

EXCEL: Exploring Conflict, Education, and Leadership

Program Overview: In partnership with St. Catharine's College at Cambridge, Oranim Academic College of Education, and St. George's College, Jerusalem Peacebuilders (JPB) and Retorika for Multiculturalism announce the fourth annual intensive training program this summer for Israeli Arab and Jewish teachers. EXCEL is a three-part professional development program that combines peacebuilding, storytelling, critical reflection, networking, curriculum design work, and language studies to empower participants with an array of professional skills, relationships, and recognition.

EXCEL aims to help participants:

- Increase capacities to integrate the practices and theories of experiential education, intergroup relations, and conflict management in their classrooms and curricula.
- Understand intergroup dialogue and communication skills.
- Advance diversity and intergroup relations.
- Appreciate conflict analysis.
- Become familiar with conflict transformation for schools and the community.
- Enrich their language through literature and language sessions with experts in the field.
- Learn how to integrate the study of human rights in their EFL classroom.
- Engage in dialogue through the study of literature.
- Develop empathy through story exchange.
- Participate in cultural activities that widen their perspectives.
- Meet educators from diverse backgrounds from Israel and the UK.

EXCEL Level I – Jerusalem



Excel Jerusalem is a five-day training at St. George's College in Jerusalem for teachers interested in exploring the themes of storytelling, peacebuilding, conflict analysis and cross-cultural communication. Throughout the training, teachers will benefit from a unique opportunity to develop group relations to foster understanding, empathy, and community. Guest speakers will provide sessions in English pedagogy and language enrichment.

Dates and Location: August 20-25, 2023, St. George's College, Jerusalem.

Cost: 800₪ per person.

The cost of the program includes:

- Single ensuite room
- Breakfast, lunch & dinner daily
- Certification for 60 professional development hours

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The cost of the program does not include:

- Transportation to and from the program
- Any additional cultural events or activities outside of the program

EXCEL Level II – Nazareth



The Excel follow-up program provides teachers with the opportunity to strengthen their friendship and deepen their practice of storytelling and conflict analysis. The program offers online and in-person workshops around the themes of human rights and literature, storytelling for self-expression, storytelling and conflict analysis, and more. The program consists of four online zoom sessions and a weekend training in Nazareth.

Dates and Location: October-May 2023/24, Zoom & Abuna Faraj Guest House, Nazareth.

Estimated Cost: 300₪ per person.

The cost of the program includes:

- Single ensuite room
- Full Board
- Certification for 30 professional development hours

The cost of the program does not include:

- Transportation to and from the program
- Any additional cultural events or activities outside of the program

EXCEL Level III – St. Catharine's College, Cambridge, UK



EXCEL Level III will delve deeper into the peacebuilding component and aim to increase educator's capacities to integrate the practices of peacebuilding and youth leadership in their classrooms and curricula. This will include topics such as intergroup dialogue and communication skills, diversity and intergroup relations, conflict analysis and resolution for schools and community. During their stay in Cambridge, participants will meet educators from the UK and participate in sessions with

English language experts to further advance their pedagogical skills.

Dates and Location: July 2024, Cambridge & London, UK.

Estimated Cost: 2650₪ per person.

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The cost of the program includes:

- Single room in both Cambridge and London with bathroom shared with 1-3 other participants.
- Breakfast and lunch each day in Cambridge
- Breakfast only each day in London
- Transportation from Cambridge to London
- Two cultural activities in London
- Certification for 30 professional development hours

The cost of the program does not include:

- Airfare to/from England
- Ground transportation to/from the airport
- Dinner each day in Cambridge
- Lunch and dinner each day in London
- Any additional cultural events or activities not listed above

OUR TEAM



The Rev. Canon Nicholas Porter

Founding Director of Jerusalem Peacebuilders, Fr. Nicholas is an experienced conflict transformation and peacebuilding educator, as well as an Episcopal priest. For many years, he has lived and worked in London, Paris, Geneva, Cairo and Jerusalem, building strategic partnerships and connections through the peacebuilding field. His academic credentials include: BA in Soviet and Middle Eastern Studies from Yale University, MA in Middle Eastern Studies from the American University in Cairo, MA in War Studies from the University of London, MDiv (Theology) from Yale University.



Dr. Elias Farah

Dr. Farah is the CEO of Retorika for Multiculturalism, an organization that creates opportunities for dialogue among young people and educators from diverse backgrounds in Israel through science, debate and English. Dr. Farah is the co-founder of the EXCEL teacher training program. He is a lecturer in the English Department at Oranim Academic College of Education. His specific area of research is ethnic-American literature with a focus on the Palestinian American experience. Dr. Farah is the director of one of the largest Model UN conferences in Israel. In 2017, Dr. Farah received the Rothschild Prize for Education in the Israeli Knesset. He has recently been named by Oranim Academic College of Education as one of its 70 graduates who has left an imprint on Israeli society.

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Sarah Perle Benazera

Sarah is the Senior Educator and Curriculum Advisor of Jerusalem Peacebuilders. She is a humanist, peace-activist, storyteller, and educator, with years of hands-on experience in international and intercultural dialogue working at the people-to-people level for a better Middle East. She worked as project manager and editor at YaLa Young Leaders for five years, developing and running a citizen journalism program. She has studied Environmental Studies and Cross-Border Cooperation at Sde Boker and the Arava Institute and has an MA in Political Philosophy from Université Panthéon Sorbonne in Paris.



Zohar Jacobson

Zohar is a PhD candidate in philology, has a teaching certificate and bachelor's degree in English Language teaching, an MA in Language teaching from Tel Aviv University, and an MA in special education from Bar Ilan university. Zohar divides her time between teaching English to special populations, serving as a counsellor of the English inspectorate, leading on-line and f2f PLC groups and teaching professional development courses. While incorporating value-based education into her teaching, Zohar is also promoting, participating and assisting in multi-cultural programs.

“My participation in the JPB-Retorika Excel program has been eye opening for me. It was the first opportunity I have felt safe speaking openly and honestly about painful and sensitive issues with my Arab counterparts.” - Sassie

“By creating a space that welcomes people of different backgrounds, this program provided opportunities for dialogue and collaboration. The smart mix of knowledgeable and engaging instructors and English teachers from diverse faiths allowed me to form friendships with ‘the other’ and have a profound outsider's insight on our complex society. It made me a better teacher as well.” - Lubna

How to Apply: Are you ready to EXCEL? Submit an application at:
www.jerusalempeacebuilders.org/excel. The deadline for applications is **March 31, 2023**.

Please note that EXCEL is a sequential program, requiring participants to complete levels I & II before advancing to level III.

Contact: For more information about the EXCEL program, please visit our website or contact EXCEL Institute Director, Elias Farah at (elias_teacher@yahoo.com).

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