

### **About OneVoice:**

OneVoice Europe (OVE) was formally registered in the UK in May 2006 as part of a wider group of pre-existing OneVoice (OV) movements located in Israel, Palestine and the USA. OV is a non-profit, international, grassroots movement with over 650,000 signatories both in Israel, Palestine and internationally as well having over 4,000 young people in both Israel and Palestine who have passed through the Youth Leadership Training Programme. It aims to amplify the voice of moderates, regionally and internationally, as well as within the UK to empower them to seize back the agenda for conflict resolution. Using the platform that OneVoice provides, the civil society demands that leaders work to achieve a viable two-state solution with the aim of guaranteeing the establishment of a sustainable, independent Palestinian state alongside a secure state of Israel.

Outside the region itself, in places like the UK, the objective is to promote attitudes of tolerance and mutual understanding within communities across the globe. This is to help tackle the polarisation, radicalisation and friction that can result from issues surrounding the conflict in areas outside the Middle East.

### **Introduction to the Project:**

OneVoice Europe has a Director of Outreach and Education, Sharon Alsoodani, who is available throughout the school year to conduct sessions for groups of up to 60 students on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Sharon has lived in the Arab World for 6 years and has an MA from Cambridge University in Theology and Religious Studies, specialising in the three, monotheistic faiths. She has the PTLLS teaching qualification and over 11 years of experience teaching in various fields.

The session includes activities on general conflict understanding and conflict resolution, and the application of these principles to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. It is designed to encourage exploration of a variety of possible solutions, as well as giving some background from both sides' points of view as to the issues at the heart of the conflict. It also features real-life experiences and aspirations of people who are living through the conflict. These stories are either shown on video, or told in person by our visiting Israeli and Palestinian youth leaders from the region. Time is given for Q&A where students have the unique opportunity to learn from people who are living in the region and/or are involved in working for conflict resolution in Israel/Palestine.



### Curriculum Aims:

- To highlight the human element of conflict, especially important when working with the grassroots in any global conflict
- To encourage students to put their own experiences of conflict resolution into a more international context
- To give some basic historical background to the conflict in our working example (Israeli-Palestinian conflict)
- To learn about the difference between positions and interests, and how this can be usefully applied in conflict resolution
- Practice applying the understanding of components to the working example using example maps
- Introduce the students to OV's approach to conflict resolution, ***emphasising that it is one approach among others***

### Timing:

The session is approximately one hour long, although certain sections may be extended if a longer session is required.

At certain points in the year, OneVoice's youth leaders from Israel and Palestine (young people in their 20s and 30s) will be available to participate in the session, providing personal testimony as ordinary people living through the conflict and answering students' questions. ***It is recommended to allow a longer session for a visit that includes the Youth Leaders.*** For other times in the year, the same session can be conducted with the youth leaders participating on a live weblink using Skype.

### Prices:

Costs for the session using Skype are as follows:

- Travel expenses from Central London to your school x 1
- £60 for a one-hour session
- An additional £40 per hour for a longer session or more than one session back-to-back

Costs for the session with the youth leaders present are as follows:

- Travel expenses from Central London to your school x 3
- £100 for a one-hour session
- An additional £70 per hour for a longer session or more than one session back-to-back

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