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The Israeli Network of the Anna Lindh Foundation

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The Israeli Network aims to promote the ALF goal.

The ultimate goal of ALF:

Promotion of intercultural dialogue and respect for cultural diversity.

RESEARCH & CIVIL SOCIETY

The Israeli network combines research and the work of civil society organizations, as it builds a two-way bridge between them.

As the Head of the Network, the Van Leer Jerusalem Institute conducts interdisciplinary research in a broad range of fields, including Israeli civil society, while also initiating programs for social change.

See:
http://www.vanleer.org.il/default_e.asp

Members of the Israeli Network

Link to list:

Shared Values

1. Transparency
2. Candidness
3. Open flow of communication
4. Cooperation within network

Special Interests and Programming Areas

The Israeli Network includes over 70 members, representing research and academic institutions and civil society organizations focusing in a range of areas:

1. Human and civil rights
2. Coexistence among diverse populations in Israel, with its Palestinian neighbors and bordering countries.
3. Cooperation with organizations throughout Europe, the Mediterranean region, and an interest in developing relations with Eastern European communities.

Programming Areas continued

4. Empowerment of women
5. Education and programs for youth
6. Cultural production as a tool for promoting understanding and familiarization with other population
7. Religion and spirituality
8. Immigrant populations

Fundraising

- Fundraising is a function of networking.
- Networking enhances fundraising capability.
- Fundraising and networking can result in gifts-in-kind and generate additional resources, financial or otherwise.
- **In the current global economic climate, funders seek *IMPACT*.** You can achieve impact from programs by networking.

Network building

- Distribute information.
- Cooperate!
- Remember that networks generate partnerships which generate sharing of funds that would not otherwise be made available at all.

Network meeting

Example of agenda for a network meeting:

1. Introductory theoretical presentation on networks (15 minutes)
2. Introductory theoretical presentation on a case of networking by an experienced international networker (15 minutes)
3. Group discussion of networking potential of members triggered by presentations (45 minutes)
4. Small group meetings (5 people) to share information and develop project ideas (75 minutes)
5. Workshop on networking applied to search for funds and submitting grant applications (2 -1/2 hours)

(Coffee and lunch breaks also further the informal networking process.)

Additional information

At workshop, examples were provided of particular organizations.

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For information on members of the Israeli network and their contact information, please contact the coordinator of the Israeli network, Harriet Gimpel at harrietg@vanleer.org.il