TREES FOR PALESTINE



If your group wants to help plant trees in Palestine, there are different ways you can do this. We've listed them here and you can chose what works best for your group. If you have any questions, please <u>contact us</u>.

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Go direct to the place you are linked with via friendship or twinning. Ask if trees would be useful, how many, what type and how much they cost. Set about fundraising and then transfer money as you would normally. If you don't normally transfer money speak to other groups who have ways set up for doing this. Make sure if you are going directly to the community that everyone in the community is bought into the plans and the planting! This will save time and potential challenges later on, and ensure that the trees are well looked after across the community.

You can go through other BPFTN groups if you don't have a way to plant trees directly in a specific place. FONSA (Friends of Nablus and Surrounding Areas), who are a member of BPFTN, plant trees in villages around Nablus and are a registered charity - useful if you want to explain to people where their money is going. You can find out more on their website.

Zaytoun work with the Palestine Fair Trade Association to plant trees in the areas that need them most across the West Bank. You can read more about this works and how to get in touch with them to arrange tree planting through this avenue by visiting their website.

We are in touch with a registered charity that operates in and around Hebron, the South Hebron Hills and villages and communities nearby. They are also willing and able to plant trees using funds that have been raised in the UK. If your group is linked with a place nearby or you'd like to support this charity please get in touch with us in the first instance so we can connect you.

The Joint Advocacy Initiative, coordinated by the YMCA and YWCA, run a campaign called the Olive Tree Campaign - Keep Hope Alive. This involves buying and sponsoring olive trees and is run by different organisations in different countries around the world, who transfer donations to the YWCA and YMCA in Palestine. You can read more about this <u>here</u>, and find out which organisations to contact in the UK <u>here</u>.

"They planted so we may eat, we plant so they may eat." Palestinian proverb

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