

EC Partner

Hebrew University of
Jerusalem

Facts and Figures

- EC contribution:
€191 991 (80% of
the total)
- Duration: January
2009-December 2010
- 14 human rights
courses at 11
academic institutions



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Human rights and democracy

Fostering the next generation of Human Rights Leadership in Israel

"The benefits from volunteering are double. We contribute to the development of civic society and we develop ourselves. Our awareness is higher, we gain important experience, and at the same time our activity contributes to the growth of civil society."

Nidaa, a student at the University of
Haifa



Context

The project aims at building a growing learning community of human rights activists across the country by linking human rights organisations with universities and colleges. This link is established through the development and support of human rights courses throughout Israel. The human rights courses promote the civic and political participation of students and faculty members and thereby strengthen civil society in the area of human rights.

Objective

- Introduce human rights discourse and actions to marginalized communities, universities and colleges throughout Israel
- Reinvigorate civil society organizations and increase their capacity to promote human rights through partnerships with academic institutions
- Create networks of Arab and Jewish student human rights activists, thereby cultivating the next generation of leadership in Israel with knowledge of human rights issues

Impact

- Empowerment of human rights organizations
- Holding of human rights student seminars and conferences
- Effective coordination of faculty members and human rights NGOs study group

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A unique tool for social change

L., student at the partnership-supported Legal Feminism Clinic at the University of Haifa:

"Participating in the clinic opened my eyes to the status of women who live at the margins of Israeli society. My activism through the course gave me tools to create change, and made me believe that I have the ability to act, initiate, and promote a project for social change."