

# Bridging the Gulf Youth Program: For Palestinian and Israeli Children

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Dear brothers and sisters,

We are happy to announce "Bridging the Gulf", a project that will bring Palestinian and Israeli children to the UAE later this year. This is an exciting project which builds on new openings in the Middle East.

[Please look at the attached flyer.](#) We want to encourage you to let your friends and contacts know about this project. You will see that the flyer includes details on how to support the project. We hope our friends will see its great value and choose to send their support.

Thank you for your prayers and support for all the people of the Middle East.

Sincerely,

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## Proposal for hosting a Palestinian—Israeli youth delegation in the United Arab Emirates

The project is to be hosted in Dubai bringing a mixed team of Israeli and Palestinian youth to experience a week of exciting interaction.

The program will include recreation, guided games, sharing and visits to local attractions.

The substantial project costs include flights, accommodations transportation and food. We would highly appreciate your support in sponsoring this project. Some support could be in-kind, for example by contributing transportation or lodging.

## Basic outline

The delegation is composed of 22 people, 16 children and 6 adults. The sixteen 13-year-olds come from the Arab and Jewish communities and are accompanied by a sports teacher, a group leader and a coordinator from each community. The program is one week long.

