



Cambridge Nazareth Trust

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Seeds of hope amidst a humanitarian catastrophe

As the world prays for peace in the Holy Land, there are signs of hope



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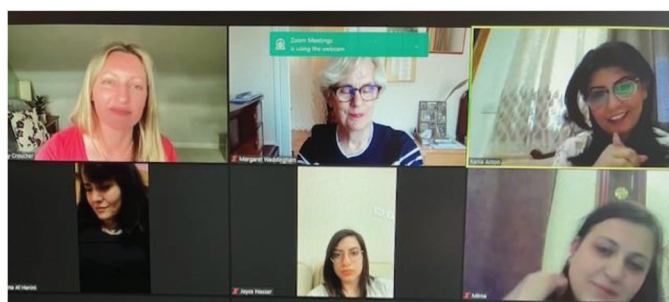


Online Training in Palestine Continues!



On October 6, the first phase of a course on *Helping Students with Pronunciation* had just finished when the horrific Hamas attack caused shock waves across Gaza, the West Bank and the world. We had to postpone the second phase of this training in this stressful situation with schools closed, replaced by online learning as teachers anxiously tried to reassure terrified students. The course resumed on November 9 with a well-attended Zoom training session. The teachers wanted a return to normality. Their admirable resilience and brave decision demonstrate their commitment to their students. Despite the heartbreaking circumstances to which they are subject, their work, as usual is impressive. As Diana Basir, LPJ Curriculum Co-ordinator says, **“We need to keep going for the living”**.

Earlier in 2023, we checked that all new LPJ teachers in Palestine had been given the opportunity to participate in all four of the Lewis Online Teacher Training courses. All have now received high-quality training, as have those in Jordan. Their supervisors will support them in implementing these new skills, maintaining high expectations. **Since 2020 CNT has funded nearly 600 course places.**



A Zoom session in May: Abby our inspirational Lewis tutor, Margaret, Rania from Holy Family in Gaza Lina, Joyce and Mirna. We pray for Rania's safety and for all the Holy Family Church community.

"Teaching pronunciation will help me improve my students and I'm sure that this course will be so beneficial because I'm going to learn new ways from this course and I'm going to apply it in my classroom. For me, teaching pronunciation is necessary because our students speak the Arabic language and it's different from the English Language" Joyce

"I wanted to do this course to teach my students the correct pronunciation, intonation and stress and how a sound is made" Geanna

"I teach 5-6 ages, and I think for this age pronunciation is so essential, as it is the students' initial steps in learning the English language" Mirna

An English Education Conference



In December 2022, Diana Basir, LPJ Curriculum Director, asked if CNT could seed fund her idea for an LPJ English Conference in 2023. The resulting conference, held in September at the American University in Ramallah, exceeded expectations.

1. **670 teachers from across Palestine attended a three-day Conference in Ramallah.**
2. Many teachers trained through The English Project led seminars and workshops.
3. It was decided to adapt the curriculum in LPJ Palestinian Schools so that all subjects are taught in English.
4. The possession of fluency in English cannot be underestimated because it is the language of work and of higher education.
5. The standard of English in the LPJ schools is one of its greatest assets.
6. CNT was happy to fund the purchase of a specialist camera for the newly formed LPJ Publicity Department to capture this remarkable gathering and advertise its achievements.



Workshops not lectures



Mrs Abeer Hanna second left and Diana Basir second right

Diana with some of her team



Rapt attention



CNT's camera!





Celebrating CNT's Forty Years of Support

Forty years ago, three farsighted Cambridge KHS members: Tim Kennedy, Bob Philp and Peter Dore, returned from a Pilgrimage to the Holy Land where they had seen the need to support children's education through small, immediate donations. Cambridge is in the Diocese of East Anglia and has Walsingham, England's Nazareth, within its boundaries – hence the name, Cambridge Nazareth Trust (CNT), of the charity which they formed. Initially, CNT supported disadvantaged children in schools for the deaf and blind and in orphanages, supplying essential items from braille typewriters to gym equipment. By 2001, CNT had become the vehicle for more sustained fundraising for education in the Holy Land.

CNT's aim of ***'Helping young people of the Holy Land to have a bright future'*** is clear in its actions. **You, our generous benefactors**, have made it possible to renovate school buildings, create an education sponsorship scheme supporting those families unable to pay the small school fees, build bridges across dangerous roads bisecting schools, create English corners, equip libraries with well-stocked bookshelves, resurface dangerous playgrounds, install heating systems for cold winters and fund parish summer camps housing volunteers from British universities. As LPJ schools have limited access to training, CNT brought some LPJ teachers to the UK to observe our schools. This naturally led into supporting the KHS 2011 English Project, funded entirely by CNT since 2016, which has trained teachers onsite in Jordan, Israel and Palestine. It continues this work online, providing them with the skills for the next generation. CNT's focus on online training has proved a most efficient and cost-effective way of using your kind donations.

Shireen Hijazeen, one of the first teachers trained through The English Project, has provided these photographs of her Teen Court in Amman, Jordan. She organises debates in English with five other LPJ schools.

How much these remarkable teachers have achieved since 2011!





New Project: Ein Arik Kindergarten

In November 2023, CNT sent £10,000 of its remaining funds to the LPJ Education Department. The grant is for the renovation of an empty classroom in LPS Ein Arik into a viable kindergarten area. This is a much-needed facility, requested by Mrs Abeer Hanna, LPJ Education Director, and Diana Basir. It will also provide employment to an isolated Christian community. This upgrading is one of the many development projects which are needed and is evidence that CNT has not forgotten the children of the Holy Land.

A smiling thank you!



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

Their need is greater than ever and without you, our benefactors, CNT would not be able to help.

Wishing you all the blessings of Christmas. Let us join Pope Francis in prayers for peace in the Holy Land and the world. Margaret

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.

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