

27. Farkha Festival in Palestine 2022

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Dear Comrades and Friends,

The Festival Committee, the Youth of the Palestinian People Party and Albad Cultural Center invite you cordially to participate in one week of volunteer work, political discussions and workshops on the Palestinian struggles towards liberation, on struggles of Palestinian women, on left perspectives and cultural activities in the village of Farkha in Palestine. In addition, on the three days (Friday, Saturday and Sunday) before the festival starts (official festival start: Sunday evening), we will organize political day trips to places and regions of resistance in Palestine – the idea is to learn more about the concrete local struggles from political activists and organizations on the ground.

After the festival had to be cancelled in the last two years due to the Corona Pandemic, we are very confident that it can take place this year – but of course we have to keep an eye on the development of the pandemic situation and adjust our activities if necessary. At this stage, however, we are very optimistic: tourist visas are issued again, entry for vaccinated people is possible.

In December 2021, our comrade Mostafa Hamad was elected mayor of Farkha – which is a great social recognition of his longstanding commitment to the people of Farkha, to the political and social struggles in the region and to Palestine – and ultimately to the (international) solidarity work of all of us. Together with the youth from the village, he organized for example during the Pandemic support for the most affected poorest families in the village and strengthened the self-organization structures in the area of health protection – also thanks to your generous donations. This will be an enormous relief in our efforts to sustainably expand the solidarity structures in the village and beyond.

Farkha Festival has always been strongly influenced and inspired by the work of the charismatic communist leader Tawfeeq Zayyad, a national poet and politician who was elected mayor of Nazareth in 1973. Tawfeeq actively pressured the Israeli government to change its policy towards the Palestinians – those who remained in their homes after the 1948 war and now live inside "Israel", and the Palestinians living under occupation in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. Because Tawfeeq tried to bring about change from within, he was constantly threatened by the occupying forces, his projects for the community of Nazareth were rejected, and his funding was significantly cut. Nevertheless, Tawfeeq managed to gather thousands of people every year to organize volunteer festivals in Nazareth and, with the help of the volunteers' labor, to implement the Nazareth municipality's plans without additional funding.

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For this year, the Festival is planned with about 100 participants – with appropriate hygiene measures, so that health protection can also be ensured at the festival. In addition to painting works at the two village schools and the kindergarten, to road marking works to protect children on their way to school in the village, to the cultivation of grapes and the planting of terraces in "Qamr Al-Balad", the ecological sustainable community garden project in the village, another large project is planned this year: There is a well-founded concern that a new Israeli settlement is to be built on a hill very close to Farkha in the near future, which would pose a fundamental and daily threat to the residents of Farkha. With the help of volunteer work, we want to build an infrastructure that will make it possible and attractive for as many people as possible from the surrounding area to regularly visit the hill and show their presence: Hiking path, rest and picnic areas. By that we actively try to prevent the building of a new illegal settlement outpost.

[Here you find summarized the most important information:](#)

FARKHA FESTIVAL takes place from 31/07/2022 (evening) until 07/08/2022 in Farkha/ West Bank – Palestine. The accommodation and all services during the festival will be provided to everyone for free. However, donations are highly appreciated.

THREE POLITICAL DAY TRIPS from 29/07/2022 to 31/07/2022 for international volunteers. The tours will most probably take place in Hebron, Jerusalem, Nazareth and/ or in the Jordan Valley. The exact locations and further information will be announced as soon as the program is available. During these three days accommodation, transportation and food expenses need to be covered by the participants. However, we will help by organizing the tour, food and accommodation.

To make our planning a little easier, please let us know as soon as possible whether you would like to participate in the Festival and in the Political Day Trips – or only in the Festival. For registration we need your name and email address to send further information about the Festival, the Program and the Political Day Trips. Please give us also some information, why you would like to participate in the Festival.

It is our honor to welcome you in our village. We greatly appreciate your support and solidarity.

Please don't hesitate to contact us for further information.

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Farkha Festival Committee