

Stichting gate48 *3 year plan / 2015-2018*

During the years 2015-2017 gate48 will largely continue the activities that have become part of the organisations curriculum over the past years. The focus of the organisation during these coming years will rather be to improve and expand existing activities. Further attention will be given to the organisation itself: how do we operate, how can we improve our way of working, how do we improve and expand without violating our initial motives, the centre of our activism?

1. Public events

We will organize 12–16 meetings during these three years with human rights defenders and/or academic experts from Israel Palestine. Our main objective in these public meetings is to raise awareness in the Netherlands to voices and activities from the grassroots level, that are often left unheard or considered marginal. These are voices that refuse to accept the current reality as a given and that assert alternative ways of understanding and framing possibilities of resistance or change.

2. Screenings

We will organise of 3–5 documentary films with discussions about Israel Palestine. The choice of films will be related to the focal topics of our other activities.

3. Academic symposium

We will organize 2 symposiums in these three years about Israel Palestine. These symposiums will be constructed around a focal issue and consist of different activities, including a critical discussion with both Israeli and Dutch academics.

4. Lobby and advocacy meetings

We will organize lobby meetings with Dutch politicians and other policymakers on relevant topics for our guests from Israel/Palestine. In addition we'll organise advocacy meetings with specific groups in relation to the specific issue addressed by the guest(s).

5. Dutch expert mission to the Occupied Palestinian Territories

We are steadily establishing a tradition of expert missions to Israel-Palestine. Our first mission was in 2013 with a report published in 2014 and our second mission is planned to take place in October-November of 2015. The purpose of these missions is to have a group of Dutch experts visiting Israel-Palestine and assess a specific topic relevant to the situation on the ground and international law. There is an abundance of information on Israel-Palestine. What is needed is an organised and clear overviews of this data and to connect it with the reality on the ground. The final outcome of such mission is a report written by the experts that can be used as a tool to lobby Dutch MPs and other decision makers. For the years 2015-2017 we plan to have 2 expert missions.

6. Campaign for Palestinian children in Israeli detention

As founder of the Dutch coalition for Palestinian children in Israeli detention we will of course continue the campaign within the framework of the coalition. The coalition has grown in size and activities to a firm and experienced group. The coalition will continue its cooperation and activities and seize significant opportunities as it has done till now. In addition the group has decided to start up lobby activities on the EU level as well during the years 2015 - 2017.

7. Online video library

Our only really new activity for the coming years. We want to create an online environment where people can witness the occupation themselves. An abundance of research and reporting on Israel- Palestine exists. Much of this is hard to access for many people as they just don't possess the skills to read and understand these findings. When we bring people from Israel-Palestine we do this in order for them to convey their research and reporting in a more comprehensible format. These are often really clear and striking presentations, however, only a limited amount of people can be present at the meetings we organise. Some of these presentations have been recorded over the years and we will start to gradually disseminate these recordings through our internet site so they'll be available for anybody that's interested in Israel- Palestine and our point of view.

8. Public meetings with gate48

Over the years members of our organization have been asked more regular to talk in different public meetings for students or open events in regards of Israel/Palestine. We believe that this is a reaction to gate48 becoming more known as well as our different perspective regarding the occupation, the rights of Palestinians as well as Israelis. We are still not planning to actively pursue such activities but do promote it passively by mentioning it in our communication with supporters and other that are interested in our activities.

9. Exhibitions

We plan to organize 2 – 3 exhibitions in public places, galleries or other exhibition venues. We plan to select exhibitions in alignment with and that contribute to other activities of us. However, any exhibition we find relevant and worthy will be considered by us.

10. Newsletter

During 2015-2017 we will send 12 – 15 newsletter to our supporters to both bring our message forward and report about our activities and successes. In the coming years the newsletter will also be used more within the framework of our fundraising.