



# PALESTINIAN YOUTH MOVEMENT

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Community Report 2021



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Dear Community,

This year was a landmark in the long history of struggle for Palestinian liberation, and the PYM has been proud to play a role in invigorating the global movement to liberate our land and people. None of this would have been possible without you—we are so grateful for your ongoing support and we hope we can continue to count on you in the coming year.

Beyond our regular projects, campaigns, and programs to support the social, cultural, and political empowerment of Palestinian and Arab communities, this year we responded rapidly to the Unity Uprisings in May with dozens of actions, participated extensively in educational and public-facing efforts to increase awareness of the ongoing fight for justice in Palestine, and expanded our reach to hundreds of thousands of individuals on our social media platforms, through which we have been able to uplift our struggle, educating and mobilizing communities far beyond our own.

The following report presents some highlights of our work in 2021, including the efforts of both our national body and our 14 chapters in the San Francisco-Bay Area, Boston, Los Angeles-Orange County-Inland Empire, San Diego, Houston, Dallas, Austin, Atlanta, Detroit, D.C.-Maryland-Virginia, New York, Toronto, Montreal, and Vancouver.

Thank you for your ongoing support!

Until Return and Liberation,  
The Palestinian Youth Movement

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## In 2021 we...

May 2021 saw intensified Zionist efforts to ethnically cleanse the Jerusalem neighborhoods of Sheikh Jarrah and Silwan, vicious attacks on Al Aqsa and Gaza, and general IOF repression of the unified wave of resistance that arose in response to these conditions across historic Palestine. We knew that our participation in the subsequent global wave of solidarity with Palestine was crucial, and PYM immediately jumped into action.







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We co-organized marches and protests with partner organizations throughout May and June in over 20 cities across the U.S. and Canada. Many of these cities held several actions over the course of the spring, bringing tens of thousands of people to the streets to demand an end to settler colonialism in Palestine and North American funding of the repression of Palestinians.

Our Bay Area chapter, along with artist Chris Gazaleh, also created a stunning mural in San Francisco celebrating the Palestinian Right to Return. Throughout this time, our social media team amplified on the ground organizing in Palestine by coordinating near-constant livestreams and webinars that brought timely, accurate updates on the situation to people across the world.

**...uplifted the Unity  
Uprisings.**



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## **...continued mobilizing our communities to fight for justice.**

Beyond our movement building work around the Unity Uprisings, we were also involved countless campaigns and actions throughout the year, including:

- Mobilizing against Facebook, Google, Paypal, and other suppression of our movement in the media and tech industries
- Coordinating support for a Palestinian from Gaza detained by ICE, and Dr. Fidaa Wishah after she was fired from Phoenix Children's Hospital for indicating support for Palestine on her personal social media
- Fighting the IHRA definition of anti-semitism, which has been adopted by a number of governments designates criticism of the state of Israel to be anti-semitic
- Organizing and participating in campaigns to defend ethnic studies in California, fight medical apartheid in Chicago, designate Palestine a feminist issue, and
- Fundraising for Palestine relief aid
- Supporting the Yemeni Liberation Front's hunger strike to draw attention to the U.S.-backed Saudi violence in Yemen
- Combatting recent attacks on Palestinian civil society organizations designated as "terrorists"
- Bringing together our local communities in a series of gatherings and barbecues



**...built platforms to  
engage culture, educate,  
and plant seeds for  
future organizing.**



In combination with rapid-response work, actions, and campaigns, this year we greatly expanded our educational and cultural efforts.

We co-hosted and presented on over 20 webinars in collaboration with other community and Palestine solidarity organizations on topics such as state surveillance, the 73rd Nakba Commemoration, Canada's complicity in the occupation of Palestine through policy, women's resistance to Zionism, the 20 year anniversary of 9/11, the War on Terror and its impacts on our communities, the role of tech in apartheid, solidarity from Palestine to the Philippines, Muslim abolitionist futures, the prisoners' struggle from Palestine to the U.S., and art as resistance.

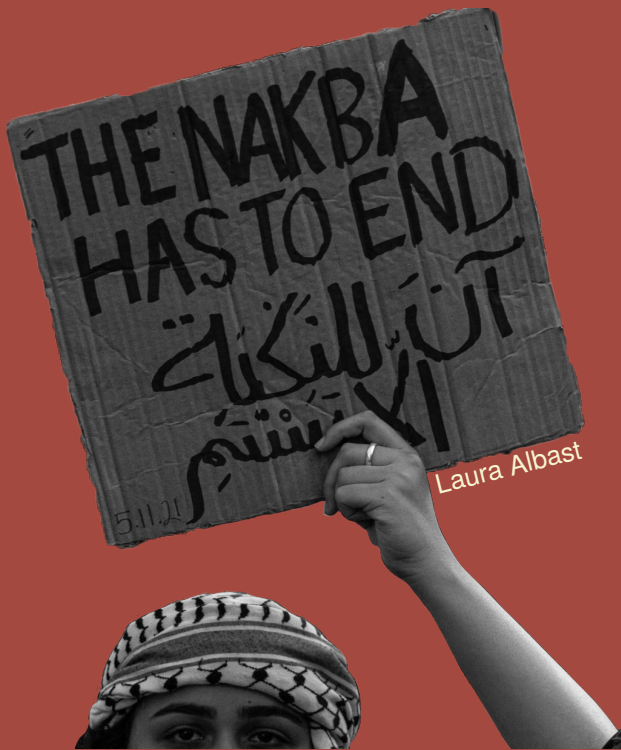
We also developed and disseminated numerous educational and cultural resources to an audience of nearly 200,000 on our ever-growing social media platforms. These resources included:

- The Ghassan Kanafani 5th Annual Resistance Anthology, which supported three Palestinian students in the U.S. and Canada with scholarships
- A virtual art exhibit with work by incarcerated and formerly incarcerated artists from the U.S. and Palestine
- Film screenings of Revolution Until Victory, They Do Not Exist, and Fedayin
- An in-person exhibit of Palestinian art in Houston titled “In the Sun”
- A publicly available reading list of popular resistance in Palestine
- An article in Science for the People titled “Resisting Technological Imperialism from Los Angeles to Palestine”
- A revolutionary reading series hosted by our Toronto chapter
- A collaborative international Block the Boat campaign organized by our Vancouver chapter





# Thank you for your ongoing support!



You made all of this work possible. We are so grateful for your unwavering commitment to our struggle and we hope to continue with your support in the future.

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