

BPFTN JOINT THEME 21-22: TREES



What a joint theme means - BPFTN are planning to provide a series of resources for groups to use on the subject of trees in Palestine. These will include:

- Information about the cultural, economic and environmental significance of trees which can be used and shared by groups
- Fundraising suggestions and activities
- Campaigning and advocacy suggestions and activities

We will also be:

- Supporting groups who want to take part in any or all of the above throughout the year, connecting members who are participating (NB: none of this is obligatory!)
- Co-hosting an online event on the theme with key partners and friends from Palestine and groups across the network
- Working with member groups who want to be involved, led presently by Dundee-Nablus Twinning Association (DNNTA) and Friends of Nablus and Surrounding Areas (FONSA) on a tree planting campaign called 'Trees for Palestine' - see below!

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE INVOLVED IN THE JOINT THEME, INCLUDING BY JOINING A SMALL STEERING GROUP TO HELP MOVE THIS WORK FORWARD, OR HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE GET IN TOUCH.



Trees for Palestine will bring together BPFTN member groups who want to promote tree planting in Palestine in a collaborative campaign. Olive and fruit trees in Palestine have economic, cultural and political significance. By planting trees, we help to prevent further Israeli encroachment on Palestinian land. We know a number of groups already work on tree planting - we want to work together and encourage others to show even more practical solidarity. We will support whatever each tree-planting groups chose to suit local needs and are

working towards a target date of Palestine Tree Day in January 2022. Groups which can run their own tree planting within Palestine will raise money for their own projects. Other groups can support these efforts by campaigning and fundraising for those groups which will plant trees. Working together, we will run social media campaigns to encourage donations, explaining why trees matter and demonstrating the issues facing farmers. We can share information and best practice. Groups who want to plant trees for the first time will be supported. We will liaise on joint issues including campaign timelines, objectives, extent of collaboration, fundraising, publicity and social media.

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