

Name of the initiative : Scheherazade in Palestine

Originators: Rantya Sabbah- college student, Enas Allan, "Sawa" Employee

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Direct Target Audience: Female College students

Location: Alam'ary refugee camp

Number of participants: 8

Number of meetings: 5

Date: 2.6.2015- 6.6.2015

Goal of the initiative:

Build a safe learning space enabling girls to step out of the social roles imposed on them.

The idea of the initiative:

AL Amari refugee camp is an example of a refugee society that went through social and political changes, and were able to hold on to their surroundings with hopes of returning to their land one day. The political, economic and social reality has deepened its conservative structure which affects young girls and their realization of their leadership abilities and social roles.

Naturally, the Educational system is not interested in improving girls' critical thinking abilities and is a system interested in keeping the current social structure. The initiative proposes a learning space where Palestinian girls from refugee camps can discuss sensitive societal topics and can be a safe space to discuss such issues. This space will depend on questioning the concept and learning through sharing experiences and discussing different views.

The initiative is special because all the initiators, instructors and the participants will be close in age which will turn the space into a shared non- hierarchical space which raises the bar for the initiators on one hand and reconsiders the relationship between a guidance

counselor and a participant. The initiative also looks into two factors which are the offered topics and the amount of meetings to create an ongoing continuous process as a learning mechanism necessary for change.

Working mechanisms:

open meetings and workshop

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