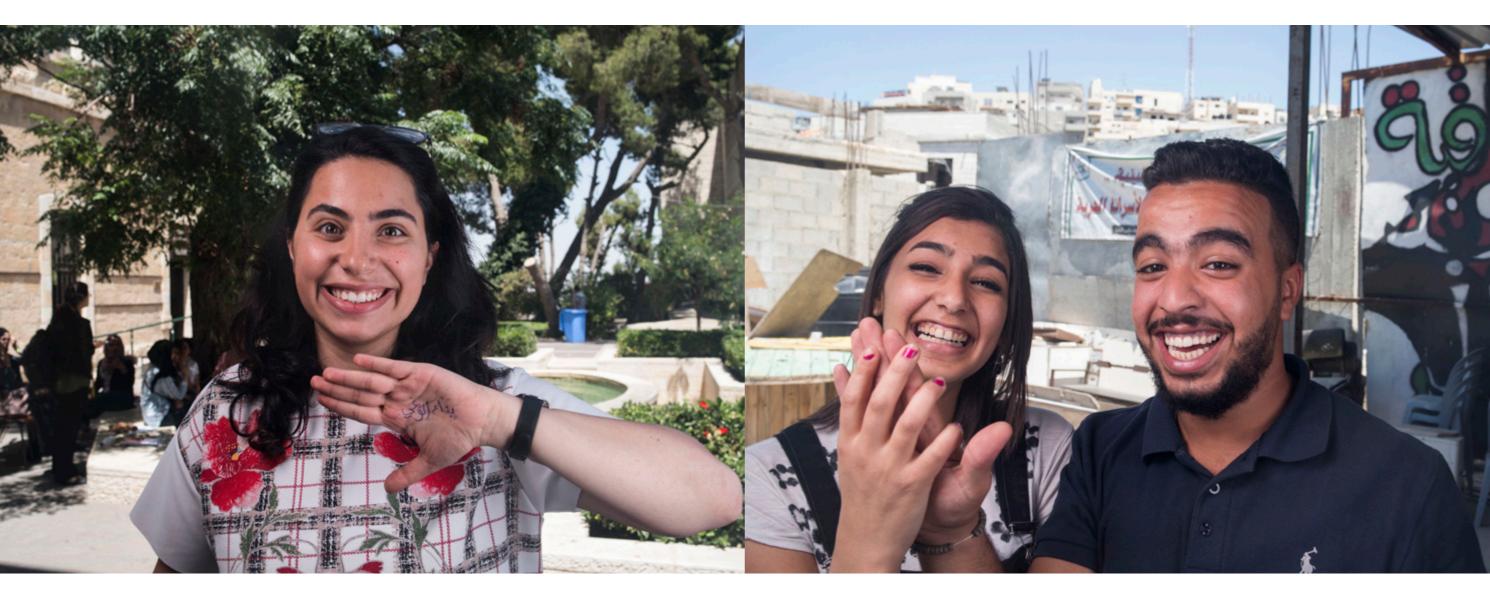
Saad Khader Birjiyah, 19

Palestine is a place where I was born, a place where I will stay, resist, and try to make it a great place. If you have a dream you need stick to it. Even you have borders and restrictions in front of you, just overcome them and try to achieve your dream.

۱**۸، رورس وبأ ن ام.ي!** يف ەل علىطتاً ام ق.يق حتو قيرجلاب مرلجاً قين يطس لفك نكاماً روزاً ن! ديراؤ ، يسرادل! يصصخت يف ل مجا ن! ديرا. بيتايج ملاعل! يف قيشك

Iman Abusrour, 18

As a Palestinian, I dream of freedom. And to achieve what I am looking for in my life. I want to work in the profession I study. And I want to visit many places in the world.



۲۳ ،سوردات اميد

غيد في سياس في النولواعي سانل المظمون بي النهاقة بها النهاقة بها النهاقة بها النهاقة بها النهاقة بها النهاقة ب المحصول على النهاقة الله يوموي شيع النهادي عن النهاد الله على النهاد الله على المحلل النهاد الله على النهاد الله عن النهاد النها

Dima Tadros, 23

In Palestine, most people, they are in survival mode.

People want to get their daily bread, and they do not think, they do not have a space to dream. So I think when I want to work with the community, I want to create space for people to be able to become dreamers, to dream of a better future for themselves.

۱٦ ،يداش انيد

جرلمري أن العامن سجريءة بفري جرياتي. أن انءور حتجر يومي وأن أياس يوذ قصائه بالتحمل البانهر لريزية في السادء الهمجتاجرين، خاصة غور الله ترياهات الخال القصائل.

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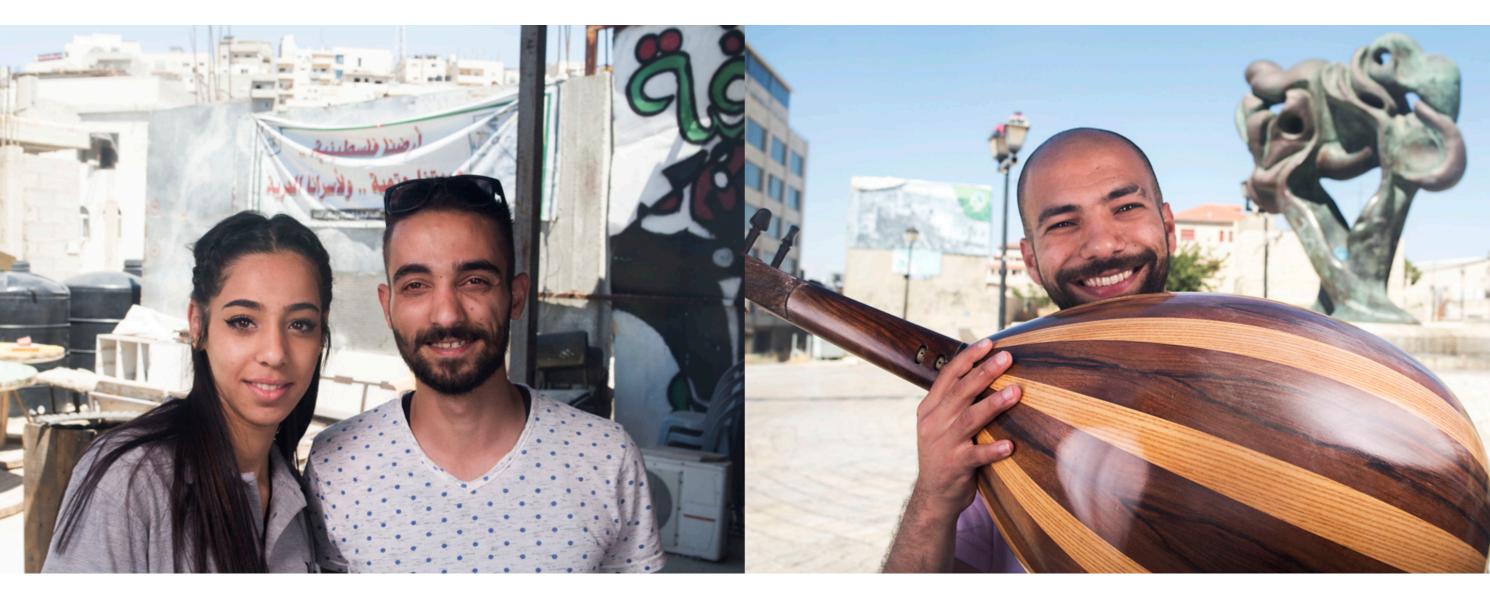
ن اين جي كان خف ، أأج ل يمرن م قوق رشكا عرسمل ان ا دقت ا يتل ا قوق ل وه عرسمل ا ، رطخ يف ن وكا ن ان ود يسفن ن ع عفاداً موي لك امب رمن يتل ا شادع ال ، ان تيضق امل الخ ن م رمظن رمي امرو ، ري طسل ف يه ام اوفرعي ن أ ب جي مل اعل ال وح سان ل او ين يطسل فل ا بعشل ا مب

Dania Shadi, 16

My dream is to be happy in my life. To finish my studies, to study abroad, to learn English. To help poor people, the ones with special needs, and the children that are in need.

Murad Yassir Shamkorh, 21

I think that theatre is more powerful than throwing a rock. It means defending myself without being at risk. Theatre is powerful in showing our case, the things that we go through daily. People around the world should know what is Palestine and what Palestinians go through.



۱۷ ،يداش دادو

... - ... ةرع نيطس لف عبصت نأو ،ةضرمم عبصاً نأ يتايع ملح نإ .. ام أمروي

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Wedad Shadi, 17

It's my life dream to become a nurse and that Palestine will be free one day.

Mohammad Saifi, 22

My imagination of a better society is that when I walk for 1000 km, I don't find checkpoints, borders, crossing, and I don't get attacked whenever I cross a checkpoint. My perception of freedom is freedom of movement.

نبل وبأ جلاص ميەاربا لصحال، ،قفلىتخم نكامرأو تاراضح روزأو چراخل، يف سردا ن اديرا ن اديرا ال ياننكلو ، نيوطسل ف يف انه اەضطواو قربخل، يال ع ياقيسوم رشن أو انه يقبا ن اديرا ، نيوطسل ف كرتا

Ibrahim Saleh Abu Laban

I want to study abroad and visit cultures and places just to get my experience and invest them here in Palestine. But I do not want to leave Palestine. I want to stay here and spread my music.



Areej Ashhab, 23

My dream is to help create a better place for the people to live. A better living environment for the people in Palestine. For me, a better place is a place where architecture becomes a tool for connecting people and not separating them, where people can feel safe, where architecture is so good that is invisible.





، تيغنوس ىدن ل اريدق كالهم ان ألرزن مل أيفو ، يل زنهم يه نيطس لف ،يل قبسن ل اب .ضرال ا

Qarer Al Nada Songieh, 20

For me, Palestine is my home. At home I am the owner of the land.

، ۲۲ ، ناميلس داهج

اوب الحريث في فالسلاين الأنن أحديث من المح دائولاتيد مي الهمان الكني أنتمدي إليوه وبفيه داش الجاعيد ، حياتي ظلاها من في فالسلاين، وهي بلاء بالم، وهي أل كالحالم.

Jihad Suliman, 24

I like living in Palestine because I live here with my family, with my origin, my ancestors. My whole life is here in Palestine, it is my home country; it is a mother of the world.



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تىلىك قىلىن تەركا يەن قەشب و قالىيم، ئىلسان كىلىكى سالىك تاركىيى ئالىرىن ي من مغرل المراب المرابط المرابط عيش عيش أل من كانك من عامث المرابط ا

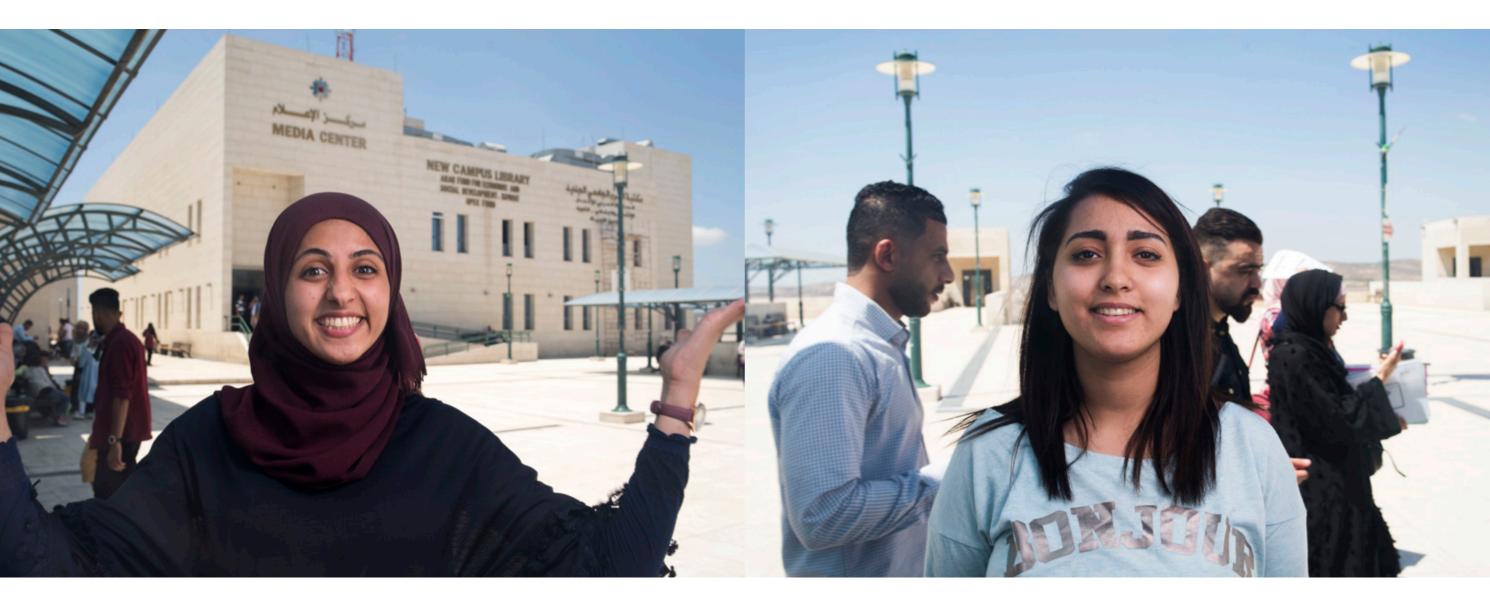
Jumana Amireh, 20

Palestine is beautiful and sour at the same time. Palestine is like a mother. You can't say anything bad about it even though many bad things happen here.

، تمرالس دمجم قراصاً فراضا يور بريتري ولن أرشور بالهاوة وأن في افراه او الخااه، بان أجاف في في المحمل لمواعد الفي المورية المحروبة المحروبة المورية المحروبة المراوبة المورية المراوبة المراوبة المراوبة مردخ ان أديراً النه ل موراً لن أيرياً إن أن النه سرداً ان أو المراوبة بىدلب

Asala Mhmad Salameh, 20

Palestine is my home. And I would not feel comfortable abroad. I would not know how to speak to foreigners, how to deal with them. I feel comfortable here. And I study here because I want to serve here. I want to serve my country.



بوبجم لامچ نانج ،قيفاك صرف علع نولصحي ال يعمتجم يف ءاسنلا نأ دقتعاً .نهمالحاً قيقحت نم نكمتيل ،لضفاً نكيل مهدعاساً نا ديراً اذل

Hanan Jamal Mahbaube

I think women in my society do not have all opportunities. So I want to help women to become their best, to achieve their dreams.

. ، قدوع ليساً مل نآلا ىتح نانه عونهم اذه ،رحبالا قيؤر وه قديعس ينلعجي ام ضيبالا رحبال عال! بهذا مل ،رمحالا ارحبالا يوس يرا نا عطتساً نم نكمتن ناو ،مايالا نم موي يف ررحتن نا أقح لمأ ،طسوت ملا ، جاومالا أيوزو ، رحبالا توص عامس ،رحبال على قرايس لا عدايق ةحئارلا قاشنتساو.

Aseel Odeh, 20

What would make me happy is to see the sea. This is forbidden here. I have never been to Mediterranean Sea. I only saw the Red Sea. I really hope we will be free one day. That we will able to sit in a car and drive to the sea. To hear the sound of the sea, the waves, the smell.



۲۱ ، قر**مِض ةزمِج** مُبينِلاب صورلا ،بوه بيهلاو سناد كيربلا صوراً ،صوار انا ب كويد . كويد . در . و در صوير كوير و صوير المناف المناف المناف المنافق المنا هنوري امع ةفلتخم ةروص

Hamza Damra, 21

I am a dancer. I do breakdance and hip hop. Dancing is a very sensitive thing. Because of our Palestinian case. I am a dancer who wants to deliver a message by using dance. I want to deliver a message to the whole world. Say that Palestinian people are not bad. I want to show them that our image is different from what they see.

۱۸ ، **ةرمض ٥ل ارصن** رەقلالو ةاناعملالو ةعلجشلالو قوقلالب رعشاً نيطسلف مسا ركذيُ نيح . أعم عيش لك ادن! ، فعضلالو قعلجشلا ضرأ ، توملا ضرأ ادن! ، اعم

Nasrallah Damrah, 18

When somebody says Palestine I feel strength, courage, suffering and subjugation. It is land of dying, land of courage, of weakness, it is everything together.



٣٣ ، لينودراً دمهم يه ،سعشلا يه ،سانلا يه ،لامجلا ينعت يل تبسنلاب نيطسلف لالتحالا مجو يف اعم نيدحتم كلذ لك يه ، نطولا

Mohammad Ordoniya, 23

Palestine for me means beauty. Its people. Palestine as people, as a nation, together united, standing against occupation.

۳۳ ما**ام،چ مينارب!** عَطْشَنالاً لوؤسم اناً ،*نيئ*جآلل مَطالب م*يخ*م يف تـدلو اننطو سيل انه ،يفاقاتل افاي زكرم يف تايل اعفل او الن فو شون راه ، يعداك المحالي في المحالي المحالية والمحال الن وي به ، يقوي ق حل الن وي المحال الن وي المحال المح

Ibrahim Jammal, 33

I am born in Balata Refugee Camp. At the Yafa Cultural Centre I am responsible for the activities and events. This is not our real home. Our real homes are in Jaffa, Aca. And we have the right to come back there. I am originally from Haifa. And my mother was from Tantura. I want to go there and see how beautiful it is.



٣١ ، مراج رماع
الم يراا عن الله على الله الله على الله عن الله الله عن الله عن

Amer Jaream, 31

If I dream of something now I just dream that my children do not experience what I have experienced and that they have a better future. Everybody is proud of the country they live in even if it is not always good. It is life for us.





۲۹ ، غياص فسوي رازن

ةي ل قُ أَ عَم م مَت ي بُ ل أَ غُ يُ فَ ن ومل س م ن ي قرب ن اك س ، ن ي قرب ن م ان ا ن لُ و يدلُب ي، نيطسَلُف ،قداعسب ةيوس شيعن نحنو قيحيسم اذاو ، يُدلب رَمد يَذلا وه لالتحالا نكلُ ، اهن عيش عيشُ يَا لُوقاً . قيرحلا ليختا عِناف ، لبقتسمل ليخت تندرا

Nezar Yousef Sayegh, 29

I am from Burqin. Burqin has a large Muslim and a small Christian community and we live happy. Palestine is my country. I wouldn't say anything bad about my country. But it is the occupation that ruined my country. If I imagine the future, I imagine freedom.

۱۹ ، غياص زعلا ديلو ogyo نون . ، سئانگارا اوروز ، نيطسلف عالإ اولاعت :يه سانارا عالا يتالاسر اوعتمتساو اولاعت ، انتايح اودهاش

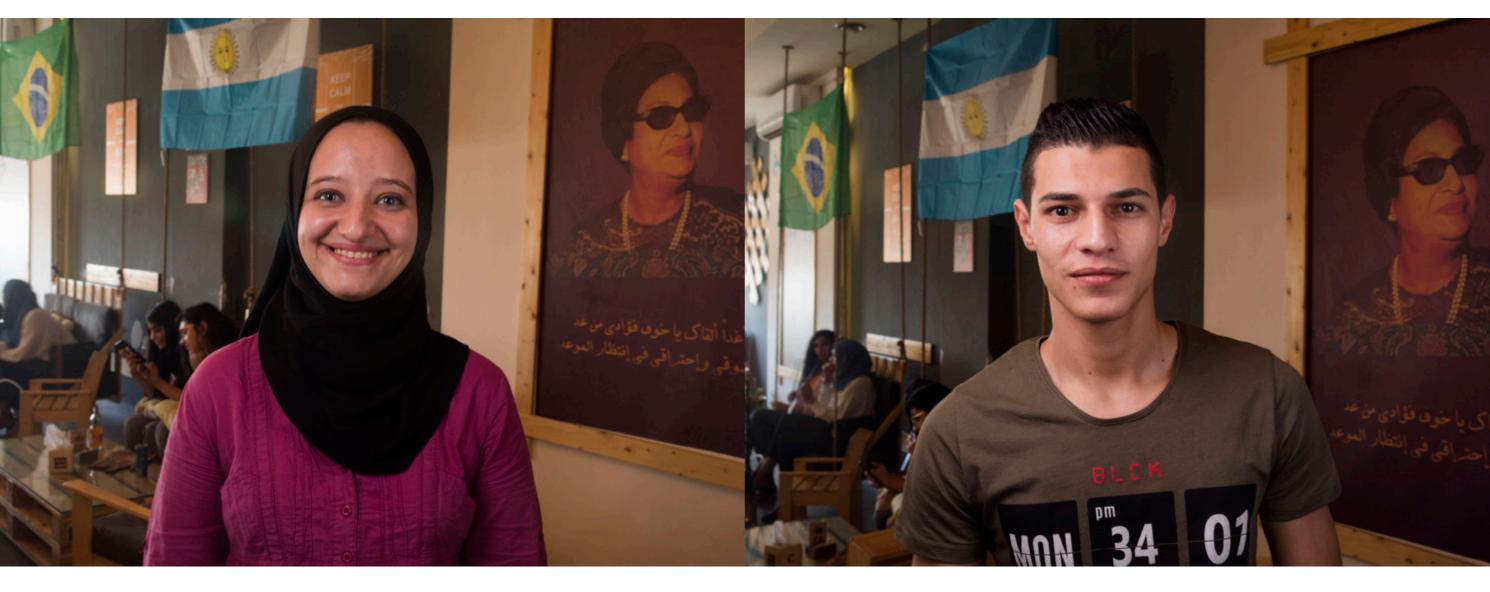
19 ، قد**ج نيم.ا بيدا نيلشم** ،نيطسلف يدلب يف انه شيعاً نا ديكائلاب دوا ،دوكروف نم اناً ادج ليمجو سدقم دلب ي،ف امبحاً

Nora Waleed Elais Sayegh, 19

My message to people is: come to Palestine, see the churches, see our lives, came and enjoy yourselves.

Meshleen Adeeb Ameen Seddah, 19

I am from Furkud. I would for sure like to live here in my country, Palestine. I love it. Palestine is a holly country, very beautiful.



• ٠٠وري ص.ــ مُمودعم ميف صرفالاف ،متبآك مغر ناكمل اذه بحاً اناً .نينج نم انا قبعص انه ةاي حلا ،ءاس نلا قصاخ مدتي رح يلع سان لا لصحي قنع ان جلا يه ن يطس لف ،ءيش لك مغرو ةي اغلل

Dana Jarrar, 27

I am from Jenin. I love this place although there is a lot of depression. There are no opportunities. I dream that everyone has its own individual opportunities. To have more freedoms. Especially for women, life here is very hard. Despite all, Palestine is heaven.

، دارم سارا ناهفصاً فيك فرعاً ال ، قبعص انه بابشلل قبسنلاب ةايحلا ت نا ديرن نحن ،ادّيدج ائيش ديرن ،للماب نورعشي بابشل ا مظعم

Aras Morad, 20

Life for young people here is hard. I do not know how to describe it. Most of the youth is bored. We want something new. We want to work.



Susan Al Obeidi, 25

I was born in Syria but I have been living in Jenin for 20 years. Palestine for me is my whole life. And I see my future here, in Jenin, in my town. I like the people here, how much we care about each other. When someone is in distress, everyone is together, they hold each other hands.





أجمع سابمو شاباتيد، 37

رِّماً يرزج ريَيغتب مايقال ،دوعال ملعاو فزعاً ،ليلخلا يف تدلو يتلا ةقيرطلاب ،نيظفاحم انه سانلا نأ قصاخ نةياغلل بعص مُكحت يتلا مينيدلًا ديلاقتلان م ديدعل الخان و المبن وركفي الله الله ن م يتل او ، ي قي سوم الب لم عا ببسل الذه لو ، سان ل الكفا رسك لواحن ،ىقىيسوملا لالخنمو ،موتقاط قالطا لافطال نكمي ضعبال مهضعب نيب سانال اهينبي يتال دودحا

Ahmad Isameh Sharbati, 24

I am born in Hebron. I play and teach oud. If we are to do a radical change, it is very difficult. Especially here, people are conservative. In the way they think. So that is why I work on music, through which kids can release their energy. Through music, we are trying to break the borders people build.

Ö، FA وي محل لي مج مال مأ نم أريبك أءزج شيض و انه شدلو ،نيطس لفب طاب شرال اب رعشاً ان قايحلا يتسردم ، يئ اقدصا ، يتلوفط تايركذ ، ان هي تايح ى كور م كور كو كور قۇيرطلاا .بىناج لك يف ئىمدىقىتە ئىرىغت دقل ،يرظن يف ئىرىغت ءايشاللا علىع اخاتىفىنا رىڭكا اوجىبصا ،سانلا ادب ركىفىي يىتلا جراخلا نىم نىيەداقىلا ءاجىرغلا عىلىع عىتح ،قفىلىتخەلدا

Ahlam Jamil Al'amleh, 28

I feel connection to Palestine. I was born here and I spent big part of my life here, my childhood memories, friends, school. Life here has changed. In my opinion it has changed, it has advanced, in every aspect. The way people think, the way they are more open to different things, even to strangers who come from abroad.



ةيماس وبأ ميهاربإ ماسب يصق يدان يف تعوطت دقل نليلخلا أعماج يف تايضايرلا سردا

Qusay Bessam Ibrahem Abusaymeh, 21

I study Mathematics at Hebron University. I have been volunteering at Halhul sports club since 2011. When I hear the word Palestine I first think of the massacres committed against us. Life here is very expensive. But the social relations are still tied here, and this is good.

۳۵ ،**فيرشلا ناميا.** دُرجهالا فنوّو وه يمالح ،لوحلح يف لافطالل مَضورو مَناضح يَدل ربع في حرور و چهي على على المنطقة المنطقة المنطقة المنطقة المنطقة على المنطقة المنطقة المنطقة على المنطقة الم ىق بى ىت خوت ئاي كى ئاي

Iman Alshreef, 25

I have a nursery and a kindergarten for children in Halhul. My dream is stop immigration outside of Palestine. I think that the youth are leaving the country because there are no jobs. So my dream, in addition to freedom is to stop immigration. It is our responsibility to create appropriate life so people stay here.



۲۷، مهل مه ی سیع عافی ه ان المحال عاص المحال مان المحال ا ويوم المنظم ويواسن المعاو ، الو المداو ، ويون المنظم المنظم الماضي الوحول الم ال ويساليسو ويعامت الساس وم يف الماع 11 ذنم اطربي الموطن الما المار ، وقطش ألما هذه للشمب مالي قال ان عن لولو وسم نحن ، وقالت مم ن أن الويل عن كلذل ، هكرت ن أديرن ال نحن ، ان نطو اذهو ، انتيض ق الموف شي علل لضفاً وي ب ان عمت من لعجن

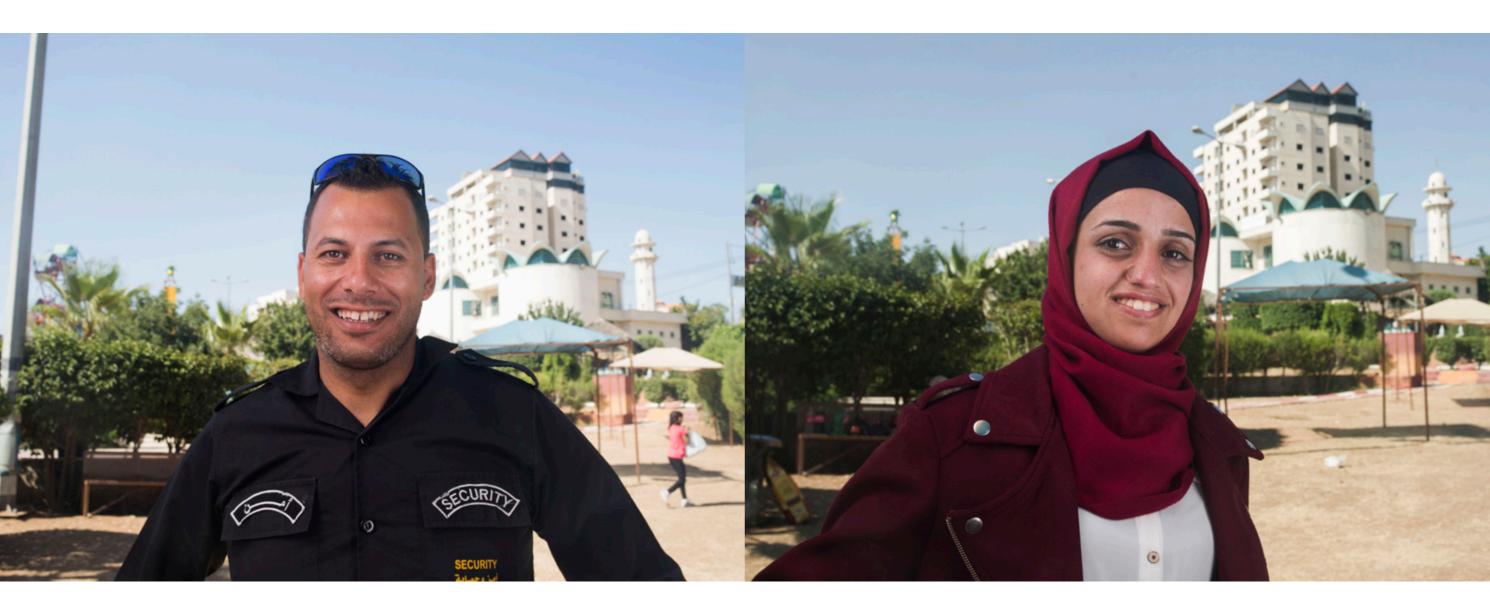
Haifa Issa Melhem, 27

I am from Halhul, Hebron. I am social worker. I have also been volunteering for 11 years at different social and political institutions. We are responsible to do such activities. It is about our cause. This is our homeland, we don't want to leave, so we want to make it a better society to live in.

۲۵ ،شرطألا دامع دمهاً تكاراش دقل ،ناطيت سال دض طشان و مدقلا ةرك بعلاً ،يّضاير انأ لجاً نم اهيف كراشاو ، تاونس عبداً ذنم قطشنالا ادد يف ايوصخش سيل رمال المالتحال البدسبو ، نيطس لف

Ahmad Emad Atrash, 25

I am a sports man. I do football. I am also an activist against the settlements. I got involved in these movements four years ago. I am involved because of Palestine and occupation. It's not personal.



۳۳ ،بوقرع وبأ رفعج دومهم عيسوئك ،فديدج مُفرعم على لوصحلا لجأ نم أدج مهم يعولا انيدل قايحلاً يف صرفال نم ديزملا علع لصحتل اكتافاف الفل سكن ين ين المال المال

Mhmood Jafer Abu Argoop, 33

Awareness is very important in order to have new knowledge, to broaden your mind, to give you more opportunities and chances in life. We have ambitions and passion, more than we can achieve. We have big dreams but we can't achieve them. My dream is to end occupation. Because this is the main obstacle for Palestinians.

۲۵ ،بوچر دمجم ناملس نايب هجاوي ، قيرزيلجن ال ا قغللا صصخت ليلخل ا قعماج نم تجرخت دقل

ربكاً قلكشم تاباشلا هجاوت ولكاشملا نم ريشكل ان بابشلا ذاخت ا يف ةر ح ةأرمل ا عرا نا عنمتا ، لبقتسمل عيف ، نابشل نم دَيلي سُمتل البص ان مل اليف عاس ن العران الدير أو دَص اخل المت الرايخ الم ل مَس اعرال العراق ، موكح ل العراق ، مي دلب اليف ، ني طس لف ي ف

Bayan Salman Mohamad Rjoub, 25

I have graduated from Hebron University as an English teacher. Young people here face a lot of problems. Young women face even more problem than young men. In the future I want to see women to be free, to make their own choices. I want to see women at representative places in Palestine. I want to see women at the municipality, government, president. Why not.



المجور المجاب ا

Ghaleb Ali Al-Rjouh, 20

I study tourism at university. I am also a blogger. I focus on political things in the news. All our life is involved with politics. We can't differentiate between our personal life and politics.

مرورش نوسيم. ريشگرا دجوت ال ،موناردق ريوطتل قصرف على بابشل اجاتحي ريشگرا دجوت ال ،موناردق ريوطتل قصرف على بابشل بابشل جاتحي قبسن ال ، قبوعص رشگار مالوا ، ان هابشل صرفل ان مفال ان مخال ا ، مبال ا ، جوزل ا ، مرسال اعنقن نا ان على عاتميت الكشب عمت جمل المول لن زنمل جراخ قارمل ان ولكت نا لبقي ال ماع لكشب عمت جمل العطب ريغتي عضول ان كل ، يعوطت ل معب

Maysoun Sharka, 28

Young people need chances to develop their abilities. There are not many chances for youth here. For girls it is even more difficult. We have to convince the family, the husband, the father, the brother. Society is not very accepting for the woman to be out of the house, to do voluntary work, but this is changing slowly.

























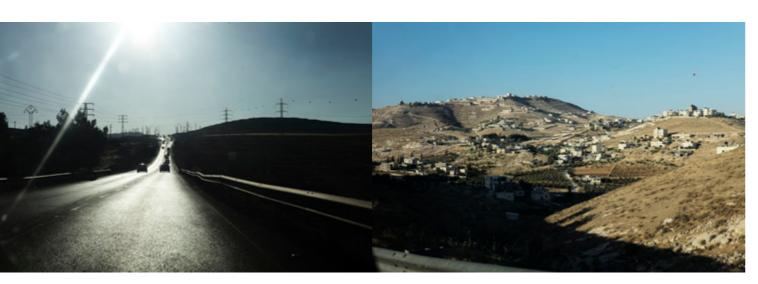


























How do young people in Palestine see themselves? How do they live their lives, what do they dream about and what are their hopes for the future? With this book we try to give a glimpse into the way young people in Palestine think about these questions.







