

Moving Stories

Responding to the crisis in Israel and the occupied Palestinian territories

One of our partner organisations in Israel and the occupied Palestinian territories (IoPt) is B'Tselem.

The name B'Tselem (lit. in the image of) alludes to Genesis 1:27: "And God created humankind in His image..." Since 1989, B'Tselem has documenting Israeli violations of Palestinian human rights. It hopes to minimize such violations by publishing statistics, testimonies, eyewitness accounts and video footage - <https://www.btselem.org>.

On the recent URC educational visit to IoPt, we met the incredible Issa Amro, who works for B'Tselem.

Issa spoke to us in Hebron, very near to where he was born on Shuhada Street. This street is now closed off by the Israeli military, as is much of the city, to protect the settler Israeli population. Issa can't go home... Issa Amro is the coordinator Youth Against Settlements (YAS), a project that involves young Palestinians in nonviolent resistance against the Israeli occupation. His dream is to see nonviolence used as the core



Issa Amro speaking to the URC Visitors

methodology for a comprehensive, Palestinian resistance against the occupation. YAS strongly discourages youth knife violence against Israelis.

Issa has been arrested dozens of times. Bernie Sanders wrote in support of him in May 2017. He was released on bail and later met with Sanders and the US Congress.

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