

2016 International Essay Contest for Young People

[Youth Category – Honorable Mention]

## **The Right of Having Creative Ways for Education**

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As a Palestinian who's living under occupation, I've always believed that I've the right to resist and fight to get my freedom, I fight by learning new thing every day, educating myself, educating my community and this is where's my journey has begun.

According to The Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics, the rate of youth, who's aged between 15-29 years, reached 30% of the total population in Palestine in 2015. Which is a high percentage, and that means that there's should be a special assistance to the youth category, also there's should be a way to exploit their energies in a positive way. In my point of view, I think the first step to do that is by raising awareness among young people, whether about the importance of being decision makers or about their legitimate rights. In addition, I strongly believe that encouraging youth to participate and be a part of the Ministry of Education is an important thing. For instance, the Minister of Education in Palestine has reached his fifties, and that does prove the lack of involving youth in education system.

Moreover, education should focus on creativity and the ability of thinking out of the box without following the traditional ways to educate young people, so following new strategies and new ideas, and modern education will expand their horizons of seeing things from different perspectives, thus decreasing the rate of unemployment among them and lead them to development. Whenever youth feel more satisfied with their economical and social life, which can be achieved through the right education process and right basics; this will help them to think more clearly of some serious or complicated problems in their community in order to find solutions.

Another necessary idea is getting rid of negative energy, which can be achieved through applying the right of speech, freedom of expressing their own opinions, and speaking up. For example, doing some workshops, trainings, or customizing a class once or twice a week for

youth in schools or universities, to talk and express their feelings towards some issues and discuss them. To talk about logic to achieve satisfaction to the largest group of people. All of these ideologies will improve the role of youth in societies to understand complicated issues, so they can figure out new genius ideas.

Finally, the idea of making International workshops or trainings for youth from different backgrounds, cultures, countries and involving them together will help them to exchange their experiences and learn from other's experiments. Actually that's happened with me when I went to United Kingdom, I did a session for young people in schools, and talked about conflict and our complicated situation, after finishing talking about that, many students came up with incredible ideas that I couldn't be able to think about before, so that's helped me to try my best to reach things that I can't see.

At the end, there's always a solution for every problem even if it was so complicated, but it takes time and insistence to resolve it, planting the right seeds of values in youth and educating them in the right way will improve their personality in the first place, and make them more confident to start the positive change journey. I'm looking forward seeing a new well educated generation that can make everything possible and achievable, and never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed young people can change the world.