

Palestinian women tell their extraordinary stories in a book to be released in Camden

- **'Stories of our Mothers' is based on meetings between Palestinian and British women during journeys between the two countries**
- **The event will include the projection of a film about the project and speeches by some of the women**

'Stories of our Mothers (Meetings of Palestinian and British Women)', a book about Palestinian women and their experiences since 1947-1948 will launch this Saturday 25th of September in an event in Camden that will include music, speeches by some of the Palestinian women and the projection of a film about the journeys.

The book, edited by Nandita Dowson and Abdul Wahab Sabbah, is testimony to the power of exchange visits through which British women discovered the human rights situation of their counterparts in Palestine and the culmination of an ambitious project by the Camden Abu Dis Friendship Association (CADFA).

The night-escape of a whole village when the Zionist troops were on their way, a family that contemplates the house that once belonged to them in West Jerusalem, a woman who lost her daughter in a crowd of refugees to Jordan during the 1967 war, are some of powerful stories narrated in the book.

"The Palestinian women show how their lives are affected in every aspect by the Israeli occupation and demonstrate their determination to get on with life", says Nandita Dowson, editor and Co-ordinator of CADFA.

"The women's stories articulate the human aspects of the Palestinian disaster, those people who lost their land, were expelled from their houses and became displaced, who lost their children and other members of their families and their neighbours", explains Fadwa Al-Labadi, director of Insan Centre for Gender Studies in the Al-Quds University, in her introduction to the book.

The event, a celebration of the launch of the book, will include speeches by some of the women whose stories appear in the book, and the projection of the documentary 'Stories from our Mothers', directed by the young filmmaker Ausra Linkeviciute, a film that describes the journeys.

MEDIA ENQUIRIES

If you need press information or want to attend the event, please contact:
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EVENT INFORMATION

Launch of the book 'Stories from our Mothers (Meetings of Palestinian and British Women)' and projection of the film

Saturday 25th September
From 6.30pm to 9.30pm

Somers Town Community Centre
Ossulston Street, London NW1 1EE

NOTES TO EDITORS

CADFA works in Camden to promote awareness about the human rights situation in Abu Dis. As part of this work we are building friendship links between individuals and organisations in Camden and Abu Dis, and supporting a number of projects there:

- Encouraging and organising visits between Camden and Abu Dis, and help find volunteers for projects in Abu Dis
- Collecting and distributing information about the human rights situation in Abu Dis through publications and on their website
- Helping groups make links in areas such as education, health, youth, and these groups organise positive projects together with people in Abu Dis
- Running campaigns on human rights issues such as child prisoners, and urgent action campaigns when they are needed

'Stories from our Mothers (Meetings of Palestinian and British women)' is a CADFA project with Dar Assadaqa Abu Dis and supported by the Anna Lindh Foundation