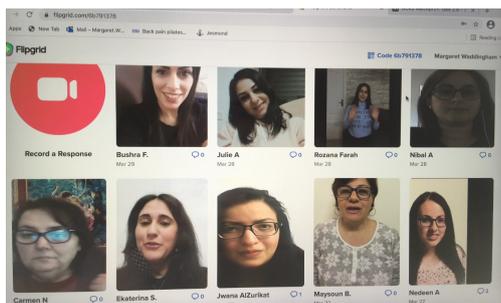


# Cambridge Nazareth Trust Newsletter 2021



Teachers in training posting Flipgrid videos



Ramallah back to school



Helping young people of the Holy Land to have a bright future...

## Dear Benefactors

We hope that you agree that we have used your donations wisely. Online teacher training has been a tremendous success. It has been a lifeline for those isolated communities locked down, fearful, facing poverty with crippled economies, never daunted; training continued throughout the recent bombardment of Gaza. Covid necessitated a transition from face-to-face training to the new innovative courses offered (at a special price) by Lewis School of English's inspirational tutors. [www.lewis-school.co.uk](http://www.lewis-school.co.uk)

In January 2021, when parents and Principals reported a transformation in those teachers who had taken earlier online courses, CNT was asked if it could fund further training. Lewis School even squeezed in a further course on *Getting Creative with Resources* specially for LPJ teachers.

### Online Courses from March 2020 to June 2021

50 teachers	2 weeks	<i>Improving Pronunciation</i>	£120 per teacher
69 teachers	2 weeks	<i>Getting Creative with Resources</i>	£120 per teacher
40 teachers	4 weeks	<i>Student Centred Teaching</i>	£200 per teacher

Teachers from Jordan and Palestine worked collaboratively

Majority of Kindergarten teachers from Jordan and Palestine attended Creativity

Teachers from Gaza able to participate

Working Online removed the ever-present difficulties and dangers of travelling in Palestine

- no roadblocks or check points or circuitous time-consuming routes caused by the Wall

Outstanding Tawjihi results (exam for all 18-year-olds in Palestine and Jordan)

Improved digital confidence and competence

A cost-effective way of using CNT funds

All teachers worked beyond the expected 5 hours minimum weekly preparation

"**Outstanding teachers,**" declared their tutors, Abby and Tom

**Fluency in English is vital in the Middle East as a preparation for higher education and work.**

Improving confidence in speaking in English is the priority

An accolade for the LPJ teachers who, through their discussions on Zoom and webinars, have *inspired* a new Lewis course *Communications* ready for 2022

In 2021, CNT funded library resources for Bir Zeit School and part-funded with Ramallah school a mobile interactive whiteboard, providing further communication and literacy resources.

## **2022: A NEW INITIATIVE      CNT will fund training in Phonics for Palestinian kindergartens – learning English will be starting early!**

I wonder what the three Cambridge pilgrims who in 1984 founded CNT would think of this progress? CNT first supported the Nazareth School for the Deaf and Dumb and an orphanage. As CNT grew, it was able to support the 43 schools of the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem (LPJ) in Palestine, Israel and Jordan. These schools, many 150 years old, provided the only education until the State system developed with international aid.

Girls are treated as equals.

Christian and Muslim pupils learn together in peace.

**The 25 LPJ schools in Jordan and 13 in Palestine receive no state aid whilst the five in Israel receive some. LPJ schools are wholly dependent on charity from KHS and CNT.**

CNT donations have created safe playgrounds, provided heating (winter is very cold), funded school fees for those parents unable to pay the small fees, resourced books for sparse or non-existent libraries, created English rooms, supplied vital computers, financed LPJ parish summer camps and provided humanitarian aid to Iraqi refugees and to children in Gaza.

Since 2016, CNT has focused on training teachers through an ambitious English Project begun by KHS in 2011, encouraging the teachers of English to use more active teaching methods to improve the fluency in English of their pupils. **Countless numbers of teachers** have received training from specialist Lewis tutors. **Change began to happen** as the tutors travelled across Jordan, Israel and Palestine observing and supporting teachers in their schools, returning several times over the years. These new teaching methods were adopted across other curriculum areas and **education was gradually transformed. There is still more to be done.**

**CNT trustees believe that skilled teachers have the greatest impact in improving the life chances of the children of the Holy Land.**

**Education offers hope for the survival of vibrant Christian communities, enabling them to play a part in the development of their lands.**

**Thank you, Shukran, for your kindness in helping CNT to support children in the Holy Land, giving them HOPE, the greatest of all gifts.**

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### **You can help by:**

- Remembering these beleaguered communities in your prayers
- Praying for the success of our mission
- Donating online or by cheque to Cambridge Nazareth Trust (for gift aid see below)
- Making a standing order (see bank details below)
- Organising fundraising in your parish or school

Please send cheques to the Treasurer, Phil Parker, 10 West End, Wilburton, Ely, CB6 3RE  
Gift aid declarations are available from Phil or Margaret (e-mail address below)

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Trustees pay their own expenses and CNT keeps its administrative costs to a minimum.

**CNT will never give your personal details to any other organisation**

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