

# Camden Abu Dis **كامدن وابوديس** Teachers' Forum **منتدى المعلمين**

**March 2009 - Wishing all the Camden teachers a happy Easter and a good holiday and all best wishes to all the Abu Dis teachers**

For more information on Camden Abu Dis Education Links,  
please see our website [www.camdenabudis.net](http://www.camdenabudis.net)  
or contact [education@camdenabudis.net](mailto:education@camdenabudis.net)

This is going to as many teachers as we can send it to in Camden and Abu Dis.  
Please show this to your friends and colleagues.



*Camden and Abu Dis teachers on the teachers' visit from Camden to Abu Dis, Nov 2007.*

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Dear teachers in Abu Dis and Camden

## **Camden teachers' visit to Abu Dis**

The second visit of teachers from Camden to Abu Dis will take place **next week**. Nine teachers from Camden schools will visit Abu Dis schools, and there will be workshops together with Abu Dis teachers. The Camden visitors are looking forward to it very much.

Abu Dis teachers are invited to take part in the following...

### **Monday 6th April at 6pm**

*[note changed day)*

**WELCOME PARTY with the Camden Band, Dar Assadaqa dabkeh dancers and drama by the youth group at Dar Assadaqa**

This will be at Abu Dis girls' school at 6pm

### **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April at 2.30**

**TEACHERS' WORKSHOP at Abu Dis Boys' School**

Comparing schools and the way they work in Camden and Abu Dis

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April at 2.30**  
**TEACHERS' WORKSHOP at Abu**  
**Dis Girls' School**

Following two days of watching Abu Dis teachers teach, the Camden teachers will be teaching groups of children – and the Abu Dis teachers are very welcome to come and see. This will give everyone a lot to discuss in the final workshop on the following day...

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April at 2.30**  
**TEACHERS' WORKSHOP at the**  
**Arab Institute**

Following several days together, Camden and Abu Dis teachers will discuss what they have learned, and decide on next steps in the relation between them.

**WE HOPE YOU WILL COME TO AS MANY OF THESE WORKSHOPS AS YOU CAN!** More information from Abdul Wahab Sabbah 0522 343 757

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**Camden Abu Dis Friendship Association Conference in Camden on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2009 has an education theme!**

We hope that lots of teachers will join us for the CADFA conference at SOAS on 25<sup>th</sup> April (see end of newsletter for the programme). The theme this year is education links- and will include feedback from the teachers' visit and discussion about future linked work.

This is also another chance to see the Abu Dis youth films that were made as part of the CADFA film project 2008.

You can register online now at:

<http://camdenabudis.net/FORMTEST2.html>

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**Other good news!**

\* There are now twinning links between four pairs of Camden and Abu Dis schools! \*

- Hampstead School and Abu Dis Boys' School
- Maria Fidelis School and the UNRWA School Abu Dis
- South Camden Community School and the UNRWA School Abu Dis
- Edith Neville Primary School and Abu Dis Elementary School

And there are a lot of other interested teachers and schools...

Hampstead School has been working hard to raise money to support internet links at Abu Dis School, and has raised money for a table tennis table for the school.

Nita Dhinsa, a teacher at Hampstead, has raised a lot of money by running a half-marathon (13 miles... How many kilometres is that?) – thank you Nita

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**YOUTH VISIT**

Teachers at all these schools and at other Camden schools have been helping with the planning for the Camden Abu Dis youth visit to London in June 2009 ... If you are a Camden teacher and don't know about this yet, do get in touch if you would like the children in your school to meet the Abu Dis young people when they arrive

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## On-going Camden Abu Dis education projects:

### In Abu Dis, at Dar Assadaqa...

- Music teacher,
- English teaching volunteers,
- Dar Assadaqa youth club
- Special classes for towjehi students
- Special classes for students who need extra help

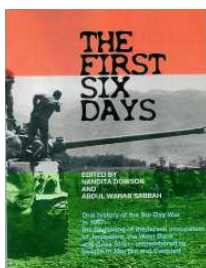
### In Camden, we can

- support your school links
- help with information and activities in lots of ways
- provide speakers on human rights, Palestine, teaching controversial issues...
- Provide resources,
- exhibitions,
- often visitors from Palestine...

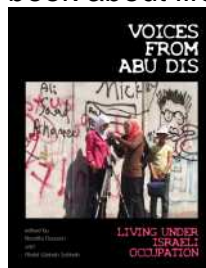
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## Here are some of our resources (available in both places):

### THE FIRST SIX DAYS (oral history from Abu Dis in 1967)



## VOICES FROM ABU DIS (a resource book about life under Occupation)



## Education Links calendar (now half price)

## Women's Voice (a magazine produced for International Women's Day by the women at Dar Assadaqa Community Centre Abu Dis)

## And our website

[www.camdenabudis.net](http://www.camdenabudis.net)

as well as a collection of leaflets.

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Following this visit we hope to have more news about links including curriculum links, a report from the teachers etc.

- PLEASE let us know what is useful to you, for example on the education part of our website [www.camdenabudis.net/education](http://www.camdenabudis.net/education)

and do have a good holiday, those of you who can!

## Programme for CADFA conference at SOAS in London on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2009

10 am	REGISTRATION
10.30	<b>CADFA youth films 2008</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>The Great Wall of Palestine</i></li> <li>• <i>The New Map of Abu Dis</i></li> </ul>
11-12	Opening session <b>Diarmaid Ward</b> , Chair of CADFA - Formal opening of the Conference <b>Munir Nseibah</b> , Co-ordinator of the Human Rights Clinic, Al Quds University, Abu Dis – Israeli settlement policy and the Judaisation of Jerusalem <b>Salah Ayyad</b> , Chair of Abu Dis Camden Committee, Abu Dis - The current situation in Palestine and Abu Dis Short film on <b>CADFA work in Abu Dis</b> <b>Nandita Dowson</b> , CADFA co-ordinator - Human rights through twinning/ friendship links: CADFA's way of working
12-12.15	COFFEE
12.15-1	Workshops A <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>What are human rights?</b> – Diarmaid Ward</li> <li>• Feedback from <b>teachers' visit to Abu Dis</b> – Nandita Dowson</li> <li>• Follow-up workshop on <b>human rights in Abu Dis</b> - Munir Nseibah and Salah Ayyad</li> <li>• <b>Volunteering in Abu Dis</b> – Annika Miller-Jones</li> </ul>
1-1.45	LUNCH
1.45 -2.45	Education Links: <b>Kevin Courtney</b> , Camden NUT – Camden Abu Dis Education Links <b>Camden teachers:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reportback from the teacher's visit in April 2009;</li> <li>• Twinning work between Camden and Abu Dis schools</li> </ul> <b>Abdul Kareem Bader from Abu Dis</b> – faculty-level links with Al Quds University <b>Student speaker</b> – student-level links Help for education links: <b>Speaker from the British Council:</b> Help from the British Council <b>Nandita Dowson</b> – How CADFA can help
2.45-3	Workshops B: Developing an action plan for next year <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>School links</b> - Una Doyle</li> <li>• <b>University and college links</b>– Abdul Kareem Bader, Al Quds University and Carmel Elwell</li> <li>• <b>Student links</b> – Norman, Gerry and Sabah</li> <li>• <b>Women's links</b>– Cristina Piccoli, Lucinda Beatty</li> <li>• <b>Health links</b>– Ben Whitaker</li> </ul>
3-3.15	TEA
3. 45-4.30	Projects for the next year: <b>Ahmad Afaneh and Sarah Boon</b> – Preparing for the Youth Visit, June 2009 <b>Daniel Guedalla and Robert Robinson</b> – Prisoners' Campaign <b>Luca Salice</b> , CADFA trustee – drawing together main points from workshops and discussions today

Then we hope you will join us for music with  
 ATTAB HADDAD (oud) and KEITH FORD (piano) and a CADFA social