

Possible Practicum Locations

Note: This is a list of locations where students completed their practicum in past years. There are no guarantees that placements will be available at all of these locations in the future, and new options may be added over time. A final list of possible placements for each year will be available in February of that year. This list is intended to give students a general idea about the types of organizations available for a practicum

The Association for Community Development Acre: Acre/Akko

The Association for Community Development in Akko is a community organization that works in the mixed Jewish-Arab city of Acre ('Akko'). As Israel's most 'mixed' city (30% of the city's 45,000 citizens are Arab-Israelis, while the Jewish population is made up substantially by a mix of immigrant groups, particularly from the former Soviet Union), Acre in many ways exemplifies Jewish-Arab coexistence in Israel. However, at the same time, the city is a place of high relative disadvantage and underlying ethnic and communal tensions. The association represents a range of professionals and active citizens with a unique vision for their city— one based on strengthening Jewish-Arab coexistence through the development of cooperative services, while confronting the issues that cause conflict. The association thus advocates on behalf of its community, while innovating special services in the city centered around disadvantaged populations, specifically elderly and immigrant populations as well as the city's substantial Arab minority and others. Additionally, while these programs serve to bring citizens from various populations in the city around the basic needs they all share, the association works to strengthen coexistence in the city through projects built around mutual respect and committed to establishing working cooperative ties between various communities in the city.

Beit Hagefen- Arab Jewish Center: Haifa

Beit Hagefen is a non-profit Jewish-Arab Culture Center in the center of Haifa's Jewish and Arab communities. It strives for the creation of common and equal spaces that encompass the variety of identities and cultures in Haifa in particular and in Israel in general. Beit HaGefen Center holds various cultural, educational and tourism activities aimed at a broad age range. Their activities are founded on the belief that meeting and interacting with a different culture – its stories, cultural assets and spiritual assets – are important to breaking down the barriers and building trust between the different national, ethnic and religious groups living in Haifa and Israel.

For more information: <http://www.beit-hagefen.com/?lang=2>

Bustan Nof Meshutaf: Mitzpe Aviv

Bustan Nof Meshutaf (Shared Landscape) is a Jewish - Arab Agricultural and ecological center for sustainable living. The center is for all people to have a safe place to learn about one another and learn about their environment. The Center runs ecological and environmental workshops, demonstrations of traditional agricultural methods, traditional crafts, cooking with local produce and children's crafts.

For more information: <http://nofmeshutaf.org/>

Freddie Krivine Foundation: Haifa area

The Freddie Krivine Foundation was created in 1998 to promote co-existence and equal opportunity in Israel through tennis. Today it continues to encourage Jewish and Arab children to play tennis in a variety of programmes across the country, with new projects opening every year.

<http://www.fkf-tennis.org/>

Givat Haviva: Mishmar Hagvul Junction

Givat Haviva is a non-profit organization founded in 1949 as the national education center of the Kibbutz Federation in Israel. It is dedicated to promoting mutual responsibility, civic equality and cooperation between divided groups in Israel as the foundation for building a shared future and shared society—critical elements of a sustainable and thriving Israeli democracy. To this end, Givat Haviva serves as a catalyst in activating divided communities to work together towards achieving their common goals, while engaging in a process of interaction, support and empowerment. This is done through facilitating cross-community projects; leading training and capacity building activities; convening seminars, workshops and conferences to cultivate concrete ideas that foster change; and translating these ideas into action. A leader in its field, Givat Haviva was awarded the UNESCO Prize for Peace Education in 2001 for its longstanding work in promoting Jewish-Arab dialogue and reconciliation.

<http://www.givathaviva.org/>

Jisr al Zarqa: Jisr al Zarqa village (near Caesarea)

Jisr al Zarqa is an Arab Israeli village with a unique history. It is located on the beach between two wealthy Jewish areas and it has suffered from neglect. A group of local and outside leaders are working with the local community to develop tourism, economic prosperity and local culture.

<https://www.facebook.com/MadeInJisr/>

Kav LaOved (Worker's Hotline): Haifa

Kav LeOved is a nonprofit nongovernmental organization committed to protecting the rights of disadvantaged workers employed in Israel and by Israelis in the Occupied Territories, including Palestinians, migrant workers, subcontracted workers and new immigrants. Kav LaOved is committed to principles of democracy, equality and international law concerning human and social rights. At the individual level, Kav LaOved provides low wage earners with legal information and representation. Legal information is available for issues of labor rights, social security, work related accidents, workers' legal status and work permits. At the public level Kav LaOved uses its knowledge and accumulated experience to promote systemic change. Kav LaOved identifies and exposes phenomena which disempower and exploit workers, and cooperates with other organizations to improve policies and promote law enforcement. Activities include principled legal action, advising parliament members, advocacy with authorities and media work. More information is available at:

<http://www.kavlaoved.org.il/en>

Kayan: Haifa

Kayan is a feminist organization working for the advancement of Palestinian women in Israel. It works towards a secure and just society, in which Arab women in Israel enjoy full and equitable opportunities for self-expression and self-actualization. Kayan invests in the development of grassroots leadership to catalyze social change grounded in the elimination of gender disparity. Kayan works at the community

level empowering women to participate actively in local decision making through providing human, technical and financial resources, ongoing professional development support, and access to frameworks for networking and collaboration. Additionally, Kayan works to promote and defend the social, economic and civil rights of Arab women throughout Israel. This is accomplished through lectures, seminars and publications on rights to social security, fair employment, personal status equality and active participation in legal proceedings as victims of crime. Kayan also provides free legal consultation and representation to Arab women in need.

Mitvim: Ramat Gan

Mitvim Israeli Institute for Regional Foreign Policies is a think tank that envisions a fresh start for Israel among the nations. It aims to reshape Israel's relations in the Middle East, Europe and the Mediterranean, by promoting new paradigms for Israel's foreign policies, enhancing Israel's regional belonging, and advancing Israeli-Arab peace. See <http://www.mitvim.org.il/en/>

Mossawa Center: Haifa

Mossawa is a non-profit, non-governmental organization that works to promote equality for the Arab-Palestinian citizens of Israel. Mossawa Center strives to improve the social, economic and political status of the Arab citizens of Israel, while preserving their national and cultural rights as Palestinians. Additionally, the Mossawa Center focuses on the status of Palestinian women, working towards gender equality in all spheres of society. In advancing its mission of equal rights attainment, the Mossawa Center utilizes various methods, including advocacy in the Israeli Knesset (Parliament) and government, socio-economic research and analysis, public information campaigns, capacity building with a broad network of Arab NGOs, and cooperative work with Local Councils as well as Israeli based and international NGOs. More information is available at:

<http://www.mossawa.org/en/>

Shatil: Haifa

Shatil is an organization that works for social change together with activists, grass roots groups, organizations, networks, and social movements in Israel and worldwide. These groups represent different cultural and identity groups, including Jewish and Palestinian citizens of Israel. Shatil was founded by the New Israel Fund to help build and strengthen civil society by supporting organizations working toward social change in Israel.

For more information: <http://english.shatil.org.il/>

Windows- Channels for Communication: Tel Aviv

Windows is a joint Israeli-Palestinian organization that strives for a future based on human rights, liberty, dignity, equality and democracy. The organization functions through a unique “triangle” framework with equal representation of Palestinians from the Occupied Territories (West Bank), Jewish Israelis, and Palestinian citizens of Israel (“Palestinians inside”). This framework is present at all levels of the organization, from the board of directors, to the staff, to the participants in the various programs. Reflective of all three identity groups, the Windows team goes out into the different communities to spread accurate information about each other, to raise questions, to promote critical discourse, and to encourage action. Through its educational programs, Windows seeks to realize the values of human rights and equality, values that will lead to the end of occupation and discrimination. For more information: <http://www.win-peace.org/>

Yala Young Leaders: Tel Aviv

Yala Young Leaders Movement is a Facebook based project founded by the Peres Center for Peace promoting dialog in the Middle East and North Africa. It includes online forums for dialogue and an online academic center for people of the Middle East and North Africa to take online courses together.

For further information: <https://www.facebook.com/YaLaYL/>