



## NH Peace Action

As an organization, we work on several issues, topics and problems in our world. We'd like you to understand the relationship we see between our peace work and the issues/topics/problems that we connect with.

**Why we are drawn to working on Palestine:** Through its support of Israel, the US seriously diminishes the human rights of Palestinians. NHPA works to raise the level of attention surrounding the resulting plight of Palestinians as a counterpoint to this support. Israel receives the greatest amount of US aid to any country and is shielded from international human rights law by the US veto in the UN Security Council. The Israeli-Palestinian conflict is one of the most intractable in the world, and prevents many other conflicts from being resolved.

**What resolution are we seeking in this area:** We seek Israeli compliance with international human rights law and thus promote making US aid to Israel contingent on this, particularly as it relates to the Fourth Geneva Convention. This means ending the creation and expansion of West Bank settlements. We seek an increase in US aid to Palestinians, and an end to Israeli incarceration of Palestinian children.

We seek tangible support of Palestinians such as an increase in their daily water and electricity allotment; the restoration of destroyed hospitals, schools and sewer treatment plants and a cessation in future destruction. In addition, we work to ensure US diplomatic involvement in the successful negotiation of Palestinian land rights, recognition and return; an end to their occupation, and a new era of agreement that resolves the imbalances in their equality.

**NHPA connects with this issue.**

**We educate on this issue by:** We hold forums, show films at libraries, churches and theaters; sponsor guests from Palestine; highlight Palestinian culture; share articles, news and information through our various social media outlets.

**We organize on this issue by:** Galvanizing our members and friends to speak out about these issues, and supporting other organizations involved in similar human rights work.

**We agitate on this issue by:** Writing letters to editors of local papers. We insist on bringing human rights for Palestinians into the national conversation of our Congressional delegation by lobbying, calling them and meeting with them to

support or oppose relevant legislation. We sponsor and organize public demonstrations and hold elected officials accountable for responsibly guiding our country toward a just and sustainable peace for Israelis and Palestinians.

**Our vision comes closer into being when the issue of Palestinian Sovereignty lessens or is resolved because:** Issues of peace, human rights and justice are all connected. Oppression of Palestinians is connected to the denial of human rights for all people impacted by war, indigenous people across the world and former slaves. "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere." (MLK). Unjust US policy leads to instability in the Middle East. Our country can not promote peace while it is contributing to the oppression of any group of people.

**Organizations that NHPA works with on this issue include, but may not be limited to:** AFSC, NENJP, Jewish Voice for Peace, CODEPINK, UCC, Black Lives Matter, Veterans for Peace, National Peace Action, Friend's Committee on National Legislation, NH UCC Peace with Justice Advocates, UCC Palestine/Israel Network, UCC Justice and Peace Action Network, If Americans Knew, and Never Again NH.

**If you and/or your organization** would like to pursue partnerships in this area, we invite you to contact us at [info@nhpeaceaction.org](mailto:info@nhpeaceaction.org) .